In-line results; deleveraging awaited



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Vodafone Idea (VI) reported broadly in-line results, with 1.6% QoQ increase each in revenue and EBITDA. The decline in subscribers (1mn QoQ) has now settled at a much lower level, compared to the 3.6mn QoQ average in FY25. While the subscriber base and the P&L have stabilized, leverage remains high; The Supreme Court (SC) has allowed the government to reassess VI's AGR dues (Rs759bn as of Mar-25). While this will reduce leverage to an extent, VI's current EBITDA is insufficient to service the remaining debt (Rs1.96trn as of Mar-25), keeping in mind the requisite capex roadmap. This mandates further capital infusion and/or relief from the spectrum debt. In the absence of any clarity on the same and expensive valuations (14.8x FY27E EV/EBITDA), we maintain SELL with a TP of Rs6.

Subscriber decline has been arrested

VI reported revenue of Rs111.9bn (Street: Rs111.4bn), up 1.6% QoQ, with 1.2% QoQ increase in ARPU to Rs167, while the subscriber base declined by 1mn QoQ to 196.7mn. ARPU increase for VI was the same as that of Reliance Jio (1.2% QoQ) and lower compared to Bharti Airtel (2.3% QoQ). While VI's data subscriber base declined by 0.1mn QoQ to 134.7mn, its 4G/5G subscriber base increased by 0.4mn QoQ to 127.8mn. EBITDA increased 1.6% QoQ to Rs46.9bn (Street: Rs46.4bn), with flat EBITDA margins QoQ. Reported PAT was Rs-55.2bn vs the Street's expectation of Rs66.4bn.

Capital raise and deleveraging remain key for sustainable operations

The SC has allowed the government to reconsider VI's AGR liabilities; considering this to be a matter within the policy domain of the Union, the government itself has a substantial equity, and the issue is likely to have a direct bearing on 200mn consumers. With this, the government will now have a wiggle room to create a plan for long-term sustainability of the company. We note that of the total debt of Rs1.96trn, Rs0.76trn pertains to AGR liabilities and Rs1.18trn pertains to spectrum debt (as of Mar-25). With this, leverage remains high even without AGR dues, and the government will have to consider a plan to reduce spectrum debt. We believe that further capital infusion and restructuring of spectrum and AGR dues are critical for long-term sustainability of the company.

Outlook and valuations: Awaiting government's decision; expensive valuations We see the SC's favorable decision as a step toward creating a more competitive telecom market in India, as we await the government's plan and how it intends to resolve the high spectrum debt of VI. Any policy change toward spectrum costs can potentially benefit other telecom operators; however, we await more clarity on the same. We note that VI's valuations at 14.8x FY27E EV/EBITDA are expensive. We maintain SELL, considering the high leverage, high valuations, and lack of clarity regarding the

government's stance on spectrum debt. Our TP of Rs6 is on 12x TTM Q2FY28E EBITDA.

Vodafone Idea: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)								
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Revenue	426,517	435,713	458,173	503,592	554,225			
EBITDA	171,260	181,266	195,994	228,092	259,045			
Adj. PAT	(319,939)	(273,834)	(265,819)	(261,527)	(207,612)			
Adj. EPS (Rs)	(6.4)	(3.8)	(2.5)	(2.4)	(1.9)			
EBITDA margin (%)	40.2	41.6	42.8	45.3	46.7			
EBITDA growth (%)	1.8	5.8	8.1	16.4	13.6			
Adj. EPS growth (%)	0	0	0	0	0			
RoE (%)	0	0	0	0	0			
RoIC (%)	(4.2)	(3.0)	(2.3)	(0.5)	2.9			
P/E (x)	(1.6)	(2.6)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(5.3)			
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.4	15.6	16.3	14.8	13.6			
P/B (x)	(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(0.8)			
FCFF yield (%)	3.5	(0.3)	1.8	1.2	2.4			

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Sep-26
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(40.0)

Stock Data	IDEA IN
52-week High (Rs)	11
52-week Low (Rs)	6
Shares outstanding (mn)	108,343.0
Market-cap (Rs bn)	1,109
Market-cap (USD mn)	12,527
Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn)	2,089,720.0
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	798
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	8,643.2
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	97.6
Free float (%)	25.4
Nifty-50	25,694.9
INR/USD	88.6
Shareholding,Sep-25	
Promoters (%)	25.6

