CMS Info Systems | BUY

FY25 a slow year; hopes pegged on FY26

4Q and FY25 were fairly weak for CMS Info Systems, revenue declining 1% YoY in 4Q and growing a mere 7% in FY25. PAT followed similar trends and registered a 7% YoY growth, both for 4Q and FY25. For the cash management business (+7/8% in 4Q and FY25), this was owing to an overall slowdown in consumption, while for the managed services vertical (-5/11% in 4Q/FY25), weakness was due to an industry-wide disruption at a major competitor. The positive was a 200bps gain in cash management market share. With the situation slowly stabilizing, management expects execution of the managed services order book, although delayed, to be completed by Sep'25. This gives them confidence of FY25-27E revenue CAGR of 14-17% in the services business, of which cash management is expected to grow 10-13% and managed services at ~25%. We cut our FY26/27E EPS estimates by 3-4%, and maintain BUY with a revised target price of INR 550 (INR 555 earlier), at 20x Mar'27E EPS.

- 4Q a miss on account of weak revenue performance: 4QFY25 consolidated revenue at INR 6.2bn was down 1% YoY and, 8% lower than our estimate. While cash management grew in line with expectations (INR 4.1bn, +7% YoY), managed services shrank (INR 2.3bn, -5% YoY). EBITDA at INR 1.6bn, +4% YoY, was 11% below estimate. Growth in EBITDA despite negative revenue growth was due to a YoY uptick in gross margin (90.3% vs. 86.8%); aided by a better product mix. EBITDA margin at 26.2%, +140bps YoY, but was 60bps below our expectations, on the back of higher thanexpected operating expenses despite improvement in gross margin. 4Q PAT at INR 976mn, grew 7% YoY, but was 8% lower than estimate of INR 1bn.
- Order book execution key focus in FY26; this should drive growth in MS business: CMSINFO executed only 52% of the order book as on the start of FY25; below expectation of 60%. This was due to large banks being severely affected by disruption in their ATM operations, due to issues at a key competitor. Management expects to complete those orders by end-Sep'25. In FY25 CMS won orders worth INR 12bn+, 60% of which came from private banks (inherently lower turnaround time than PSU banks).
- Building with Vision AI (Remote monitoring platform): Tech enabled vision AI platform is rapidly scaling and has become the number one platform in India's ATM space. The newly built in-house proprietary tech stack has helped CMS in building multiple AI modules which play a key role in winning mandates with leading banks for their branch network. Further, to diversify away from their heavy reliance on the BFSI space, CMS has also developed use cases in Non-BFSI areas such as retail and QSR outlets, warehouses and dark stores, and EV charging docks.
- The way forward: Management guided for FY25-27E revenue CAGR of 14-17% for services, split into 10-13% for cash management and 25-30% for managed services. The company aims to pivot to longer-term contracts (7-10 years) for a more predictable revenue stream. While management refused margin guidance, it indicated that it would consider 25% RoCE a prerequisite on new business wins.



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	550
Upside/(Downside)	18.1%
Previous Price Target	555
Change	-0.9%

Key Data – CMSINFO IN	
Current Market Price	INR466
Market cap (bn)	INR76.6/US\$0.9
Free Float	87%
Shares in issue (mn)	163.2
Diluted share (mn)	174.6
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR232.6/US\$2.7
52-week range	617/376
Sensex/Nifty	81,186/24,684
INR/US\$	85.6

Price Performa	nce		
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	0.4	-1.5	9.8
Relative*	-1.8	-6.4	0.0

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	22,647	24,245	27,458	30,630	34,195
Sales Growth (%)	18.3	7.1	13.2	11.6	11.6
EBITDA	5,995	6,268	7,126	7,987	9,041
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.5	25.9	26.0	26.1	26.4
Adjusted Net Profit	3,471	3,725	4,280	4,793	5,455
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.9	21.3	24.5	27.5	31.2
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	10.2	7.3	14.9	12.0	13.8
ROIC (%)	22.3	20.1	20.4	21.2	22.8
ROE (%)	19.8	17.7	17.8	17.6	17.8
P/E (x)	23.4	21.8	19.0	17.0	14.9
P/B (x)	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.2	11.6	10.1	8.8	7.5
Dividend Yield (%)	1.2	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.3

