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**CMP: INR1,089 TP: INR1,880 (+73%) Buy**



Bloomberg	COFORGE IN
Equity Shares (m)	335
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	365.8 / 3.9
52-Week Range (INR)	1994 / 1008
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-9/-31/-28
12M Avg Val (INR M)	4106

### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E Mar	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales	162.3	196.7	243.7
EBIT Margin (%)	13.8	14.0	14.3
PAT	13.9	20.2	25.3
EPS (INR)	41.3	57.5	72.1
Adj. PAT	16.1	20.2	25.3
Adj. EPS (INR)	46.9	57.5	72.1
Adj. EPS Gr. (%)	86.2	22.5	25.4
BV/Sh. (INR)	214.5	237.1	273.1

### Ratios

RoE (%)	16.2	20.8	23.4
RoCE (%)	16.7	17.5	19.5
Payout (%)	50.0	50.0	50.0

### Valuations

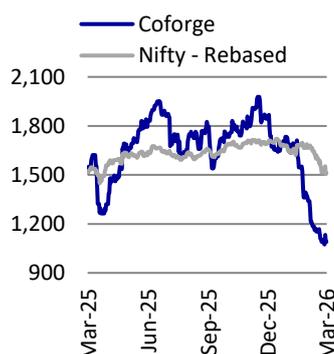
P/E (x)	26.3	18.9	15.1
P/BV (x)	5.1	4.6	4.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.9	10.0	7.9
Div Yield (%)	1.9	2.6	3.3

### Shareholding Pattern (%)

As On	Dec-25	Sep-25	Dec-24
Promoter	0.0	0.0	0.0
DII	53.7	54.9	47.9
FII	34.5	34.1	42.6
Others	11.8	11.0	9.6

FII Includes depository receipts

### Stock's performance (one-year)



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## Pricing in the extreme?

**Despite near-term risks, valuations look attractive after recent correction**

- Since the US–Iran conflict broke out, Coforge Ltd (COFORGE) has witnessed a decline of **9-10%** (45% from its peak) and underperformed some of its mid-cap peers by **2-9%** (refer to Exhibit 1); Coforge seems to have two disadvantages vs peers: (1) relatively higher exposure to the travel vertical vs peers, & (2) Middle East exposure.
- Even so, we believe the stock is currently pricing in an extreme bear-case scenario. As shown in Exhibit 3, the stock trades at 20x FY28E P/E, assuming a bear case of 10% organic constant currency growth rate in FY27/FY28E.
- At current levels, valuations appear attractive (19x/15x FY27/28E P/E), even on our pared estimates.
- COFORGE is now trading at large-cap multiples, and barring any extreme change in direction, we still expect it to remain one of the fastest-growing IT services companies, with scope for margin recovery in the near term.
- We believe COFORGE's strong executable order book and resilient client spending across verticals bode well for its organic business. Cross-sell opportunities in Cigniti remain highly synergistic for the company, and COFORGE's sales engine still remains the best in class.
- Factoring in travel-vertical risks, we pare our estimates by 4-6%. Additionally, considering AI-related uncertainties in IT services, we lower our target multiple to 26x (from 32x), valuing the stock at INR1,880, implying a 73% upside.

## Meaningful travel exposure remains sensitive amid war

- Travel and transportation is a key vertical for COFORGE, contributing ~22-23% of revenue as of 3QFY26. The company serves airlines, airports, OTAs, and hospitality clients.
- Travel has been by far COFORGE's fastest-growing vertical over the past three quarters, driven by the Sabre deal ramp-up.
- The Sabre deal is now fully ramped up, and the ongoing war could potentially slow growth in this vertical.

## MEA exposure weighs on uncertainty

- We assess that COFORGE has high exposure to the Middle East, with our estimates suggesting ~5% of revenues linked to the region.
- We do not believe this is material in the long term, but it may weigh on near-term revenue growth.
- If the war persists, we will monitor potential risks to deal closures in the MENA region for COFORGE.
- Our bear-case scenario assumes FY27–28E organic growth could moderate to ~10%, while post-Encora acquisition, we expect EPS dilution of 7-9% across FY27-28 in this scenario.

