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Rainbow Children's Medicare Ltd

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Transforming into a pan India maternity and child care brand

We initiate coverage on Rainbow Children's Medicare Ltd. (RAINBOW IN) with a BUY rating and target price of Rs 1,670, based on a P/E of 40x Sep 2027E. RAINBOW is India's only listed pediatric and maternity care chain, operating 22 hospitals and 5 clinics with ~2,235 beds across nine cities. Over the next three years, we expect RAINBOW to evolve into a pan India brand in pediatric and maternity care, as they start building their presence beyond South. Key initiatives include a large hub hospital in Gurugram (North India) and recent acquisition of a hospital in Guwahati (presence in Northeast). During FY20-25, the company consolidated its southern footprint, delivering robust 16%/ 20%/ 37% revenue/ EBITDA/ net earnings CAGR, with volumes compounding at 8-9% (in line with bed capacity) and ARPOB (average revenue per occupied bed) nearly doubling, lifting RoCE from 17% to 20%. RAINBOW is aptly placed to benefit from the structural transition of paediatric care from general hospital wards to specialty hospitals. JAMA data underscores this trend in the US, where pediatric hospitals expanded bed capacity over the past decade while general hospitals reduced pediatric beds. We expect RAINBOW to sustain its industry-leading 34% EBITDA, albeit capped, and forecast 13%/14%/20% revenue/EBTIDA/EPS CAGR over FY25-28E.

Transforming into a pan India brand: RAINBOW's ~56% capacity expansion from 1,935 beds in FY25 to 3,015 in FY28E is supported by new hub-and-spoke centres at Warangal, Coimbatore, Gurugram, Guwahati and Rajahmundry. While it is adding 400-450 beds in the north (Gurugram), it has also acquired 100 beds and spread its reach to the northeast (Guwahati), transitioning into a pan-India platform.

Pediatric focus improves competitive positioning: Trends in the US indicate Pediatric hospitals are gaining preference over pediatric wards in general hospitals. RAINBOW's pediatric-only positioning offers unique advantages such as a) a child-centric environment, b) specialized multidisciplinary care, c) superior outcomes in complex cases, d) a family-centered model of care, and e) emphasis on research and innovation in pediatric care. These drivers cumulatively strengthen its competitive moat in a niche but fast-expanding segment.

Asset-light model: RAINBOW has deployed a capital-efficient model, wherein it leases hospital facilities on long-term contracts. This keeps upfront capex low and also facilitates quicker scale-up and faster break even.

Hub-and-spoke model aids efficiency: RAINBOW's hub hospitals cater to specialized tertiary and quaternary care, while its spoke model provides outpatient, maternal and emergency services in pediatric care. Such unique hub-and-spoke model allows it to optimally use its infrastructure.

Initiating a BUY: With $^{\sim}56\%$ expansion in bed capacity expected over FY25-28, the growth momentum should accelerate meaningfully. Recent foray into IVF, premium baby/mother care products, acquisitions and ongoing expansion of quaternary care are additional growth levers. We value RAINBOW at a P/E of 40x Sep FY27E to arrive at our target price of Rs 1,670. RAINBOW median historical TTM PE is 55x.

Key risks: Intense regional competition in southern markets could threaten market share and profitability, while inability to renew a key lease could disrupt operations, likely impacting its long-term stability and operational continuity.

INITIATING COVERAGE

Sector: Healthcare Rating: BUY CMP: Rs 1,312 Target Price: 1,670

Stock Info	
Sensex/ Nifty	81,706/25,033
Bloomberg	RAINBOW IN
Equity shares (mn)	102 mn
52-wk High/Low	Rs 1,710/1,206
Face value	Rs 10
M-Cap	Rs 133bn/USD 1.5bn

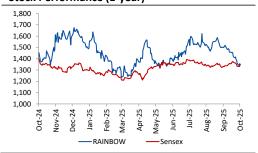
Financial Snapshot (Rs mn)

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Y/E Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E							
Sales	15,159	16,839	19,453							
Gross profit	13,209	14,650	16,924							
Gross Margin (%)	87%	87%	87%							
EBITDA	4,899	5,495	6,419							
Margin (%)	32%	33%	33%							
PAT	2,683	2,851	3,876							
EPS	26.43	28.08	38.18							
RoE (%)	18.3%	16.5%	18.7%							

Shareholding pattern (%)

	Dec'24	Mar'25	Jun'25
Promoter	49.85	49.85	49.85
FII	25.12	23.69	23.60
DII	13.87	15.31	15.44
Others	11.16	11.14	11.11

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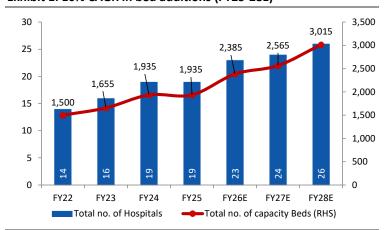
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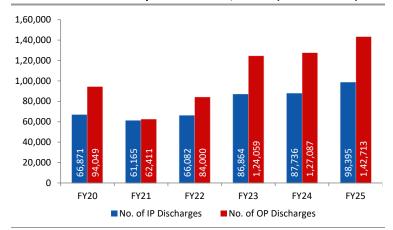
Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: 16% CAGR in bed additions (FY25-28E)



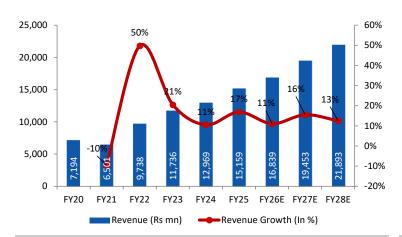
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 3: Patient flow up: CAGR - IP 8%, OP 9% (over FY20-25)



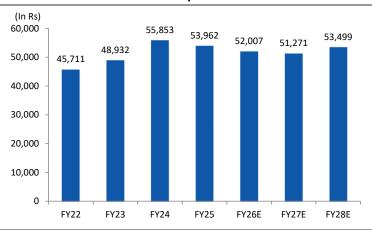
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research; IP: Inpatient, OP: Outpatient

Exhibit 5: Revenue CAGR - 13% (FY25-28E) from 16% (FY20-25)



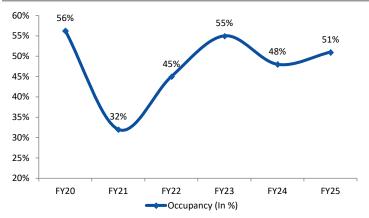
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Exhibit 2: ARPOB to remain steady hereafter



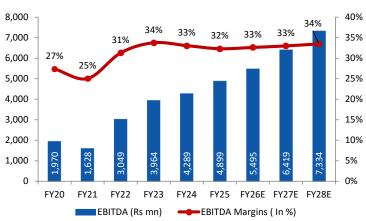
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 4: Holding the line: Occupancy remains flat



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 6: Margin resilience - EBITDA steady at ~32% levels



What are operational and capacity beds?