Price Perform	nance		
(%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	13.3	55.2	30.8

11.5

48.4

FPIs/MFs (%)

Rel. to Nifty

6.0/4.8

22.9



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Exhibit 1:	Quarterl	performance	summary
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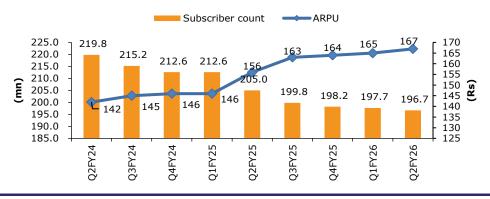
(Rs mn)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Net Sales	109,322	111,173	110,135	110,225	111,947	2.4	1.6
Roaming & Access charge	11,353	11,808	11,961	11,139	11,357	0.0	2.0
as % of sales	10.4	10.6	10.9	10.1	10.1	0.0	2.0
Network Operating	23,566	23,635	23,255	23,493	23,625	0.3	0.6
as % of sales	21.6	21.3	21.1	21.3	21.1	0.5	0.0
Employee Expenses	5,854	5,493	5,495	5,435	6,072	3.7	11.7
as % of sales	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.4		
Marketing Expenses	11,305	11,200	12,064	11,875	11,774	4.1	(0.9)
as % of sales	10.3	10.1	11.0	10.8	10.5		
License Fee	9,312	9,443	9,283	9,473	9,595	3.0	1.3
as % of sales	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.6		
Administrative expenses	2,434	2,470	1,480	2,689	2,673	9.8	(0.6)
as % of sales	2.2	2.2	1.3	2.4	2.4		
Total operating expenditure	63,824	64,049	63,538	64,104	65,096	2.0	1.5
EBITDA	45,498	47,124	46,597	46,121	46,851	3.0	1.6
Depreciation	54,044	56,288	55,713	54,721	55,675	3.0	1.7
EBIT	(8,546)	(9,164)	(9,116)	(8,600)	(8,824)	NA	NA
Interest	63,136	56,904	62,565	57,511	46,825	(25.8)	(18.6)
Exceptional Item	-	-	-	-	(376)		
РВТ	(71,682)	(66,068)	(71,681)	(66,111)	(55,273)	NA	NA
Tax	78	25	-	(30)	(31)	(139.7)	NA
PAT prior to profit from associates	(71,760)	(66,093)	(71,681)	(66,081)	(55,242)	NA	NA
Adjustments/Profit from Associates	(3)	-	20	-	-		
RPAT	(71,763)	(66,093)	(71,661)	(66,081)	(55,242)	NA	NA
Margins (%)						(bps)	(bps)
EBITDA	41.6	42.4	42.3	41.8	41.9	23	1
EBIT	(7.8)	(8.2)	(8.3)	(7.8)	(7.9)	(7)	(8)
PBT	(65.6)	(59.4)	(65.1)	(60.0)	(49.4)	1,620	1,060
PAT	(65.6)	(59.5)	(65.1)	(60.0)	(49.3)	1,630	1,060
Effective Tax rate	(0.1)	(0.0)	_	0.0	0.1	16	1

КРІ	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
EoP subscribers	205	200	198	198	197	(4.0)	(0.5)
VLR Subscriber (mn)	180	177	175	173	172	(4.5)	(0.7)
Data subscribers (mn)	135	134	134	135	135	(0.1)	(0.1)
4G subscribers	126	126	126	127	128	1.5	0.3
ARPU (Rs)	156	163	164	165	167	7.1	1.2
Minutes on Network (mn)	365,000	360,000	357,000	350,000	346,000	(5.2)	(1.1)
Data volume (Petabyte)	5,992	5,859	6,166	6,748	7,275	21.4	7.8

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 2: ARPU and subscriber base trend in the last 9 quarters