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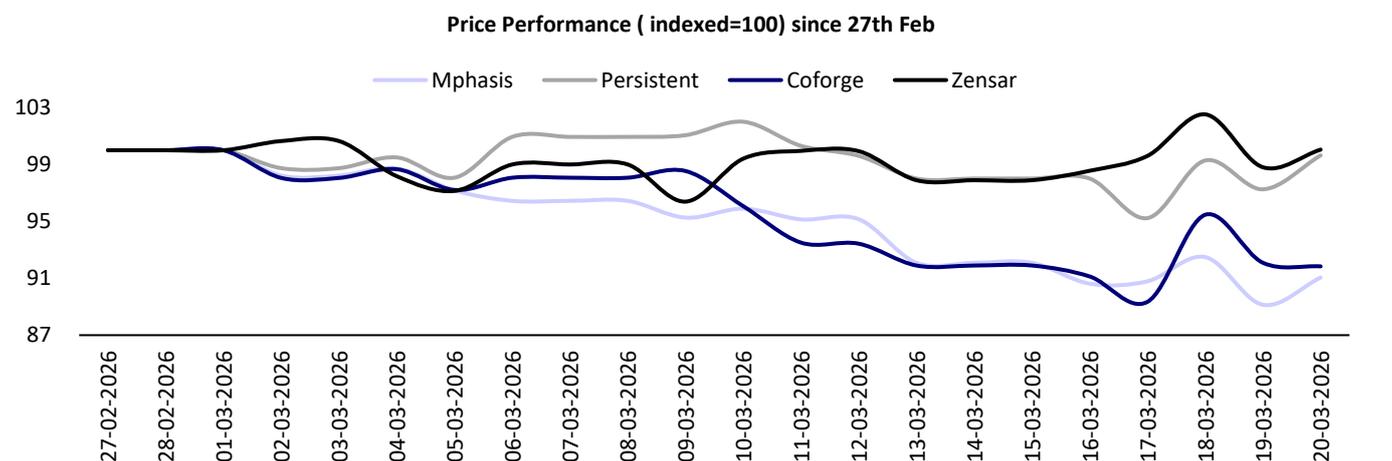
### Margin levers to provide room for expansion

- The company is now past its wage hike cycle, with levers such as lower ESOP costs and D&A expenses providing room for margin expansion going forward.
- We estimate EBIT margins to hover around 14%/14.3% in FY27/FY28, higher than the 13-13.5% range observed over the past couple of years.

### Valuations and view

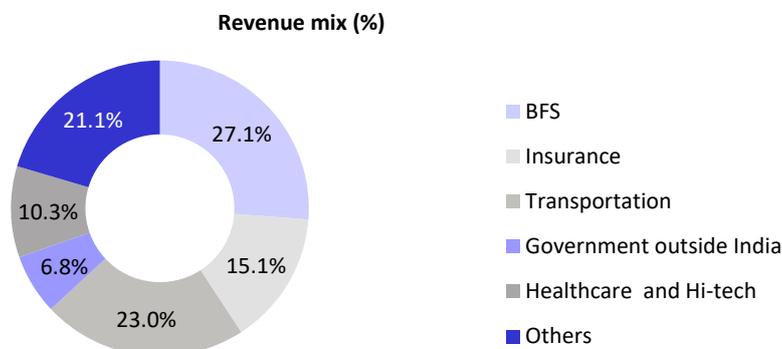
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**Exhibit 1: COFORGE has corrected 9-10% since the outbreak of war & has underperformed some of the peers, in fall by 2-9%**



Source: Bloomberg, MOFSL

**Exhibit 2: COFORGE has nearly one-fifth exposure to the Travel vertical, raising near-term growth concerns amid the war situation**



Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 3: We believe the stock is currently pricing in an extreme bear-case scenario**

