# Saregama India

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# Video segment drives revenue growth; margins muted

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Saragama's strong headline numbers masked the weakness in music licensing revenue. Consolidated revenue grew 40.3% YoY, aided by strong growth in the video segment. Music Licensing revenue growth was soft, up 8% YoY in Q2, despite the impact of select platforms moving to a paid model now being completely factored in. EBITDA margin of 25.2% fell short of our estimate on account of higher growth in the lower-margin video segment and elevated content investments. Despite some softness, mgmt upheld its prior mediumterm revenue and margin guidance. We believe pickup in Music Licensing revenue growth will be the key driver for stock performance – seasonality is biased toward 2H, so a robust performance could cover the 1H weakness. We cut FY25-27E EPS by 3-8%, building in the Q2 performance, slightly lower music

segment growth for FY25, and the slower margin trajectory. We roll forward to Sep-26E, retaining BUY and DCF-based TP of Rs580 (implied FY26 PER of 41x).

Saregama India: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)									
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E				
Revenue	7,366	8,030	10,608	12,769	15,344				
EBITDA	2,210	2,466	2,931	3,879	4,987				
Adj. PAT	1,853	1,976	2,066	2,691	3,499				
Adj. EPS (Rs)	9.6	10.2	10.7	14.0	18.1				
EBITDA margin (%)	30.0	30.7	27.6	30.4	32.5				
EBITDA growth (%)	18.1	11.6	18.9	32.3	28.6				
Adj. EPS growth (%)	21.5	6.6	4.5	30.3	30.0				
RoE (%)	13.6	14.1	13.5	15.9	18.2				
RoIC (%)	31.8	19.9	16.0	18.0	20.6				
P/E (x)	51.9	48.7	46.6	35.7	27.5				
EV/EBITDA (x)	39.7	36.1	30.7	23.3	18.0				
P/B (x)	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.4	4.7				
FCFF yield (%)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.5)	(0.1)	1.2				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

#### **Results Summary**

Saregama's revenue grew 17.8% QoQ/40.3% YoY to Rs2.4bn, ahead of our estimate of Rs2.2bn. The Music segment (including Licensing and *Carvaan*) declined 2.6% YoY/grew 7.7% QoQ to Rs1.5bn, slightly lower than our estimate. *Carvaan* revenue declined 39.8% QoQ to Rs212mn. The Video segment saw strong growth of 54.7% QoQ to Rs720mn with the theatrical release of 'Nunakuzhi' and OTT release of 'Manorathangal'. The Artist management vertical saw growth of 4.2% QoQ, with the company adding >30 artists/influencers, taking the total number to >180. Reported EBITDA was flat YoY/grew 18.2% QoQ to Rs608mn. Reported EBITDAM was 25.2%, falling short of our estimate of 26.5%. Adjusted EBITDA stood at Rs842mn, with a margin of 34.8%. Overall PAT grew 21.6% QoQ to Rs449mn. In the Music segment, YouTube (YT) views grew 63% QoQ (partly attributed to the YT shorts campaign) to 150bn. *Carvaan* sales declined, from 142k in Q1 to 108k in Q2. **What we liked:** Growth in the Video segment **What we did not like:** Muted performance in Music Licensing, weak margin.

#### **Earnings Call KTAs**

1) Music Licensing: Recently acquired music has done well. Songs from movies 'Bad Nez' and 'Stree 2' have been chartbusters across multiple platforms. Saregama has released over 400 originals across languages, with a strong lineup ahead. Rs10bn will be invested in new content over the next 3 years which should keep the company on a strong long-term growth path. Paid subscription and better monetization of short form content can act as key triggers for higher growth. 2) Video: The Video segment is strategically important for the company, as it is not only growing on its own but also safeguards the company's music interest. The segment is still in the nascent stage and can see growth of 30%. 3) Events: There are mainly two sources of revenue: ticketing and sponsorship. 13 concerts of Diljit Dosanjh are scheduled in Q3FY25 – 12 in India and 1 in the Middle East. The Events segment is low margin, but IRR business. 4) *Carvaan*: Over the next 6 months, *Carvaan* will be completely moved out of mom-and-pop shops, and sold only through e-commerce and modern trade stores. 5) PBT growth for FY25 should be modest vs last year, but should outpace revenue growth after 5-6 quarters.

