Company Report | Sector: Healthcare

Vijaya Diagnostic Centre

On an expansion spree in new markets: U/G to **BUY**

Vijaya Diagnostic has been on a hub expansion spree in the last 12 months with nearly a dozen such centres being opened, bulk of them outside the core markets of AP/Telangana. A strong emphasis on centre addition in the current fiscal would be followed by spoke expansion in the next fiscal. In the near term, Q3 might see reversal of both the factors that impact previous quarter namely rebound in footfalls post festive season and some bit of seasonal illness cropping up in wake of receding monsoon in mid-Oct'25. We understand company is expected to meet and, indeed likely to exceed the mid-teens growth in the following quarters. Importantly, in the hubs added so far, we have not come across negative commentary around break even timeline which augurs well in the context of right to win for Vijaya in new markets. Continue to prefer the name within the diagnostic space and U/G to BUY following recent weakness with an unchanged 55x target multiple and TP Rs1,240, translating into a 25% upside.

Coming off from a spurt in FY26 capex; next fiscal might see ~25 Spoke additions

Vijaya has added 9 hubs between April and Oct'25 and is likely to add another 2 in Eastern India before the end of FY26. This marks a ~25% addition to hub capacity of about 40 as of beginning FY26. It is also looking to add a flagship hub in Bengaluru on back of positive response to HSR and Yelahanka hubs opened earlier in the fiscal; indeed, if we recall management commentary, Yelahanka hub has achieved break even in two quarters vs hitherto expectation of 1 year while Pune hubs at Ambegaon and Kalyani Nagar too are performing ahead of expectation. After addition of Kolkata flagship hub, Vijaya is looking to add another one in Bengaluru at a cost of ~Rs300mn which would house high-end radiology including PET CT and MRI. FY27 capex is likely around Rs1.2bn which would see addition of another 4 hubs and about Rs400mn earmarked for ~25 Spokes, which would be necessary given the strong hub capacity being created in current year.

Q2 disappointment may be largely behind

Q2 was impacted by two factors, namely early festival arrival and weakness in seasonal illnesses. Of these, there has been a rebound in post festive footfalls across locations. Secondly, tail end of monsoon in Oct has given some benefit in seasonal fever testing from late Oct to mid-November. We note that commentary was a bit uniform from diagnostic players including Dr Lal and Metropolis about weaknesses in respective strong hold markets of North and West. If both the factors that weighed on Q2 reverse, it could lead to a robust revival in footfalls supported by additional volumes from newly opened hubs of Pune, Bengaluru and AP/Telangana. In some ways, margin pressure due to opex from new addition might get offset due to better radiology footfalls in those locations. We expect a healthy 15% plus growth in Q3 with growth likely exceeding the guided mid-teens number.

No pushbacks so far to expanding footprint beyond core market; U/G to **BUY**

Vijaya has been on a hub expansion spree beyond the core markets of AP and Telangana over the last 12 months. Management commentary so far has been cautiously positive on hub performance in newer areas which gives confidence on scalability of the integrated model as well as acceptability of the brand. We keep estimates largely intact and upgrade to BUY on recent weakness with unchanged 55x TP for a ~25% upside. Lack of timely break even in new hubs remains a key risk to our thesis as that would entail pressure on growth and create doubt on receptiveness of hub expansion strategy in non-core markets.



Reco	:	BUY
СМР	:	Rs 979
Target Price	:	Rs 1,240
Potential	:	+26.6%

Stock data (as on Dec 16, 2025)

Return

Nifty	25,860
52 Week h/I (Rs)	1275 / 740
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	101600 / 1118
Outstanding Shares (mn)	103
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	283
Div yield (%):	0.2
Bloomberg code:	VIJAYA IN
NSE code:	VIJAYA

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep'2 end)

Promoter			49.4%
FII+DII			43.6%
Others			7.0%

Δ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	BUY	ADD
Target Price	1,240	1.240

Δ in earnings estimates

	FY26e	FY27e
EPS (New)	17.0	22.5
EPS (Old)	17.5	22.5
% change	-2.9%	-

Financial Summary

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(Rs mn)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	6,814	8,002	9,772
YoY Growth	24.4	17.4	22.1
EBIDTA	2,732	3,152	3,998
YoY Growth	23.7	15.4	26.8
PAT	1,431	1,733	2,300
YoY Growth	20.4	21.2	32.7
ROE	19.7	19.9	21.9
EPS	14.0	17.0	22.5
P/E	69.8	57.6	43.4
BV	77.5	92.1	112.2
EV/EBITDA	37.1	32.0	24.8

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Exhibit 1: Footfall growth trend

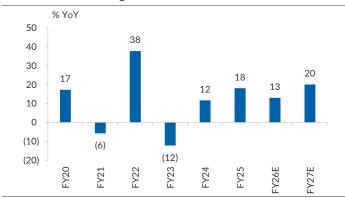
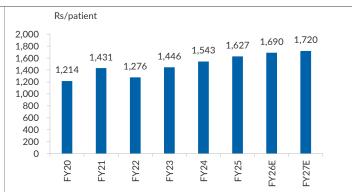


Exhibit 2: Realization trend YoY



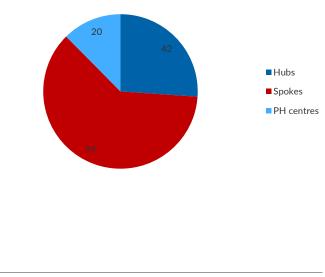
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Exhibit 3: Hub addition timeline; clear pick up in FY26