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 20/May/2025

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Key takeaways from conference call

Outlook for FY26 and FY27

Revenue and margins: Management guided for FY25-27E revenue CAGR of 14-17% for services, split into 10-13% for cash management and 25-30% for managed services. The company aims to continue shifting to longer-term contracts (7-10 years) for more predictable revenue streams. While management refused to give margin guidance, it indicated that it would consider a 25% RoCE a prerequisite on new business.

Capex: Capex for FY25 was ~INR 1.3bn, significantly lower than the guidance of INR 3bn+. Considering the large unexecuted order book capex will remain as guided earlier, at INR 2bn annually, albeit should be higher for FY26 at INR 3-3.2bn

Order Book

- Executable order book as of end FY25 stood at INR 14bn. Through FY25, the Company won incremental orders to the tune of INR 12bn, of which in H2FY25, there were significant order wins (INR 8bn), and INR 5bn in Q4.
- The execution was impacted by delays due to disruptions at a key competitor delay in approvals from banks, since they prioritized freeing cash lying in the hands of the disrupted service provider.
- Ended the year with 52% order execution, short of the 60% target. Out of the INR 12bn orders won in FY25, 60% came from private banks and management expects to complete the remaining 48% of the FY25 order book by Sep'25, aided by faster execution with private sector banks.

Competitor disruption

A key competitor faced liquidity issue, leading to disruptions in ATM operations which created a need for CMS to assist banks in managing ATM cash evacuation and operational continuity. CMS leveraged this disruption to win end-to-end managed services contracts from large banks. Hence banks are considering refreshing or expanding their ATM estates, offering further opportunities for CMS.

Scouting M&A opportunities

The company screened 65 companies in FY25 for potential acquisitions. Future M&A activity will prioritize alignment with CMS's growth and ROCE objectives.

Retail cash management as massive opportunity

Of India's 3 million retail touch points, only 550K+ are organized, with one-third outsourced for cash logistics. This represents a massive untapped market. CMS's 360-degree retail solution integrates cash logistics, AloT-based monitoring, and real-time settlement processes. Key sectors include fuel, automotive, government, e-commerce logistics, and healthcare.

Vision AI – remote monitoring offering

- The Vision AI platform (CMSINFO's remote monitoring offering) has an aggressive goal of growing from the current 30,000 sites to 50,000 in the near term. The overall software business which is 7% of the revenue should cross 10% of the revenue by FY27E.
- Focused on deploying Al-driven monitoring for both ATMs and bank branches, which remain under-penetrated (<20% adoption of monitoring solutions).
- The proprietary tech stack with AI modules enables proactive incident prevention, enhancing client satisfaction and operational efficiency. CMS has on boarded quick commerce clients for its Vision AI platform, particularly for dark store monitoring and operational efficiency.
- Pilots are underway for fleet monitoring, ambulance management, and in-store AloT integration. The offers a unified command and control platform to ensure compliance, hygiene, and efficiency at dark stores.