#### **TARGET PRICE (Rs): 580**

Target Price - 12M	Sep-25
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	16.2
CMP (06-Nov-24) (Rs)	499.0

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	689
52-week Low (Rs)	326
Shares outstanding (mn)	192.8
Market-cap (Rs bn)	96
Market-cap (USD mn)	1,141
Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn)	-6,316
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	2
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	877.7
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	10.4
Free float (%)	40.7
Nifty-50	24,484
INR/USD	84.3
Shareholding, Sep-24	
Promoters (%)	59.4
FPIs/MFs (%)	17.3/4.0

Price Performance						
(%)	1M	3M	12M			
Absolute	(17.9)	(1.2)	44.7			
Rel. to Nifty	(16.2)	(3.2)	14.8			

## 1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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**Exhibit 1: Quarterly financial performance** 

(Rs mn)	Q2FY25	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	Q2FY24	YoY (%)
Net sales	2,418	2,053	17.8	1,724	40.3
Operating expenses	1,810	1,538	17.7	1,115	62.4
EBITDA	608	515	18.2	609	0.0
Margins (%)	25.2	25.1		35.3	
Depreciation	136.4	127	7.1	83	65.3
EBIT	472	387	21.9	526	-10.3
Margins (%)	19.5	18.9		30.5	
Interest Paid	4	2	104.8	2	95.5
Other income	125	122	2.9	132	-5.1
Non-recurring items					
Pre-tax profit	593	507	17.0	656	-9.6
Tax provided	144	136	5.4	176	-18.5
Profit after tax	450	371	21.2	480	-6.3
Minority	1	2	-70.6	-1	-145.5
Emkay Net profit	449	369	21.6	481	-6.7
EPS (Rs)	2.3	1.9	21.6	2.5	-6.6

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 2: Actual vs Estimates (Q2FY25)** 

(Rs mn)	Actual	Estimate	Variation	Comments
(KS IIII)	Actual	(Emkay)	Emkay	
Revenue	2,418	2,150	12.5%	Better performance of the Video segment
EBITDA	608	570	6.8%	Aided by higher revenue growth
EBIT margin	25.2%	26.5%	-130bps	Impacted by better growth in the low-margin Video segment and higher investment in content
PAT	449	421	6.7%	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 3: Change in estimates** 

(Rs mn)	FY25E			FY26E			FY27E		
(KS IIIII)	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change
Revenue	10,918	10,608	-2.8%	13,105	12,769	-2.6%	15,566	15,344	-1.4%
EBITDA	3,145	2,931	-6.8%	4,084	3,879	-5.0%	5,137	4,987	-2.9%
EBITDA margin	28.8%	27.6%		31.2%	30.4%		33.0%	32.5%	
PAT	2,231	2,066	-7.4%	2,859	2,691	-5.9%	3,632	3,499	-3.7%
EPS (Rs)	11.6	10.7	-7.4%	14.8	14.0	-5.9%	18.8	18.1	-3.5%

Source: Emkay Research

# Saregama India: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	7,366	8,030	10,608	12,769	15,344
Revenue growth (%)	26.9	9.0	32.1	20.4	20.2
EBITDA	2,210	2,466	2,931	3,879	4,987
EBITDA growth (%)	18.1	11.6	18.9	32.3	28.6
Depreciation & Amortization	208	362	539	644	662
EBIT	2,002	2,104	2,392	3,235	4,325
EBIT growth (%)	15.0	5.1	13.7	35.3	33.7
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	536	637	401	394	384
Financial expense	57	32	33	33	33
PBT	2,481	2,708	2,760	3,596	4,676
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	630	732	695	905	1,177
Minority interest	(3)	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	1,853	1,976	2,066	2,691	3,499
PAT growth (%)	21.5	6.6	4.5	30.3	30.0
Adjusted PAT	1,853	1,976	2,066	2,691	3,499
Diluted EPS (Rs)	9.6	10.2	10.7	14.0	18.1
Diluted EPS growth (%)	21.5	6.6	4.5	30.3	30.0
DPS (Rs)	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dividend payout (%)	31.2	39.0	37.3	28.7	22.0
EBITDA margin (%)	30.0	30.7	27.6	30.4	32.5
EBIT margin (%)	27.2	26.2	22.5	25.3	28.2
Effective tax rate (%)	25.4	27.0	25.2	25.2	25.2
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	1,493	1,535	1,790	2,420	3,236
Shares outstanding (mn)	192.8	192.8	192.8	192.8	192.8