INRM, except mentioned	Bear case			Base case		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Organic Revenue ( USD m)	1,851	2,038	2,237	1,870	2,186	2,649
Encora	600	678		600	678	
Growth %		13%			13%	
Total Revenue	1,851	2,716	2,988	1,870	2,864	3,476
Growth YoY CC(%)	26.8%	46.6%	10.2%	27.8%	53.0%	21.6%
Organic YoY CC (%)	20.2%	10.0%	10.0%	21.2%	16.8%	21.4%
USD/INR	88.15	90.00	92.00	88.15	90.00	92.00
Revenue	1,63,157	2,44,458	2,74,880	1,64,842	2,57,762	3,19,826
EBITDA	28,911	42,536	47,829	29,210	46,802	56,527
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.7%	17.4%	17.4%	17.7%	18.2%	17.7%
EBIT	22,026	32,513	36,284	22,442	34,803	42,830
EBIT Margin	13.5%	13.3%	13.2%	13.6%	13.5%	13.4%
Interest costs( bridge loan)*	-	-3,465	-3,465		-3,465	-3,465
Other income	-181	300	300	-181	400	400
PBT	21,845	29,348	33,119	22,261	31,738	39,765
Minority Interest	1,351	-	-	1,351	-	-
Tax Rate(%)	22.4%	26%	26%	22.4%	24.0%	24.0%
PAT	15,593	21,864	24,674	15,915	24,121	30,222
EPS(INR)	45.6	47.8	53.9	46.5	52.7	66.0
Organic EPS - Coforge	46.8	52.9	58.5	46.9	57.5	72.1
Dilution		-9.7%	-7.9%		-8.4%	-8.4%
Implied P/E	23.9	22.8	20.2	23.4	20.7	16.5

Note: Interest cost (INR) assumed at 7% for the USD550m bridge loan; Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 4: Transportation growth has meaningfully inflected in FY26 due to the Sabre deal ramp-up**

Verticals (QoQ, USD%)	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	2QFY26	3QFY26
BFS	0.0	4.7	3.1	4.0	3.3	4.3	-2.3	17.4	-1.1	15.4	-1.1	4.1	-2.5
Insurance	-2.9	5.5	4.7	2.3	-1.3	-2.2	-5.6	23.2	4.1	-7.7	1.2	1.8	1.4
Transportation	1.9	2.3	1.2	2.3	-2.4	-1.5	6.6	26.9	5.7	9.0	31.5	6.3	1.7
Govt Outside India							7.3	22.5	-4.0	10.8	6.7	0.1	-5.5
Healthcare and Hi-tech*													8.7
Others	8.7	7.0	2.1	0.5	4.0	-30.6	11.4	56.2	-14.0	27.9	12.6	-33.5	18.7

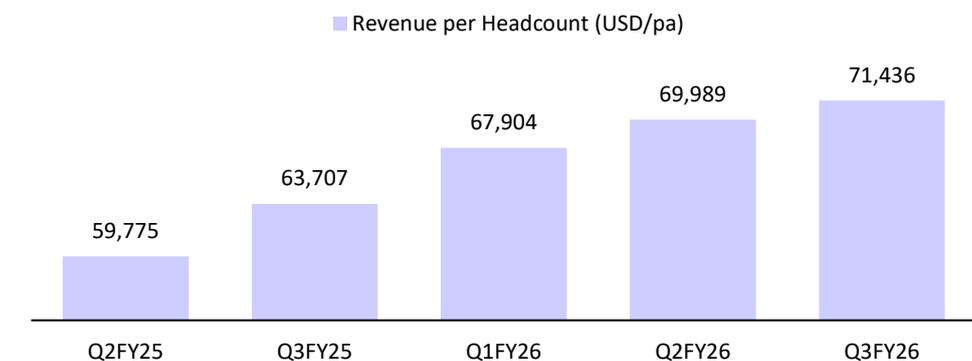
Note: New vertical reporting started from 3QFY26, Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 5: All verticals witnessed growth in 9MFY26**

Geography( QoQ, USD%)	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25	4QFY25	1QFY26	2QFY26	3QFY26
US	-2.2	3.1	5.8	1.7	-4.3	2.0	8.6	39.9	7.4	0.9	13.6	6.7	1.5
EMEA	6.7	3.2	0.2	2.8	4.5	-0.1	-4.7	16.3	7.0	-2.7	1.5	1.3	2.1
APAC	4.9	21.1	-0.6	3.2	15.2	-9.3	-3.1	23.4	-6.7	38.1	13.0	2.1	15.2

Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 6: RPE for COFORGE grew at 17%/12% YoY in 2QFY26/3QFY26**