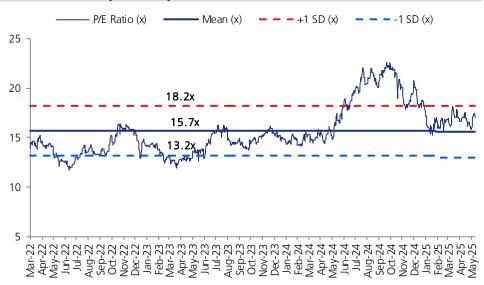
Exhibit 1. CMS Info System	ms – 4QFY2!	5 results rev	iew							
Year End March31 (INR mn)	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q4FY25E
Total Revenues	5,116	5,437	5,823	6,271	22,647	5,994	6,245	5,815	6,191	6,749
YoY	13%	15%	19%	25%	18%	17%	15%	0%	-1%	8%
Total Raw Material Costs	(233)	(369)	(522)	(825)	(1,949)	(655)	(825)	(309)	(601)	(692)
% of sales	4.5%	6.8%	9.0%	13.2%	8.6%	10.9%	13.2%	5.3%	9.7%	10.2%
Gross Profit	4,883	5,068	5,301	5, 44 6	20,698	5,340	5,420	5,506	5,590	6,058
YoY	16%	16%	15%	14%	15%	9%	7%	4%	3%	11%
GP Margin %	95.5%	93.2%	91.0%	86.8%	91.4%	89.1%	86.8%	94.7%	90.3%	89.8%
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Employee Expenses % of sales	(733)	(850)	(861)	(878)	(3,321)	(860)	(869)	(871)	(845)	(953)
% of sales Other expenses	14.3%	15.6%	14.8%	14.0%	14.7%	14.3%	13.9%	15.0%	13.7%	14.1%
% of sales	(2,674)	(2,762) 50.8%	(2,932) 50.3%	(3,014) 48.1%	(11,382) 50.3%	(2,957) 49.3%	(3,021) 48.4%	(3,040) 52.3%	(3,124) 50.5%	(3,293) 48.8%
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EBITDA	1,476	1,456	1,508	1,554	5,995	1,523	1,530	1,595	1,621	1,811
YoY	19%	9%	11%	8%	11%	3%	5%	6%	4%	17%
EBITDA Margin %	28.9%	26.8%	25.9%	24.8%	26.5%	25.4%	24.5%	27.4%	26.2%	26.8%
Total D&A Expense	(364)	(364)	(377)	(397)	(1,502)	(388)	(389)	(410)	(427)	(454)
EBIT	1,112	1,093	1,131	1,157	4,493	1,135	1,140	1,184	1,194	1,357
YoY	18%	9%	10%	6%	11%	2%	4%	5%	3%	17%
EBIT Margin %	21.7%	20.1%	19.4%	18.5%	19.8%	18.9%	18.3%	20.4%	19.3%	20.1%
Other Income	67	83	78	112	340	115	137	117	138	106
Finance Costs	(42)	(41)	(39)	(40)	(162)	(37)	(52)	(47)	(46)	(54)
PBT	1,137	1,135	1,170	1,229	4,671	1,213	1,225	1,254	1,286	1,410
YoY	23%	16%	13%	14%	16%	7%	8%	7%	5%	15%
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Income Tax Expense	(294)	(292)	(299)	(314)	(1,199)	(305)	(316)	(322)	(311)	(354)
Rate %	25.9%	25.7%	25.6%	25.6%	25.7%	25.1%	25.8%	25.7%	24.1%	25.1%
Net Profit	843	844	871 15.00/	914	3,471	908	909	932	976	1,055
PAT Margins	16.5%	15.5%	15.0%	14.6%	15.3%	15.1%	14.6%	16.0%	15.8%	15.6%
YoY	22%	16%	15%	14%	17%	8%	8%	7%	7%	15%

Exhibit 2. CMS Info Systems – segmental 4QFY25 results review									
Year End March31 (INR mn)	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25
Segmental Revenue									
Cash Management Services	3,507	3,605	3,750	3,882	14,744	3,871	3,899	4,044	4,138
YoY	12%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%	8%	8%	7%
Managed Services	1,642	1,821	2,126	2,374	7,963	2,216	2,467	1,905	2,267
YoY	12%	17%	36%	55%	30%	35%	35%	-10%	-5%
Cards	181	239	200	273	894	179	170	194	177
YoY	90%	193%	62%	62%	90%	-2%	-29%	-3%	-35%
(-) Inter-segment sales	(215)	(229)	(252)	(258)	(954)	(271)	(290)	(329)	(391)
Total Segment Revenue	5,116	5,437	5,823	6,271	22,647	5,994	6,245	5,815	6,191
Segmental EBIT									
Cash Management Services	939	953	976	984	3,851	986	973	1,034	1,020
EBIT Margin %	26.8%	26.4%	26.0%	25.3%	26.1%	25.5%	25.0%	25.6%	24.7%
Managed Services	328	362	376	380	1,445	359	351	313	342
EBIT Margin %	19.9%	19.9%	17.7%	16.0%	18.1%	16.2%	14.2%	16.4%	15.1%
Cards	14	27	35	54	129	49	47	62	47
EBIT Margin %	7.6%	11.1%	17.4%	19.7%	14.4%	27.3%	27.8%	32.1%	26.6%
Total Segment EBIT	1,280	1,341	1,386	1,418	5,425	1,394	1,372	1,410	1,409