Quarter	#	Location
Q2 FY23	1	Rajahmundry, AP
Q3 FY23	1	Panjagutta, Hyderabad
Q4 FY23	2	Tirupati, Gajuwaka (Vizag)
Q1 FY24	-	
Q2 FY24	1	Kolkata
		Gulburga (KA), Mahbubnagar
Q3 FY24	2	(Telangana)
Q4 FY24	-	
Q1 FY25	-	
Q2 FY25	1	Ongole, AP
Q3 FY25	1	Nizamabad, Telangana
Q1 FY26*	6	Pune (2), Bengaluru (2), WB (2)
Q2 FY26	1	Kasba (Kolkata)
Q3 FY26	2	AP (1) & Telangana (1)
Q4 FY26	2	WB (2)

Exhibit 4: Break up of ~160 centres (including PH)



Source: Company, YES Sec

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Exhibit 5: FY26 margin hit not as bad as feared earlier



Exhibit 6: Revenue growth trend



Source: Company, YES Sec

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Exhibit 7: Balance sheet

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Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Equity capital	102	102	103	103	103
Reserves	5,345	6,470	7,855	9,349	11,410
Net worth	5,447	6,572	7,957	9,452	11,513
Debt	2,406	2,500	3,066	3,066	3,066
MI	19	27	34	34	34
Def tax lia	0	0	53	53	53
Total liabilities	7,872	9,099	11,110	12,605	14,666
Fixed Asset	5,516	7,508	9,351	10,157	10,472
Investments	178	177	313	313	313
Net Working Capital	2,095	1,385	1,446	2,135	3,880
Inventories	20	52	49	58	71
Sundry debtors	95	162	148	173	212
Cash	2,554	1,822	2,335	2,676	4,491
Other current assets	87	77	540	160	195
Sundry creditors	(277)	(329)	(331)	(389)	(475)
Other CL	(385)	(399)	(1,295)	(544)	(613)
Def tax assets	82	29	-	-	-
Total Assets	7,872	9,099	11,110	12,605	14,666

Exhibit 8: Income statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	4,592	5,478	6,814	8,002	9,772
Operating profit	1,820	2,209	2,732	3,152	3,998
Depreciation	(617)	(570)	(706)	(794)	(885)
Interest expense	(209)	(240)	(267)	(297)	(297)
Other income	142	208	183	250	250
Profit before tax	1,135	1,607	1,942	2,311	3,066
Taxes	(283)	(390)	(494)	(578)	(767)
Adj. profit	852	1,217	1,448	1,733	2,300
Exceptional	(6)	(8)	(7)	-	-
Reported profit	846	1,209	1,441	1,733	2,300



Exhibit 9: Cash flow statement

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Profit before tax	1,135	1,607	1,942	2,311	3,066
Depreciation	617	570	706	794	885
Def tax assets (net)	6	53	82	-	-
Tax paid	(283)	(390)	(494)	(578)	(767)
Working capital Δ	31	(22)	451	(347)	69
Other operating items	(6)	(8)	(7)	-	-
Operating cashflow	1,501	1,810	2,680	2,180	3,253
Capital expenditure	(2,087)	(2,561)	(2,549)	(1,600)	(1,200)
Free cash flow	(587)	(751)	131	580	2,053
Equity raised	38	35	183	-	-
MI	6	8	7	-	-
Investments	122	1	(136)	-	-
Debt financing/disposal	628	94	566	-	-
Dividends paid	(119)	(119)	(239)	(239)	(239)
Net ∆ in cash	88	(732)	513	341	1,814

Exhibit 10: Du Pont Analysis

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Tax burden (x)	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.75	0.75
Interest burden (x)	0.84	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.91
EBIT margin (x)	0.29	0.34	0.32	0.33	0.34
Asset turnover (x)	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.67
Financial leverage (x)	1.53	1.52	1.55	1.51	1.40
RoE (%)	16.8	20.2	19.9	19.9	21.9

Exhibit 11: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Growth matrix (%)					
Revenue growth	(0.7)	19.3	24.4	17.4	22.1
Op profit growth	(10.6)	21.4	23.7	15.4	26.8
EBIT growth	(17.9)	37.4	19.6	18.1	28.9
Net profit growth	(22.8)	42.8	19.2	20.3	32.7
Profitability ratios (%)					
OPM	39.6	40.3	40.1	39.4	40.9
EBIT margin	29.3	33.7	32.4	32.6	34.4
Net profit margin	18.6	22.2	21.3	21.7	23.5
RoCE	18.7	21.8	21.9	22.0	24.7
RoNW	16.8	20.2	19.9	19.9	21.9
RoA	11.0	13.3	12.9	13.2	15.7



Y/e 31 Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Per share ratios					
EPS	8.3	11.6	14.0	17.0	22.5
Dividend per share	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Cash EPS	14.4	17.5	21.1	24.8	31.2
Book value per share	53.4	64.5	78.0	92.7	112.9
Valuation ratios (x)					
P/E	118.0	84.1	69.8	57.6	43.4
P/BV	18.3	15.2	12.6	10.6	8.7
M Cap/Sales	21.8	18.2	14.7	12.5	10.2
EV/EBIDTA	54.8	45.5	36.8	31.8	24.6
Payout (%)					
Tax payout	24.9	24.3	25.4	25.0	25.0
Dividend payout	14.1	9.9	16.6	13.8	10.4
Liquidity ratios					
Debtor days	8	11	8	8	8
Inventory days	2	3	3	3	3
Creditor days	22	22	18	18	18



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