- Capacity beds: This refers to the total number of beds a hospital is licensed or designed to accommodate. It represents the maximum patient load a facility could theoretically handle.
- Operational beds: This refers to the number of beds that are actively staffed, equipped, and available for patient use at a specific point in time. This number is often less than the total capacity due to factors like staffing levels or beds being temporarily out of service.

Investment Rationale

RAINBOW has the ingredients to succeed and become a preferred brand in the mother and childcare segment

- a) Long track record of Growth Over 26 years of experience in the pediatric and childcare space positions it as a trusted Brand
- b) Focus on child and mother care Superior Outcomes
- c) Only pediatric / childcare hospital chain with JCI Accreditation for 3 hospitals and NABH accreditation for 13 hospitals – Bodes well for garnering international patients
- d) Comprehensive bouquet of tertiary and quaternary care services Clinical Excellence
- e) Access to Talent Pool RAINBOW operates one of India's largest pediatric training programs, offering 230+ DNB (Diplomate of National Board) seats across its network. The training ecosystem also includes super-specialty programs, equipping healthcare professionals to manage complex, high-acuity pediatric and maternal cases.
- f) Expanding Scope of Services Over the last few years with an idea to leverage on its expertise in child and mother care, RAINBOW has started to meaningfully expand its offering in Infertility (IVF clinics), curated range of products for Mother and Childcare (Butterfly essentials) and Transplant services (Liver, bone marrow and Kidney)
- g) Replicating complex quaternary care services across the network Leveraging experience at its flagship center at Banjara hills - Hyderabad, RAINBOW will replicate its offering to other hubs - Bengaluru and Chennai.
- h) Strong Balance Sheet Growth through Acquisitions
- Leveraging Brand and Experience for geographic expansion

Trends in US suggests Pediatric care is moving from Pediatric wards to Pediatric focussed Hospitals – RAINBOW is ideally positioned

RAINBOW aptly placed to mirror US trend of specialty pediatric hospitals

Research published by JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association) analysed inpatient (IP) pediatric patient discharges over a long period (2000-2019). The analysis included discharges (excluding birth) of 1,47,58,391 kids (patients) from 3,991 hospitals spread over 48 states, revealing that annual IP pediatric discharges from general hospitals declined by 26.5% from 22,73,225 in 2000 to 16,71,515 in 2019. Simultaneously, the percentage of total national discharges from specialty pediatric hospitals surged from 58.9% in 2000 to 81% in 2019.

Scaling up to become a pan India brand in maternity and childcare

RAINBOW is expected to add 1,080 beds over FY25-FY28 (450 in FY26, 180 in FY27 and 450 in FY28E) RAINBOW has already added about 300 beds in the last six months through organic and inorganic efforts. From six cities in FY25, the company is now present in nine cities and expects to expand to 11 by FY28. Most of these additions would be asset light.

Expansion in Gurugram marks RAINBOW's presence in North India

RAINBOW aims to add 450 beds in Gurugram on a land acquisition basis. The company participated in an e-auction held by the Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) and successfully secured two land parcels in Gurugram, Haryana, one in Sector 44 and the other in Sector 56. The hospitals are expected to commence operations by FY28, catapulting RAINBOW's total bed count to 3,015. The company aims to replicate its successful hub-and-spoke operating model in NCR.

Exhibit 7: Upcoming hospitals in Gurugram

Location	Type of Hospital	Planned Capacity	Focus and Services					
Sector 44, Gurugram	Greenfield Hub / Flagship Super-specialty	About 325 beds	It would offer comprehensive OP and IP care, with special emphasis on tertiary and quaternary services . It is expected to serve as a referral center for multidisciplinary pediatric and perinatal care, catering to Gurugram and surrounding northern states.					
Sector 56, Gurugram	Greenfield Spoke	About 125 beds	It would focus on 24/7 emergency care , extensive OP services, and comprehensive obstetrics, pediatric IP, and Level 3 NICU services.					

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Deepening presence in south India

The company recently acquired a 100-bed Prashanthi Hospital in Warangal, Telangana, by purchasing 76% stake in the hospital's fully diluted equity. The acquisition was based on an enterprise value of Rs 326mn. It also recently commercialized a 100-bed greenfield hospital in Rajahmundry, which is RAINBOW's third hospital in Andhra Pradesh (the other two are in Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam).

Other upcoming hospitals in the south

- Bengaluru, Karnataka: RAINBOW is expanding its hub-and-spoke network in Bengaluru with two new spoke hospitals, these are:
 - Hennur Spoke hospital: About 60 beds, anticipated to commence operations by the end of 2HFY26. (it had opened a new OP clinic at Hennur, Bengaluru in FY24).
 - Electronic City Spoke hospital: About 90 beds, anticipated to commence operations by end the of 2QFY26.

The expansions in Bengaluru aim to enhance accessibility and reinforce RAINBOW'S position as a leading provider of pediatric hospital in the region.

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu: RAINBOW is setting up a 130-bed regional hub hospital, which is expected to be operational by the end of FY27.

Exhibit 8: Ramping up bed capacity

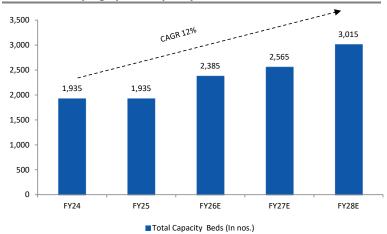
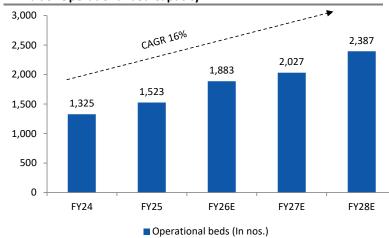


Exhibit 9: Operational bed Capacity



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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Recently forayed into the northeast through acquisition

The company has also acquired 100 beds at Pratiksha Hospital, Guwahati, Assam, through a 76% stake at an enterprise value of Rs 1,706mn. It intends to capitalize the underserved markets and is strategically enhancing its presence in areas with low or no competition.