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 3. CMS Info Systems – EPS revision table							
Year End Mar 31 (INR mn)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E				
Revenues							
Old	28,312	31,755	NA				
New	27,458	30,630	34,195				
Chg	-3.0%	-3.5%	NA				
EBITDA							
Old	7,364	8,304	NA				
New	7,126	7,987	9,041				
Chg	-3.2%	-3.8%	NA				
EBITDA Margins							
Old	26.0%	26.2%	NA				
New	26.0%	26.1%	26.4%				
bps	(6)	(8)	NA				
PAT							
Old	4,419	4,989	NA				
New	4,280	4,793	5,455				
Chg	-3.1%	-3.9%	NA				
FD EPS							
Old	25.3	28.6	NA				
New	24.5	27.5	31.2				
Chg	-3.1%	-4.0%	NA				

Exhibit 4. CMS Info Systems - 1-yr forward P/E chart



Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement	Income Statement (INR mn)							
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Net Sales	22,647	24,245	27,458	30,630	34,195			
Sales Growth	18.3%	7.1%	13.2%	11.6%	11.6%			
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Revenue	22,647	24,245	27,458	30,630	34,195			
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	1,949	2,389	2,197	2,450	2,736			
Personnel Cost	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Expenses	14,703	15,588	18,135	20,193	22,418			
EBITDA	5,995	6,268	7,126	7,987	9,041			
EBITDA Margin	26.5%	25.9%	26.0%	26.1%	26.4%			
EBITDA Growth	11.5%	4.6%	13.7%	12.1%	13.2%			
Depn. & Amort.	1,502	1,615	1,843	2,073	2,303			
EBIT	4,493	4,654	5,283	5,914	6,738			
Other Income	337	507	542	580	621			
Finance Cost	162	182	152	136	116			
PBT before Excep. & Forex	4,667	4,978	5,673	6,358	7,243			
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	3	0	50	50	50			
PBT	4,671	4,978	5,723	6,408	7,293			
Taxes	1,199	1,254	1,442	1,615	1,838			
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0			
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0			
Reported Net Profit	3,471	3,725	4,280	4,793	5,455			
Adjusted Net Profit	3,471	3,725	4,280	4,793	5,455			
Net Margin	15.3%	15.4%	15.6%	15.6%	16.0%			
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6			
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.9	21.3	24.5	27.5	31.2			
Diluted EPS Growth	10.2%	7.3%	14.9%	12.0%	13.8%			
Total Dividend + Tax	938	1,561	1,397	1,561	1,726			
Dividend Per Share (INR)	5.8	9.5	8.5	9.5	10.5			

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	19,468	22,665	25,548	28,780	32,510
Share Capital	1,628	1,644	1,644	1,644	1,644
Reserves & Surplus	17,840	21,021	23,905	27,137	30,866
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	0	0	0	0	0
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	-390	-399	-399	-399	-399
Total - Equity & Liab.	19,077	22,267	25,150	28,382	32,111
Net Fixed Assets	6,983	8,595	8,752	8,679	8,376
Gross Fixed Assets	9,506	11,269	13,269	15,269	17,269
Intangible Assets	2,061	2,061	2,061	2,061	2,061
Less: Depn. & Amort.	4,765	6,380	8,223	10,296	12,599
Capital WIP	181	1,645	1,645	1,645	1,645
Investments	600	1,255	1,255	1,255	1,255
Current Assets	18,612	20,951	23,218	26,676	30,882
Inventories	1,269	796	732	816	911
Sundry Debtors	7,197	8,146	9,594	11,130	12,923
Cash & Bank Balances	2,670	2,957	3,993	6,031	8,579
Loans & Advances	0	0	0	0	0
Other Current Assets	7,476	9,053	8,900	8,698	8,469
Current Liab. & Prov.	7,118	8,534	8,075	8,228	8,402
Current Liabilities	5,632	5,134	4,675	4,828	5,002
Provisions & Others	1,486	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Net Current Assets	11,495	12,417	15,143	18,448	22,480
Total – Assets	19,077	22,267	25,150	28,382	32,111