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Q2FY26 Earnings Call KTAs

- The company is in talks with the GoI and the DoT on matters related to additional AGR demand as well as AGR dues up to FY16. The management declined to give a timeline for the decisions pertaining to AGR.
- The company is actively engaged in conversations with multiple banks and NBFCs for raising funds.
- The management guided for Rs75-80bn capex over the next 2 quarters.
- 4G network coverage reached 84%, and the management guided for 90% over the next 2 quarters. The management said that the capex required would be ~Rs40bn.
- The management believes that once the company achieves its target of 90% 4G coverage, subscriber losses, which are decelerating right now, will turn into net subscriber additions.
- The sharp decline in interest costs was on account of reversal of provisions made in agreement with lenders in the previous quarters. It was not to do with the end of moratorium period.
- The next phase of capex will be focusing on 4G coverage expansion (84% to 90%), with 4G and 5G layer additions as well as updation of the core and transmission network. The company also plans to add capacity to places with spectrum traffic congestion. Capacity expansion will be done for 5G.
- 5G network coverage has expanded to 29 cities. 5G rollout in 25 of the 29 cities started in Q2FY26. In these new cities, Vi is offering 1.5GB/day pack at Rs299 per month, while peers have moved their starter packs to 2GB/day packs at Rs349+.
- The management commented that SC's AGR judgment should not affect tariff hike. It added that the tariff hike is contingent on how the telecom industry shapes up as well as what stance the telecom leaders pursue.
- 5G rollout currently is based on the NSA architecture, which is capable of moving to SA architecture.
- Non-wireless revenue, business (enterprise) revenue saw a sharp jump without any oneoff extraordinary item. The management highlighted strong demand for its enterpriseaimed product lines: SDWAN, CCaaS (in partnership with Genesys), IoT, multicloud solutions, data centers, etc.
- The management highlighted strong performance of Vi app, which is a one-stop app for ticket booking, streaming movies and 300+ TV channels, Vi Finance: insurance, personal loans, FDs (in partnership with Aditya Birla Capital and Instamoney). Vi has introduced

This rejan AI engine for fraudulent call detection named VI Protect: M. emkay @whitemarquesolution

VI is evaluating 5G RAN equipment of various vendors; it is yet to finalize one.

Vodafone Idea: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	426,517	435,713	458,173	503,592	554,225
Revenue growth (%)	1.1	2.2	5.2	9.9	10.1
EBITDA	171,260	181,266	195,994	228,092	259,045
EBITDA growth (%)	1.8	5.8	8.1	16.4	13.6
Depreciation & Amortization	226,335	219,732	223,354	233,102	232,756
EBIT	(55,075)	(38,466)	(27,360)	(5,010)	26,289
EBIT growth (%)	0	0	0	0	0
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Financial expense	256,523	235,228	238,520	256,518	233,901
PBT	(311,598)	(273,694)	(265,880)	(261,527)	(207,612)
Extraordinary items	7,555	0	376	0	0
Taxes	8,286	158	(61)	0	0
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	(55)	18	0	0	0
Reported PAT	(312,384)	(273,834)	(265,443)	(261,527)	(207,612)
PAT growth (%)	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted PAT	(319,939)	(273,834)	(265,819)	(261,527)	(207,612)
Diluted EPS (Rs)	(6.4)	(3.8)	(2.5)	(2.4)	(1.9)
Diluted EPS growth (%)	0	0	0	0	0
DPS (Rs)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend payout (%)	0	0	0	0	0
EBITDA margin (%)	40.2	41.6	42.8	45.3	46.7
EBIT margin (%)	(12.9)	(8.8)	(6.0)	(1.0)	4.7
Effective tax rate (%)	(2.7)	(0.1)	-	0	0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	(56,540)	(38,488)	(27,354)	(5,010)	26,289
Shares outstanding (mn)	50,120	71,393	108,340	108,340	108,340

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	501,198	713,930	1,083,400	1,083,400	1,083,400
Reserves & Surplus	(1,542,866)	(1,417,132)	(2,052,075)	(2,313,602)	(2,521,214)
Net worth	(1,041,668)	(703,202)	(968,675)	(1,230,202)	(1,437,814)
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-
Non-current liab. & prov.	5,088	2,642	2,642	2,642	2,642
Total debt	2,464,650	2,198,413	2,198,413	2,288,413	2,318,413
Total liabilities & equity	1,432,190	1,502,157	1,236,684	1,065,156	887,544
Net tangible fixed assets	521,765	561,954	489,675	454,583	436,956
Net intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net ROU assets	563,241	589,921	619,921	669,921	719,921
Capital WIP	6,388	24,720	24,720	24,720	24,720
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Investments [JV/Associates]	3	3	3	3	3
Cash & equivalents	5,855	105,688	108,693	23,284	(86,259)
Current assets (ex-cash)	123,182	204,701	209,806	212,295	215,069
Current Liab. & Prov.	417,593	476,395	626,656	632,130	640,218
NWC (ex-cash)	(294,411)	(271,694)	(416,849)	(419,835)	(425,148)
Total assets	1,432,190	1,502,157	1,236,653	1,065,156	887,544
Net debt	2,458,795	2,092,725	2,089,720	2,265,129	2,404,672
Capital employed	1,432,190	1,502,157	1,236,684	1,065,156	887,544
Invested capital	1,282,345	1,298,906	1,030,397	944,309	876,240
BVPS (Rs)	(20.8)	(9.8)	(8.9)	(11.4)	(13.3)
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(2.4)	(3.0)	(2.2)	(1.8)	(1.7)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	14.4	11.5	10.7	9.9	9.3
Interest coverage (x)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	-	0.1
RoCE (%)	(3.7)	(2.6)	(2.0)	(0.4)	2.7