This expansion in hospital infrastructure and bed capacity is expected to significantly drive RAINBOW's revenue growth. With the commissioning of new beds and utilization improving, we see steady increase in patient volumes and service offerings, which should directly enhance its topline.

Exhibit 10: Current capacities and expansion plans

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City / Cluster	Current Capacity	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	Total					
Telangana	940	Prashanthi Hospital (~100)	_	_	1,140					
Bengaluru	442	Hennur (~60) Electronic City (~90)	-	-	592					
Tamil Nadu	270	_	Coimbatore (~130)	_	400					
NCR	24	-	-	Gurugram Sector – 44 (~325) Gurugram Sector – 56 (~125)	474					
Andhra Pradesh	259	Rajahmundry (~100)	_	_	359					
Northeast	ast		Pratiksha hospital (~50)		150					
Total beds	1,935	450	180	450	3,015					

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Systematix Institutional Research

RAINBOW continues to attract strong footfall across its network, as it has among the highest hospital beds dedicated to pediatrics in India.

Its specialization in complex pediatric transplants, as well as cardiac, nephrology, and neurology care strengthens its position as a referral center and would continue to support demand at its new facilities.

Occupancy rates may remain in the lower end of the range versus peers

Pediatric hospitals face unique structural constraints that impact occupancy, unlike adult hospitals, where the bed usage is more flexible. In pediatric settings, bed sizes and configurations vary significantly depending on the age group — neonatal beds, infant cribs, and beds for older children — all are distinct and non-interchangeable. This specialization means that an empty neonatal bed, for instance, cannot be used for a toddler or an adolescent patient, limiting the hospital's ability to optimize bed utilization.

In contrast, adult hospitals typically use standardized bed sizes that can accommodate a wide range of patients, regardless of age or condition, offering greater flexibility and higher occupancy potential. This inherent limitation in pediatric hospitals creates operational challenges and can depress reported occupancy rates, even if there is clinical demand.

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Exhibit 11: Occupancy comparison of Hospitals (MAX has the highest Occupancy)

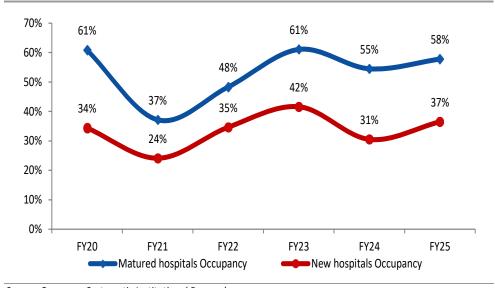
Source: Company, Bloomberg, Systematix Institutional Research

Compared to adult hospitals, pediatric cases require longer recovery times and intensive monitoring (e.g., in NICU (Neonatal intensive care unit) or PICU (pediatric intensive care unit)), and space availability.

The ~51% occupancy at RAINBOW is a blended average of its mature and newly commissioned hospitals. Mature hospitals (operational for over five years) operate at a relatively stable ~58% occupancy, while newer facilities are still ramping up at ~37%. One of its oldest hospitals at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, AP, operates at ~65%, underscoring the scope for occupancy gains, as new hospitals mature.

In last three years, RAINBOW has added ~34% of bed capacity, suggesting that its new facilities are still in the ramp-up phase. This gradual ramp-up in new units provides meaningful headroom for occupancy-led revenue growth, especially once operational leverages begin to kick in.

Exhibit 12: Occupancy distribution between mature and semi mature hospitals



Lower surgical mix in pediatric care limits ARPOB expansion, but gradually investing to strengthen tertiary and quaternary care services

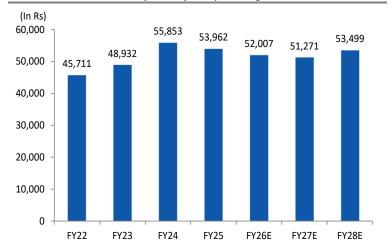
ARPOB growth capped by low surgical mix; ramping up tertiary & quaternary care

RAINBOW's ARPOB at ~Rs 53,962 is lower than that of peers (Indian Listed players). As only ~20% of RAINBOW's IP revenue comes from surgical procedures (lower than that generated in general hospitals where surgeries drive realizations), its ARPOB is unlikely to converge with peers in the near term. RAINBOW also generates ~30% of its revenue from maternity services, a highly competitive and lower-yield segment, which again limits its ARPOB, given the intense competition and price sensitivity in this segment. However, RAINBOW is focusing on strengthening its tertiary and quaternary pediatric services in its existing and future hub hospitals.

Enhancing capabilities in pediatric surgeries (general and complex): RAINBOW's surgical team covers a wide spectrum of complex pediatric procedures, including orthopedics, urology, neurological, oncological, cardio-thoracic, ENT and transplants. RAINBOW performed 7,088 pediatric surgical procedures in FY24 and 7,239 in FY25. It is also expanding its focus to include minimally invasive surgeries (MIS), a core expertise of its pediatric surgery and urology department, which would reduce the average length of hospital stays.

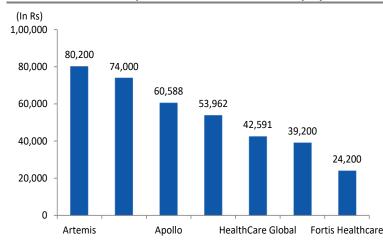
In the near term, pricing and to a lesser extent, improvement in mix would drive growth in future.

Exhibit 13: ARPOB to stay steady in Upcoming Years



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

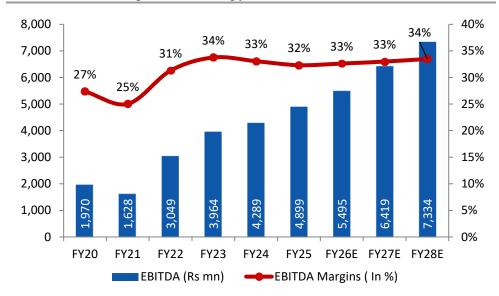
Exhibit 14: ARPOB comparison between other Listed players



Profitability edge – EBITDA margins should sustain around 33%

- High OPD contribution: With OPD accounting for 32% of RAINBOW's total revenue, the company benefits from high patient volumes with comparatively lower resource intensity, thereby optimizing both cost efficiency and revenue generation.
- Favourable case mix: Nearly 30% of RAINBOW's revenue comes from high-acuity NICU, PICU, IVF, and complex pediatric surgeries, which command premium pricing and deliver significantly higher margins compared to general or low-acuity procedures.