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	4,671	4,978	5,723	6,408	7,293
Depn. & Amort.	1,502	1,615	1,843	2,073	2,303
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	0	0	0	0	0
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-644	372	-1,731	-1,317	-1,540
Others	-22	-8	0	0	0
Taxes Paid	-1,199	-1,254	-1,442	-1,615	-1,838
Operating Cash Flow	4,308	5,703	4,393	5,550	6,218
Capex	-1,414	-3,227	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000
Free Cash Flow	2,894	2,476	2,393	3,550	4,218
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-2,059	-1,312	0	0	0
Others	126	-437	217	269	300
Investing Cash Flow	-3,347	-4,976	-1,783	-1,731	-1,700
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	1,310	1,034	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-938	-1,561	-1,397	-1,561	-1,726
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-225	87	-176	-219	-244
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Financing Cash Flow	147	-440	-1,573	-1,781	-1,970
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	1,108	286	1,036	2,039	2,548
Opening Cash Balance	1,563	2,670	2,957	3,993	6,031
Closing Cash Balance	2,670	2,957	3,993	6,031	8,579

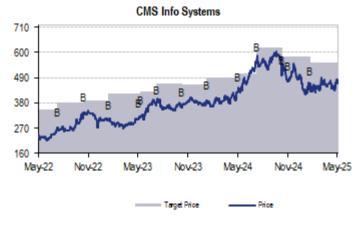
Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Margin	15.3%	15.4%	15.6%	15.6%	16.0%
Asset Turnover (x)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Leverage Factor (x)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
RoE	19.8%	17.7%	17.8%	17.6%	17.8%

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	119.3	137.9	155.4	175.1	197.8
ROIC	22.3%	20.1%	20.4%	21.2%	22.8%
ROE	19.8%	17.7%	17.8%	17.6%	17.8%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
P/E (x)	23.4	21.8	19.0	17.0	14.9
P/B (x)	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.2	11.6	10.1	8.8	7.5
EV/Sales (x)	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.0
Debtor days	116	123	128	133	138
Inventory days	20	12	10	10	10
Creditor days	88	71	58	58	58

Source: Company, JM Financial

History of Recommendation and Target Price				
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.	
25-Apr-22	Buy	350		
11-May-22	Buy	350	0.0	
28-Jul-22	Buy	380	8.6	
2-Nov-22	Buy	390	2.6	
30-Jan-23	Buy	420	7.7	
23-May-23	Buy	420	0.0	
29-May-23	Buy	430	2.4	
25-Jul-23	Buy	465	8.1	
26-Oct-23	Buy	460	-1.1	
25-Jan-24	Buy	490	6.5	
20-May-24	Buy	510	4.1	
27-Jul-24	Buy	620	21.6	
28-Oct-24	Buy	580	-6.5	
18-Nov-24	Buy	580	0.0	
6-Feb-25	Buy	555	-4.3	

Recommendation History



APPENDIX I

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Definition of ratings		
Rating	Meaning	
Buy	Total expected returns of more than 10% for stocks with market capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and more than 15% for all other stocks, over the next twelve months. Total expected return includes dividend yields.	
Hold	Price expected to move in the range of 10% downside to 10% upside from the current market price for stocks with market capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and in the range of 10% downside to 15% upside from the current market price for all other stocks, over the next twelve months.	
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