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Top Investment Idea

Strategy Note - High volatility prevails from policy uncertainty pramod.amthe@incredresearch.com

- Recent Gol and RBI policies are aimed at improving GDP growth momentum, while tensions from global trade and geopolitics limit the short-term benefits.
- Despite a seasonally strong quarter, 4Q earnings consensus EPS growth expectations are just 8% yoy. No respite seen in EPS downgrade trend yet.
- The quick index bounce-back from Mar 2025 lows brings mid-/small-caps to premium valuations again. Maintain cautious stance with a downward bias.

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- Maha Kumbh boosts Coca-Cola's India sales, drives Q1 volume growth
- NSO signals pvt capex lull in FY26; manufacturing investments may zoom 40%
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ACC Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs2,210) - Better volume & price leads to EBITDA beat

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- Adj. consol. 4Q EBITDA stood at ~Rs8.3bn (~7% above our estimate), down by ~1% yoy. Volume grew by ~14% yoy, reflecting a higher inter-group volume.
- We expect profitability improvement in the coming quarters to be largely driven by benefits from improving pricing and cost efficiency measures.
- We cut EBITDA estimates by 3-4% for FY26F-27F. Retain our ADD rating on the stock with a lower target price of Rs2,210.

Aditya Birla Sunlife AMC (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs800) - Debt funds boost AUM

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- ABSL AMC posted in-line 4Q PAT of Rs2.3bn amid rising yield pressure along with a fall in equity fund AUM, which was offset by higher other income.
- The initial signs of pruning the market share loss were encouraging, with a rise of ~6bp qoq in the overall market share (excl. ETFs) to 6.3%.
- ABSL AMC can be a turnaround story; however, retail market share loss needs to be addressed, & we await execution. Retain ADD with a stable TP of Rs800.

Ambuja Cements Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs620) - Cost synergy and pricing drives profitability

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- 4Q consol. EBITDA was ~Rs18.7bn, up ~10% yoy, on lower-than-expected fixed costs. Blended unit EBITDA/t rose ~Rs462 qoq to Rs1,001 vs. estimated Rs810.
- ACEM to invest ~Rs90bn in capex in FY26F (~70% towards growth). Reiterates its guidance for reducing consol. costs/t to ~Rs3,650 by FY28F.
- We maintain our FY26F-27F EBITDA estimates. Retain our ADD rating with a marginally lower target price of Rs620 (vs. Rs630 earlier).

Nippon Life India Asset Management Ltd (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs780) -Performance-led focus to play out

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- NAM India posted in-line 4Q core operating profit, led by stable yields, qoq improvement in other income due to treasury gains, and contained opex.
- High volatility in equity markets, especially small-cap and mid-cap stocks, led to QAAUM decline of ~2% qoq on the back of ~5% qoq dip in equity QAAUM.
- We expect stable revenue yields, but a spurt in operating expenses is likely amid elevated ESOP expenses. Maintain ADD rating with a TP of Rs780.

Technology - Overall (Not Rated - Maintained) - E2E Networks: NDR

takeaways

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- The change in go-to-market or GTM strategy to focus on enterprise is leading to an elongated sales cycle and, in turn, revenue softness.
- IndiaAI mission could improve revenue visibility vs. bursty startup-driven workloads. Creates room for future Eols.
- Capacity build-up could help reach 3x MRR by Mar 2026F.

TVS Motor Co Ltd (REDUCE - Maintained, TP: Rs2,154) - Subsidiaries' losses dip; concerns over FCF

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- 4QFY25 standalone EPS grew by 30% to Rs14.6, beating our estimate by 4%, while the normalized EBITDA margin stood at 12.5%, beating our estimate.
- The rising margin trend led to our 5% EBITDA upgrade for FY26F-27F. The automobile subsidiaries' losses declined; however, FCF remains negative.
- We maintain our REDUCE rating on the stock as its rich +2SD above-themean-level valuation overlooks the demand for funding international losses.

Ugro Capital (ADD - Maintained, TP: Rs270) - Moving up in high-yield segments

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- UGRO Capital posted in-line 4Q PAT of Rs405m, led by strong AUM growth, amid rising NIM pressure and inching up of credit costs.
- Disbursements grew by ~16% qoq, led by better-yield products like micro enterprise loans & embedded finance, as other products saw some softness.
- We believe the focus on micro branches, along with co-lending partnerships, should lead to better return ratios. Maintain ADD rating with a new TP of Rs270.

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Figure 1: Top Buys (All ADD Ratings)

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Market Capital (Rs bn)	Price	Target Price	Up/down (%)	Analyst Name
Large Cap						
HDFC Bank	HDFCB IN	14,607	1,909	2,200	15%	Meghna LUTHRA
Tata Consultancy Services	TCS IN	12,564	3,473	3,589	3%	Abhishek SHINDADKAR
Bajaj Finance Ltd	BAF IN	5,651	9,093	9,750	7%	Meghna LUTHRA
Maruti Suzuki	MSIL IN	3,723	11,841	13,621	15%	Pramod AMTHE
UltraTech Cement Ltd	UTCEM IN	3,498	11,869	13,550	14%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Axis Bank	AXSB IN	3,678	1,187	1,430	20%	Bhavik Shah
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd	ADSEZ IN	2,628	1,216	1,457	20%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Bajaj Auto	BJAUT IN	2,256	8,079	10,590	31%	Pramod AMTHE
Pidilite Industries Limited	PIDI IN	1,528	3,005	3,470	15%	Rohan KALLE
Shriram Finance Limited	SHFL IN	1,156	615	830	35%	Jignesh SHIAL
Cipla Ltd	CIPLA IN	1,245	1,542	1,640	6%	Yogesh SONI
Mid-cap						
Lupin Ltd	LPC IN	944	2,067	2,329	13%	Yogesh SONI
Marico Ltd	MRCO IN	922	711	750	5%	Rohan KALLE
Cummins India Ltd	KKC IN	804	2,900	3,909	35%	Ishan VERMA
UPL Limited	UPLL IN	545	670	1,289	93%	Satish KUMAR
Petronet LNG	PLNG IN	465	310	519	67%	Pratyush KAMAL
Container Corp of India Ltd	CCRI IN	419	687	1,133	65%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Small-cap						
Ajanta Pharma Ltd	AJP IN	345	2,766	3,220	16%	Yogesh SONI
Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corp. Ltd.	DFPC IN	164	1,302	2,051	58%	Pratyush KAMAL
Birla Corporation Ltd	BCORP IN	85	1,098	1,455	33%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Ethos Limited	ETHOSLTD IN	62	2,534	3,400	34%	Rohan KALLE
Skipper Limited	SKIPPER IN	54	467	695	49%	Ishan VERMA
TCPL Packaging Ltd	TCPL IN	33	3,676	4,380	19%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Globus Spirits Ltd	GBSL IN	31	1,064	1,584	49%	Nitin AWASTHI
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Figure 2: Top Sells (All REDUCE Ratings) Bloomberg Up/down (%) Analyst Name Market Capital Company Price **Target Price** Ticker (Rs bn) Large Cap 3,030 INDIGO IN 2,034 InterGlobe Aviation Ltd 5,264 -42% Rajarshi MAITRA Tata Steel TATA IN 1,766 142 82 -42% Satish KUMAR Mid-cap SBI Cards SBICARD IN 836 878 550 -37% Meghna LUTHRA Clean Science and Technology CLEAN IN 1,192 127 683 -43% Satish KUMAR SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH, BLOOMBERG

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