Exhibit 15: EBITDA Margins - Best among peers



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Asset-light expansion strategy: A large portion of RAINBOW's hospitals operate
under leased or managed models, minimizing its capital expenditure and
enhancing return on invested capital (RoIC). This structural advantage further
supports healthy margin expansion.

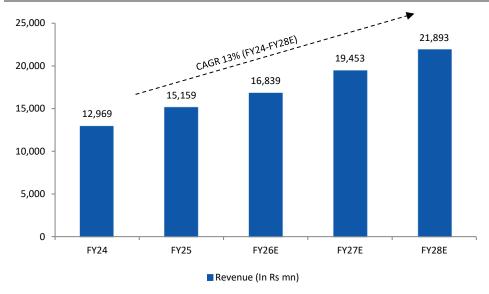
Financial performance

Strategically expanding to generate revenue growth

Two key factors have been driving RAINBOW's growth story a) aggressive capacity expansion and b) improved operational efficiency. The company plans to add ~56% new beds over FY25-FY28E, which would drive its revenue growth ahead. This strategic expansion is intended to meet the growing demand and solidify RAINBOW's competitive position in the pediatric market.

Even without the new beds in FY25, revenue surged 17% on higher occupancy and ARPOB, implying the company's ability to effectively manage its existing assets. We believe ARPOB would continue to rise and align with inflation. This dual-pronged strategy of adding new capacity while optimizing performance is the reason we project strong 13% CAGR in RAINBOW's revenue from FY25-28E

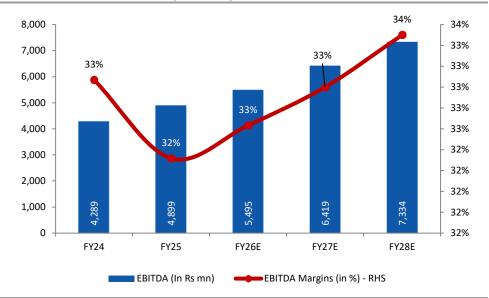
Exhibit 16: Revenue - 13% CAGR (FY25-28E)



Sustained growth - 14%/20% EBITDA/PAT CAGR with strong margins

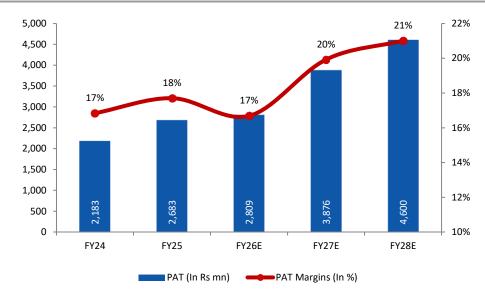
While RAINBOW's EBITDA margins are the highest in the industry, we see scope of some expansion from current levels led by growth in contribution from higher margin quaternary care services. We expect EBTIDA margins to move to 33.5% in FY28 from EBITDA margin around 32.3% in FY25. Net earnings are expected to grow 20% CAGR led by EBITDA margin expansion and higher contribution from interest income.

Exhibit 17: EBITDA - 14% CAGR (FY24-28E)



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

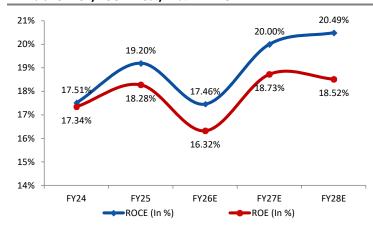
Exhibit 18: PAT - 21% margin; 20% CAGR (FY25-28E)



RoE to broadly sustain at the current level

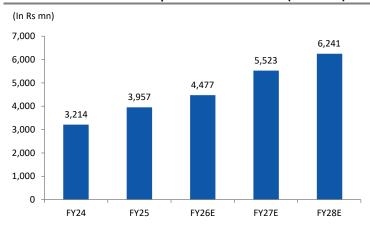
Despite aggressive planned expansions over the next 3 years, we expect RAINBOW to maintain RoE at the current level. Although the company may leverage from superior utilization at existing capacities, aggressive bed expansion at new locations could offset the benefit in the base.

Exhibit 19: RoE/RoCE - 19%/21% in FY28E



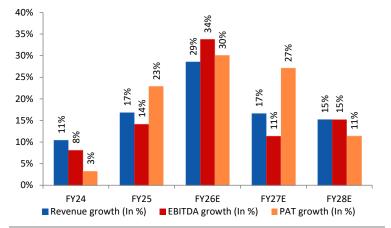
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 20: Cash flow from operations - 18 % CAGR (FY24-28E)



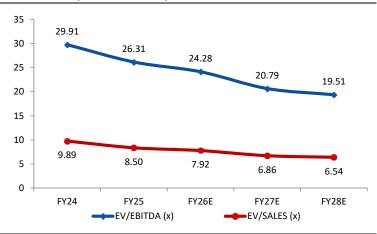
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 21: Revenue/EBITDA/PAT growth YoY



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 22: EV/EBITDA and EV/Sales



Valuations

RAINBOW currently operates 2,235 beds, which includes its recent Prashanthi hospital (100 beds, Telangana) and Pratiksha hospital (100 beds Guwahati, Assam) acquisitions. We expect its total bed capacity to expand to 2,565 by FY27E and further to 3,015 by FY28E. Over FY25–28E, we project revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 13%/14%/20%, with a RoE/RoCE of 19%/20% by FY28E. RAINBOW added beds equivalent to 36% of its base capacity over the past two (one of the highest amongst listed players) years providing strong visibility for sustained growth and revenue acceleration. With industry-leading EBITDA margin and scope for further occupancy improvement, we value RAINBOW at a premium to peers at 40x Sep FY27E P/E to arrive at our target price of Rs 1,670.