Balance Sheet

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT (ex-other income)	(304,098)	(273,694)	(265,504)	(261,527)	(207,612)
Others (non-cash items)	(7,327)	(1,062)	0	0	0
Taxes paid	29,704	4,755	30	31	0
Change in NWC	6,425	(92,556)	(4,845)	2,985	5,313
Operating cash flow	208,261	92,906	213,923	265,225	345,198
Capital expenditure	(16,139)	(100,050)	(100,000)	(150,000)	(170,000)
Acquisition of business	0	0	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	422	4,523	0	0	0
Investing cash flow	(19,068)	(162,483)	(100,000)	(150,000)	(170,000)
Equity raised/(repaid)	1	241,372	(30)	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	20,000	10,000	150,000	90,000	30,000
Payment of lease liabilities	(87,138)	(132,889)	(55,399)	(73,865)	(92,331)
Interest paid	(28,678)	(20,902)	(205,489)	(216,769)	(222,409)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(93,988)	(27,114)	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	(189,803)	70,467	(110,918)	(200,634)	(284,740)
Net chg in Cash	(610)	890	3,005	(85,409)	(109,543)
OCF	208,261	92,906	213,923	265,225	345,198
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	201,836	185,462	218,768	262,240	339,884
FCFF	104,984	(7,144)	58,524	41,360	82,866
FCFE	(151,117)	(237,849)	(179,995)	(215,158)	(151,035)
OCF/EBITDA (%)	121.6	51.3	109.1	116.3	133.3
FCFE/PAT (%)	48.4	86.9	67.8	82.3	72.7
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	(185.7)	18.6	(214.0)	(825.6)	315.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios						
Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	
P/E (x)	(1.6)	(2.6)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(5.3)	
EV/CE(x)	2.1	1.9	2.6	3.2	4.0	
P/B (x)	(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(0.8)	
EV/Sales (x)	7.0	6.5	7.0	6.7	6.3	
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.4	15.6	16.3	14.8	13.6	
EV/EBIT(x)	(54.0)	(73.4)	(116.9)	(673.6)	133.7	
EV/IC (x)	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.6	4.0	
FCFF yield (%)	3.5	(0.3)	1.8	1.2	2.4	
FCFE yield (%)	(13.6)	(21.4)	(16.2)	(19.4)	(13.6)	
Dividend yield (%)	0	0	0	0	0	
DuPont-RoE split						
Net profit margin (%)	(75.0)	(62.8)	(58.0)	(51.9)	(37.5)	
Total asset turnover (x)	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	2.0	
Assets/Equity (x)	(1.1)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(0.5)	(0.2)	
RoE (%)	0	0	0	0	0	
DuPont-RoIC						
NOPLAT margin (%)	(13.3)	(8.8)	(6.0)	(1.0)	4.7	
IC turnover (x)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	
RoIC (%)	(4.2)	(3.0)	(2.3)	(0.5)	2.9	
Operating metrics						
Core NWC days	(251.9)	(227.6)	(332.1)	(304.3)	(280.0)	
Total NWC days	(251.9)	(227.6)	(332.1)	(304.3)	(280.0)	
Fixed asset turnover	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Opex-to-revenue (%)	59.8	58.4	57.2	54.7	53.3	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (Rs)	TP (Rs)	Rating	Analyst
27-Oct-25	10	6	Sell	Pranav Kshatriya
26-Aug-25	7	6	Sell	Pranav Kshatriya
30-Jun-24	18		Under Review	Sabri Hazarika

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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