Source: Company, En	nkay Research
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Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	2,481	2,708	2,760	3,596	4,676
Others (non-cash items)	(432)	(400)	170	282	311
Taxes paid	(668)	(514)	(695)	(905)	(1,177)
Change in NWC	(447)	(862)	(600)	(645)	(770)
Operating cash flow	934	933	1,636	2,328	3,040
Capital expenditure	(1,031)	(923)	(2,100)	(2,393)	(1,969)
Acquisition of business	0	0	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	0	0	0	0	0
Investing cash flow	(1,481)	166	(1,699)	(1,999)	(1,585)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	0	(14)	0	0	0
Payment of lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(6)	(30)	(33)	(33)	(33)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(578)	(771)	(771)	(771)	(771)
Others	(168)	(33)	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	(752)	(849)	(804)	(804)	(804)
Net chg in Cash	(1,299)	250	(867)	(475)	651
OCF	934	933	1,636	2,328	3,040
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	488	71	1,036	1,683	2,269
FCFF	(97)	10	(464)	(65)	1,071
FCFE	(154)	(23)	(497)	(98)	1,038
OCF/EBITDA (%)	42.3	37.8	55.8	60.0	61.0
FCFE/PAT (%)	(8.3)	(1.1)	(24.0)	(3.6)	29.7
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	(6.5)	0.6	(25.9)	(2.7)	33.1

Source:	Company,	Emkay	Research

<b>Balance Sheet</b>					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	193	193	193	193	193
Reserves & Surplus	13,228	14,498	15,793	17,713	20,441
Net worth	13,421	14,691	15,986	17,906	20,634
Minority interests	34	35	34	34	34
Deferred tax liability (net)	464	474	474	474	474
Total debt	7	54	54	54	38
Total liabilities & equity	13,926	15,254	16,549	18,468	21,180
Net tangible fixed assets	2,207	2,238	2,884	3,519	3,557
Net intangible assets	1,183	5,185	6,100	7,214	8,483
Net ROU assets	7	7	7	7	7
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwill	0	0	0	0	0
Investments [JV/Associates]	21	21	21	21	21
Cash & equivalents	7,470	6,598	5,731	5,257	5,907
Current assets (ex-cash)	5,050	5,622	6,598	7,315	8,293
Current Liab. & Prov.	3,115	2,994	3,370	3,442	3,649
NWC (ex-cash)	1,935	2,629	3,228	3,873	4,644
Total assets	13,926	17,344	18,638	20,558	23,285
Net debt	(8,566)	(7,183)	(6,316)	(5,842)	(6,509)
Capital employed	13,926	15,254	16,549	18,468	21,180
Invested capital	5,331	10,085	12,246	14,641	16,718
BVPS (Rs)	69.6	76.2	82.9	92.9	107.0
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(3.9)	(2.9)	(2.2)	(1.5)	(1.3)
Interest coverage (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoCE (%)	17.9	18.8	17.6	20.7	23.8

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios							
Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E		
P/E (x)	51.9	48.7	46.6	35.7	27.5		
P/CE(x)	46.7	41.2	36.9	28.8	23.1		
P/B (x)	7.2	6.5	6.0	5.4	4.7		
EV/Sales (x)	11.9	11.1	8.5	7.1	5.8		
EV/EBITDA (x)	39.7	36.1	30.7	23.3	18.0		
EV/EBIT(x)	43.8	42.3	37.6	27.9	20.7		
EV/IC (x)	16.4	8.8	7.3	6.2	5.4		
FCFF yield (%)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.5)	(0.1)	1.2		
FCFE yield (%)	(0.2)	0.0	(0.5)	(0.1)	1.1		
Dividend yield (%)	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8		
DuPont-RoE split							
Net profit margin (%)	25.2	24.6	19.5	21.1	22.8		
Total asset turnover (x)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8		
Assets/Equity (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		
RoE (%)	13.6	14.1	13.5	15.9	18.2		
DuPont-RoIC							
NOPLAT margin (%)	20.3	19.1	16.9	19.0	21.1		
IC turnover (x)	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0		
RoIC (%)	31.8	19.9	16.0	18.0	20.6		
Operating metrics							
Core NWC days	95.9	119.5	111.1	110.7	110.5		
Total NWC days	95.9	119.5	111.1	110.7	110.5		
Fixed asset turnover	2.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1		
Opex-to-revenue (%)	39.5	40.4	37.7	36.7	36.0		

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS**

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
24-Aug-24	525	580	Buy	Pulkit Chawla
05-Aug-24	492	580	Buy	Pulkit Chawla
26-May-24	478	550	Buy	Pulkit Chawla
25-Mar-24	365	465	Buy	Pulkit Chawla
11-Feb-24	358	465	Buy	Pulkit Chawla
09-Dec-23	371	465	Buy	Pulkit Chawla

Source: Company, Emkay Research

#### **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND**



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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