Exhibit 23: P/E band at its 5-year average



Exhibit 24: EV/EBITDA at its 5-year average



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 25: Comparative valuations

Name		Ro	οE				EPS			Revenue				EBITDA			
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	CAGR	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Apollo	19	21	22	23	100	133	171	215	29%	2,17,940	2,54,586	3,05,249	3,88,150	20,442	37,493	46,555	55,948
Max	13	16	17	17	11	18	23	28	36%	70,285	1,05,571	1,26,246	1,44,184	18,488	28,034	29,368	41,680
Fortis	9	11	13	15	15	19	24	31	28%	77,828	92,291	1,07,348	1,22,980	15,879	21,106	25,717	30,012
Global Health	15	17	18	17	18	23	28	34	24%	36,923	48,833	50,762	58,438	8,771	10,491	12,711	14,268
Rainbow	18	17	19	19	26	28	38	45	19%	15,159	16,839	19,453	21,893	4,899	5,495	6,419	7,334
Jupiter	15	14	14	6	30	33	38	48	17%	12,615	14,682	17,522	20,315	2,966	3,555	4,124	4,956
Artemis	13	12	14	17	5	7	9	12	31%	9,369	10,879	13,510	15,872	1,518	1,971	2,337	2,965
Narayana	24	23	22	20	39	46	55	62	17%	54,830	63,628	71,057	80,484	13,039	14,936	17,207	18,996
KIMS	19	17	21	23	10	11	16	23	32%	30,351	39,201	49,568	60,879	7,829	9,529	12,806	16,498
Aster DM	148	12	13	15	108	9	12	17	-46%	41,380	47,722	63,553	78,306	7,650	9,451	14,432	18,985
Healthcare Global	5	8	13	19	3	5	10	22	95%	22,181	25,590	29,242	34,631	3,881	4,762	5,704	7,079
Shalby	1	5	8	10	1	5	8	11	160%	10,870	12,470	13,649	15,481	1,326	1,597	1,937	2,319
Yatharth	11	10	13	12	15	18	25	29	25%	8,805	11,965	16,091	19,943	2,202	2,921	4,061	5,033
Average	24	13	15	16	24	22	18	24	30	30,359	40,806	48,167	56,357	6,868	9,487	11,402	14,230
Median	15	13	14	17	15	15	18	23	29	22,181	32,396	39,405	46,535	4,899	7,473	9,565	11,119

Name	Name Net Deb			P/E				EV/EBITDA			EV/Revenue					
	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Apollo	50,718	30,729	20,596	125	76.90	57.82	44.97	35.77	38.28	30.57	24.89	20.68	5.31	4.54	3.79	3.25
Max	23,284	18,418	12,817	-3,995	103.19	63.19	49.90	40.82	61.19	40.38	32.39	27.14	16.37	10.72	8.96	7.68
Fortis	19,671	15,730	6,908	-3,307	71.67	54.40	43.72	34.01	51.50	38.75	31.80	26.98	10.59	8.86	7.62	6.65
Global Health	-4,046	-6,523	-7,377	-4,580	75.49	59.08	48.78	39.88	41.30	34.52	28.50	24.29	9.81	8.26	7.14	6.20
Rainbow	1,507	2,913	-757	7,322	50.0	47.8	34.6	29.2	27.92	24.16	20.64	19.40	9.02	7.88	6.81	6.51
Jupiter	-2,098	-1,457	-2,589	-4,405	50.54	45.17	39.34	31.26	32.39	27.02	23.29	19.38	7.61	6.54	5.48	4.73
Artemis	-1,053	-1,383	-2,144	-2,844	46.56	33.80	28.36	20.91	21.84	17.52	14.19	11.18	3.54	3.05	2.45	2.09
Narayana	8,016	5,080	2,943	680	45.92	38.93	32.56	28.88	29.58	25.31	21.97	19.90	6.89	5.94	5.32	4.70
KIMS	24,391	18,302	15,204	1,114	72.00	65.45	44.01	31.49	40.30	34.04	25.32	19.13	10.40	8.08	6.41	5.18
Aster DM	6,364	-7,731	-6,658	-12,441	6.21	74.30	55.73	39.34	46.44	37.85	24.79	18.84	8.76	7.50	5.63	4.57
Healthcare Global	14,895	13,379	10,731	8,655	216.43	141.15	67.49	29.16	27.72	22.85	18.95	15.18	4.84	4.20	3.67	3.10
Shalby	3,464	707	1,203	3,390	434.75	57.97	32.20	24.61	23.74	19.89	16.40	13.70	2.92	2.64	2.33	2.05
Yatharth	-5,032	-3,146	-4,237	0	51.55	43.44	30.93	26.35	31.63	23.57	17.17	13.84	7.91	5.82	4.29	3.49
Average	6,873	4,524	2,170	-868	100	61	43	32	36.45	28.96	23.10	19.20	8.00	6.46	5.38	36.20
Median	3,464	1,810	223	-1,422	70	56	43	31	32.39	27.02	23.29	19.38	7.91	6.54	5.48	21.00

Source: Bloomberg, Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 26: Recent acquisitions in the healthcare industry

Transaction Month	Acquirer	Target	Location	Valuation (Rs mn)	Valuation per bed	Revenue multiple	EBITDA multiple
Apr 2024	General Atlantic	Ujala Cygnus	Northern India (Tier- II and Tier-III cities)	16,000	0.64	2.78	21.33
Apr 2024	Manipal Hospitals	Medica Synergies	Kolkata	16,090	1.61	2.63	13.17
Jun 2024	HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd (HCG)	Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (MGCHRI)	Visakhapatnam	4,140	2.11	3.45	9.86
Jun 2024	Morgan Stanley	Omega hospitals	South India	21,000	1.5	_	_
Jul 2024	KKR	Baby Memorial hospital (BMH)	South India	25,000	2.5	6.08	31.03
Jul 2024	MGM Healthcare	Seven Hills hospital	Visakhapatnam	1,710	0.57	_	_
Jul 2024	Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Ltd (KIMS)	Chalasani Hospitals Private Ltd (QNRI)	Visakhapatnam	750	0.38	-	-
Sep 2024	Max Healthcare	Jaypee Hospital Life First	Noida, Bulandshahr, Anoopshahr	16,600	2.37	3.94	23.71
Oct 2024	Yatharth Hospital and Trauma Care Services Ltd	MGS Infotech Research and Solutions Pvt Ltd	Faridabad	1,520	0.38	-	_
Oct 2024	Yatharth Hospital	MD City Hospital	Model Town, New Delhi	1,600	0.53	_	_
Oct 2024	Manipal Hospitals	Khubchandani hospital	Andheri, Mumbai	4,150	0.83	_	
Feb 2025	Fortis Healthcare	Shrimann Super specialty hospital	Jalandhar, Punjab	4,620	2.03	3	12.83

Challenges for RAINBOW

High dependence on pediatric care elevates talent retention risk

With ~70% of RAINBOW's revenue coming from pediatrics, retaining specialized talent is critical. Pediatric care demands both clinical skill and emotional sensitivity, making experienced professionals hard to replace. Given the limited talent pool, any attrition could impact care quality and patient trust. Sustained success depends on RAINBOW's ability to attract and retain key pediatric staff.

Intense regional competition in southern markets

A significant portion of RAINBOW's revenue comes from its operations in south India, particularly Hyderabad and Bengaluru. These cities are highly competitive, with several established players such as Cloudnine, Apollo Cradle, and Motherhood, operating in similar pediatric and maternity segments. Such competitive intensity limits pricing power and puts pressure on occupancy and margins. With scale, RAINBOW might find it challenging to sustain growth in such crowded markets.

Inability to renew lease could disrupt operations

Most of RAINBOW's hospitals operate on leased premises, which could be potentially risky if the company is unable to renew the lease agreements on favourable terms. This could disrupt operations, increase costs, or even pose relocation challenges. Heavy reliance on leased assets adds an element of uncertainty to RAINBOW's longterm strategic planning and continuity of care delivery.

Seasonality weighs on 1Q performance

1Q is normally a soft quarter for RAINBOW due to seasonality. Inpatient volumes are lower during this time, as pediatric cases and elective procedures decline during summer, which has a bearing on the overall revenue, However, revenues typically pick up during 2Q and 3Q, supported by seasonal spikes in infections, higher hospital visits, and improved occupancy. As a result, its financial performance tends to be stronger in the latter half of the year.

A peek into India's healthcare industry

The number of hospital beds in India has grown from 1 million in 2013 to 1.9 million by 2023, while the number of doctors has increased from 646 to 1,000 per million population during the same period. The number of private hospitals also rose from 37,908 in 2013 to 43,486 in 2023, reflecting the sector's steady expansion.

Health Insurance Penetration in India is still low

As per the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), around 573 million people in India had health insurance coverage in FY 2023-24, up from 288 million in FY 2014-15. Despite this growth, overall insurance penetration remained relatively low at 40-42% in FY 2023-24. This is expected to rise to 45-50% by FY 2025-26. Health insurance penetration is a major growth driver for the healthcare sector.

Indian pediatric and maternity care

Children under the age of 15 make up nearly 29% of India's population, underscoring the pressing need for specialized pediatric and maternity care. India's pediatric sector is still nascent, especially when compared to countries like the United States and China. Specialized pediatric hospitals are only now beginning to emerge in India, creating a significant market gap. The Indian pediatric healthcare market size reached USD 441.6 million in 2024 and is expected to reach USD 654.2 million by 2033.

Healthcare Infrastructure is rapidly ramping up to keep pace with the growing demand

Hospital beds per thousand people have increased from 1,033 to 1,857 between 2013 and 2023. Trained doctors per thousand people have risen from 646 a decade ago to 1,000 now. Availability of nurses per thousand people has also increased from 1,808 to 3,000 per 1000 people. While the number of medical colleges in the country increased from 387 to 704, the number of Government hospitals increased from 14,379 to 25,778 and that of private hospitals rose from 37,908 and that of private hospitals increased from 37,908 to 43,486 between 2013 and 2023. The number of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) increased from 7 in 2017 to 19 in 2023.

Exhibit 27: Healthcare market in India – Key segments (Rs trn)

Industry	FY19	FY24	FY28P	FY19-FY24 CAGR	FY24-FY28P CAGR
Pharmaceuticals Retail	1.7	2.6	3.5–3.7	~9%	8–9%
Healthcare Delivery	3.9	6.3	9.4–9.8	~10%	10–12%
Diagnostics	0.6	0.9	1.28-1.38	~7%	10–12%
Medical Devices	0.5	0.9	1.4-1.45	~13%	11–12%

Competition in Pediatric hospitals in India – Rainbow stands out

RAINBOW is the only pediatric hospital chain in the country to have three JCIaccredited hospitals: the flagship facilities in Hyderabad and Bengaluru, as well as the Kondapur fertility center in Hyderabad.

There is a wide demand for pediatric hospitals in India. The chain of pediatric hospitals is mainly focused in north and south India, with there are none in the east and only a few in the west.

Exhibit 28: Region-wise hospital count

Hospitals	North	South	East	West	Total					
Cloudnine	12	17	0	5	34					
RAINBOW*	2	19	1	0	22					
Rhea Healthcare (Motherhood)	7	14	1	3	25					

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research; *Northeast

Exhibit 29: Peer scorecard: Financial comparison

Comparable	Revenue	e (Rs mn)	PAT (Rs mn)				
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24			
Cloudnine	9,467	11,876	-431.41	-278.94			
RAINBOW	11,736	12,969	2,124	2,183			
Rhea Healthcare (Motherhood)	12,059	9,794	383.25	-306.33			

About the Company

RAINBOW is a leading multi-specialty healthcare provider in India that strategically caters to the mother and childcare segments. Dr. Ramesh Kancharla established the company in 1999, building strong clinical capabilities across pediatrics, neonatal and pediatric intensive care (NICU & PICU), obstetrics, gynaecology, and perinatal services. He pioneered the hub-and-spoke model in pediatric healthcare, enabling efficient scale-up, while maintaining high clinical care standards. Currently, RAINBOW operates 22 hospitals (19 in south India, 2 in the north and 1 in the northeast) and 5 outpatient clinics, with a presence across nine major cities and a total bed capacity of 2,235. The company acquired a 100-bed hospital in Warangal and 100 beds in Guwahati, making it one of the largest pediatric hospital networks in the country.

The company's business is firmly anchored in pediatrics, which contributes ~70% to total revenue, while 30% comes from maternity services. Within maternity, IVF contributes ~3% and is growing at ~70% YoY, indicating strong early traction. The remaining 27% is driven by OPD consultations, antenatal care, and deliveries. On the pediatric side, high-acuity NICU and PICU beds alone account for ~30% of total revenue, reflecting both volume and premium pricing.

RAINBOW offers a full spectrum of services across primary to quaternary care and is a trusted referral center for complex pediatric specialties such as neurology, cardiology, gastroenterology, oncology, and transplant services. With recent forays into fertility and IVF, the group is strengthening its position as a holistic women and child healthcare platform, backed by both clinical capability and scalable business fundamentals.

70% Pediatrics

NICU/PICU

NIVF

Obstetrics Gynaec

27%

OPD

Exhibit 30: RAINBOW - Revenue split, what comes from where

Exhibit 31: RAINBOW - Strengths and challenges

Pros	Cons				
Bespoke pediatric care	Seasonality				
A physical, emotionally and psychologically child-friendly environment	Higher operating costs (specialized equipment, training, and facilities) could increase the cost of treatment				
Multidisciplinary pediatric specialist teams for integrated care	Higher costs owing to 24*7 surveillance				
Support services that cater to the child and its family					

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 32: RAINBOW - Key metrics

Particulars	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue (Rs mn)	7,194	6,501	9,738	11,736	12,969	15,159	16,839	19,453	21,893
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,970	1,628	3,049	3,964	4,289	4,899	5,495	6,420	7,334
PAT (Rs mn)	557	405	1,393	2,113	2,183	2,683	2,809	3,876	4,600
No. capacity beds	1296	1475	1,500	1,655	1,935	1,935	2,385	2,565	3,015
Inpatient volumes	66,871	61,165	66,082	86,864	87,736	98,395	-	-	-
Outpatient volumes	94,049	62,411	84,000	1,24,059	1,27,087	1,42,713	-	-	-
ARPOB (In Rs)	29,277	40,893	45,711	48,932	55,853	53,962	52,006	51,271	53,499
ALOS (days)	3.05	2.57	2.76	2.83	2.62	2.86	-	-	-
Occupancy (In %)	56%	34%	45%	55%	48%	51%	47%	48%	45%

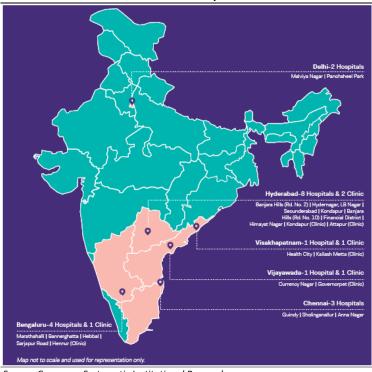
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 33: Hubs and spoke details

Cluster	Hub / Spoke	Bed count (#)
	Banjara Hills, Hyderabad -Hub	240
	Vikrampuri ,Hyderabad	110
	Kondapur, Hyderabad	50
	Hydernagar, Hyderabad	160
Telangana	LB Nagar, Hyderabad	100
	RCHI1, Hyderabad	110
	Financial District, Hyderabad	100
	Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad	60
	Warangal, Telangana	100
	Marathahalli	200
Bengaluru	BG Road, Bengaluru	102
Deligaturu	Hebbal, Bengaluru	50
	Sarjapur, Bengaluru	90
	Rajahmundry	100
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam, AP	129
	Vijayawada, AP	130
	Guindy, Chennai - Hub	135
Tamil Nadu	Sholinganallur, Chennai	55
	Anna Nagar, Chennai	80
National Capital	Malaviya Nagar -Hub	130
Region	Rosewalk, NCR	24
Assam	Guwahati -Hub	100

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 34: Locations of RAINBOW hospitals



Telangana

RAINBOW operates one hub hospital at Banjara Hills, which serves as its flagship facility, along with nine spoke hospitals located across Rajahmundry, Vikrampuri, Kondapur, Hydernagar, LB Nagar, RCHI, Financial District, Warangal and Himayat Nagar. Additionally, it recently acquired Prashanthi Hospital in Warangal. In total, RAINBOW has a bed capacity of 1,140 in Telangana. The company also has two outpatient clinics in Attapur, and Kondapur, Hyderabad.

Bengaluru

The company operates one 200-bed hub hospital in Marathahalli, with three spoke hospitals located in BG Road, Hebbal, and Sarjapur, bringing the total bed capacity in Bengaluru to 442.

Chennai

RAINBOW has one 135 bed capacity hub hospital situated in Guindy, Chennai with two spoke hospitals in Sholinganallur, and Anna Nagar, taking its total bed capacity to 270.

Andhra Pradesh

It has two spoke hospitals in Health City, Vijayawada, and Currency Nagar, Visakhapatnam with the total bed capacity at 250, which also have two outpatient clinics located in Kailash Metta, Vijayawada and Governorpet, Visakhapatnam.

Delhi NCR

RAINBOW operates a 130-bed hub hospital at Malviya Nagar, along with a 24-bed facility at Rosewalk, Panchsheel, where it provides specialized medical services.

Northeast

The company has also expanded to the north-east by acquiring a 30-year-old Pratiksha Hospital in Guwahati, Assam, which has a capacity of 100 beds.

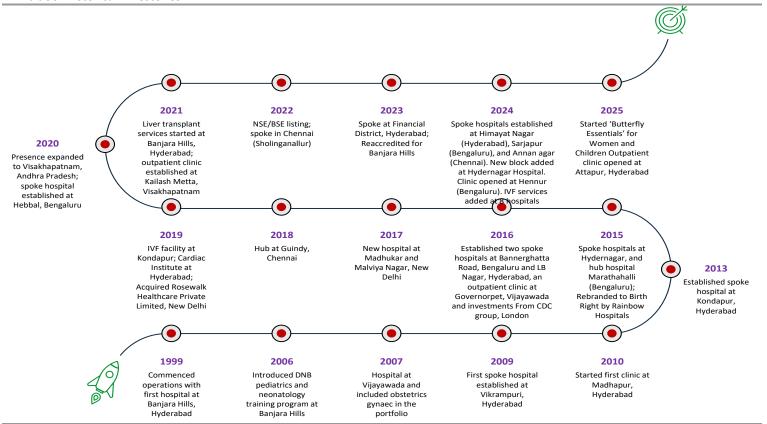
Strong management profile

Exhibit 35: Key managerial personnel

Name	Designation	Profile
		Dr. Ramesh Kancharla, the founding promoter of the company, has been on the Board since inception.
Dr. Ramesh Kancharla	Chairman & Managing Director	He holds an MBBS degree from Sri Venkateswara University and is an MD in Pediatrics from Mangalore University; he is also a member of the Royal Colleges of Physicians (UK).
		Prior to founding Rainbow Children's Hospital, Dr. Ramesh Kancharla completed his specialist training in pediatric gastroenterology at King's College Hospital, London.
		Dr. Dinesh Kumar Chirla, a promoter and board member since 2005, holds advanced degrees in Neonatology from India and the UK, including MRCPCH, FRCPCH.
Dr. Dinesh Kumar Chirla	Whole-time Director	He has undergone specialized training and fellowships in Melbourne and Bristol.
		He presently serves as the Director of Intensive Care at RAINBOW and is a gold medalist with 75+ research publications and several textbook contributions.
No. Villag No. bearing	Chief Financial Office	Mr. Vikas Maheshwari is a Chartered Accountant with over 28 years of experience in corporate finance and strategy.
Mr. Vikas Maheshwari	Chief Financial Officer	He has been with the company since June 2023 and leads its financial planning and capital management.
Ms. Sundari	Independent Director	Sundari Ravi prasad Pisupati is a dual-qualified lawyer in India and New York with over 32 years of experience in corporate and commercial law, specializing in M&A, Private Equity, and Cross-Border Transactions.
Raviprasad Pisupati		A gold medalist from NLSIU and LL.M. graduate from Columbia Law School, she also actively engages in corporate policy through industry chambers.
BAn Aliusi Cuiminasa Dan	Indonendent Director	Mr. Aluri Srinivasa Rao has 30+ years of experience in private equity, strategy, and investments.
Mr. Aluri Srinivasa Rao	Independent Director	He has held key roles at Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia and ICICI Venture and is known for his deep expertise in stakeholder engagement and opportunity mapping.
Dr. Anil Dhawan	Indonendent Director	Dr. Anil Dhawan has 30+ years of experience and is Director at King's College Hospital, London.
Dr. Anii Dnawan	Independent Director	He joined the company's board in August 2018.
Mr. Santanu	Independent Director	Mr. Santanu Mukherjee has four decades of experience in banking and finance, having donned key roles at SBI and its associate banks.
Mukherjee	Independent Director	He has been on the board of the company since October 2021.
Dr. Adarsh Kancharla	Non-Executive Director	Dr. Adarsh Kancharla has been on the board of the company since January 2024 and has completed his pediatric fellowship at King's College Hospital, London.

Milestones

Exhibit 36: Historical milestones



FINANCIAL

Profit & Loss Statement

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales	12,969	15,159	16,839	19,453	21,893
Growth	11%	17%	11%	16%	13%
Cost of Medicines	1,653	1,949	2,189	2,529	2,846
Gross Profit	11,316	13,209	14,650	16,924	19,047
Gross Margin	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%
Employee Benefit Expenses	1,762	2,064	2,273	2,626	2,956
Professional Fees to Doctor	3,054	3,690	4,041	4,669	5,254
Other Expenses	2,212	2,557	2,840	3,210	3,503
EBITDA (post Ind As)	4,289	4,899	5,495	6,419	7,334
EBITDA Margin	33%	32%	33%	33%	34%
Other Income	371	510	502	533	934
Depreciation and Amortisati	on 620	728	1,009	1,052	1,378
Depreciation of ROU	501	407	507	568	591
EBIT	3,539	4,275	4,482	5,901	6,890
Finance Costs	591	725	764	770	801
PBT	2,948	3,550	3,718	5,131	6,089
Tax	765	858	910	1,255	1,489
Tax Rate	26%	24%	24%	24%	24%
PAT	2,183	2,692	2,809	3,876	4,600
PAT to shareholders	2,183	2,683	2,809	3,876	4,600
PAT Margin	17%	18%	17%	20%	21%
EPS	21.51	26.43	27.67	38.18	45.31

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Balance Sheet

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Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Equity Share Capital	1,015	1,016	1,016	1,016	1,016
Reserves & Surplus	11,574	13,666	16,194	19,683	23,822
Net Worth	12,589	14,682	17,210	20,698	24,838
Minority Interest	60	68	68	68	68
Short term Lease	170	219	257	267	267
Long term lease	7,483	7,417	8,300	8,637	8,617
Trade payables	815	910	1,010	1,167	1,314
Other Provisions	107	164	164	164	164
Other liabilities	480	310	346	373	397
Total Liabilities	21,704	23,770	27,356	31,375	35,665
Net block	6,387	8,133	11,563	11,226	15,291
CWIP	138	278	278	278	278
Other non-current asset	1,902	370	370	370	370
Investments	3,075	5,707	4,700	4,700	4,700
Cash and Cash Equivalents	101	203	630	4,643	4,935
Debtors	704	773	842	973	1,095
Inventories	240	276	337	389	438
Other current asset	9,157	8,031	8,637	8,797	8,558
Total Assets	21,704	23,770	27,356	31,375	35,665

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Cash Flow

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	2,948	3,300	3,718	5,131	6,089
Depreciation	1,121	1,384	1,516	1,620	1,969
Interest	591	725	764	770	801
Others	-312	-510	-502	-533	-934
Working capital	-248	-87	-108	-209	-195
Direct tax	-886	-856	-910	-1,255	-1,489
Net CFO. activities	3,214	3,957	4,477	5,523	6,241
Net Capital expenditures	-3,536	-1,457	-4,439	-715	-5,443
Others	1,271	-1,221	1,510	533	934
Net CFI. activities	-2,265	-2,678	-2,929	-182	-4,509
Dividend paid	-308	-305	-281	-388	-460
Others	-710	-873	-840	-941	-979
Net cash from Fin. activitie	s -1,018	-1,177	-1,121	-1,329	-1,439
Net change in cash	-68	101	427	4,013	292

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Ratios (Consolidated)

Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EPS	21.5	26.4	27.7	38.2	45.3
CEPS	10.5	15.3	12.7	22.2	25.9
BVPS	124.6	145.3	170.2	204.6	245.3
Return Ratio(%)					
RoCE	17.5%	19.2%	17.5%	20.0%	20.5%
RoE	17.3%	18.3%	16.3%	18.7%	18.5%
Balance Sheet					
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Net Working Capital (Days)	54.6	28.3	18.2	18.3	19.5
Valuation(x)					
P/E	61.5	50.0	47.8	34.6	29.2
EV/EBITDA	29.9	26.3	24.3	20.8	19.5
EV/Sales	9.9	8.5	7.9	6.9	6.5

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