Source: Company, MOFSL

## Financials and valuations

Income Statement						(INR m)		
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
<b>Sales</b>	<b>46,628</b>	<b>64,320</b>	<b>80,146</b>	<b>90,089</b>	<b>1,20,507</b>	<b>1,62,342</b>	<b>1,96,742</b>	<b>2,43,667</b>
Change (%)	11.5	37.9	24.6	12.4	33.8	34.7	21.2	23.9
Cost of revenue	31,692	43,736	54,059	60,179	80,017	1,07,717	1,29,964	1,61,387
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>20,584</b>	<b>26,087</b>	<b>29,910</b>	<b>40,490</b>	<b>54,625</b>	<b>66,777</b>	<b>82,280</b>
SGA expenses	6,545	8,527	11,438	13,694	18,799	23,467	29,996	36,485
RSU costs	480	633	587	1,046	1,731	1,948	1,574	1,949
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>7,911</b>	<b>11,424</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>19,960</b>	<b>29,210</b>	<b>35,208</b>	<b>43,846</b>
% of Net Sales	17.0	17.8	17.5	16.8	16.6	18.0	17.9	18.0
Depreciation	1,836	2,272	2,585	2,972	4,276	6,768	7,664	9,016
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>6,075</b>	<b>9,152</b>	<b>11,477</b>	<b>12,198</b>	<b>15,684</b>	<b>22,442</b>	<b>27,544</b>	<b>34,830</b>
% of Net Sales	13.0	14.2	14.3	13.5	13.0	13.8	14.0	14.3
Other Income	113	-266	-630	-1,153	-1,080	-181	-590	-1,033
<b>PBT</b>	<b>6,188</b>	<b>8,886</b>	<b>10,847</b>	<b>11,045</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>22,261</b>	<b>26,954</b>	<b>33,797</b>
Tax	1,302	1,468	2,208	2,209	3,326	4,495	6,738	8,449
Rate (%)	21.0	16.5	20.4	20.0	22.8	20.2	25.0	25.0
Extraordinary Items	226	269	1,188	261	1,666	2,225	0	0
Minority Interest	104	530	513	276	1,240	1,351	0	0
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>6,888</b>	<b>8,126</b>	<b>8,560</b>	<b>9,686</b>	<b>16,078</b>	<b>20,215</b>	<b>25,348</b>
Change (%)	1.4	44.0	18.0	5.3	13.2	66.0	25.7	25.4

Balance Sheet						(INR m)		
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share Capital	606	609	611	618	669	669	669	669
Reserves	24,055	26,722	30,214	35,648	63,123	71,995	81,970	94,512
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>24,661</b>	<b>27,331</b>	<b>30,825</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>63,792</b>	<b>72,664</b>	<b>82,639</b>	<b>95,181</b>
Loans	5	3,365	3,382	3,399	67	67	67	67
Minority Interest	0	983	874	1,003	19,498	19,498	19,498	19,498
Other liabilities	2,043	6,073	4,360	5,094	13,750	18,523	22,448	27,803
<b>Capital Employed</b>	<b>26,709</b>	<b>37,752</b>	<b>39,441</b>	<b>45,762</b>	<b>97,107</b>	<b>1,10,753</b>	<b>1,24,653</b>	<b>1,42,549</b>
<b>Net Block</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>4,452</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>4,470</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>5,924</b>
CWIP	2	86	46	232	24	24	24	24
Intangibles	5,690	14,821	16,299	16,133	49,726	48,372	46,840	45,037
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax assets	4,245	7,976	9,970	14,217	19,860	26,755	32,424	40,157
<b>Curr. Assets</b>	<b>21,295</b>	<b>22,209</b>	<b>26,064</b>	<b>26,025</b>	<b>43,508</b>	<b>62,593</b>	<b>75,546</b>	<b>93,261</b>
Debtors	8,895	13,894	16,131	18,039	25,771	30,244	36,653	45,395
Cash & Bank Balance	7,999	4,468	5,699	3,213	7,956	19,982	24,400	30,473
Investments	247	67	88	139	2,333	2,333	2,333	2,333
Other Current Assets	4,154	3,780	4,146	4,634	7,448	10,034	12,160	15,060
<b>Current Liab. &amp; Prov</b>	<b>8,425</b>	<b>11,792</b>	<b>17,393</b>	<b>15,315</b>	<b>27,375</b>	<b>35,941</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>45,537</b>
Trade payables	3,398	6,160	6,481	8,062	9,883	18,204	22,061	27,323
Other liabilities	4,802	5,316	10,552	6,836	16,786	16,786	16,786	16,786
Provisions	225	316	360	417	706	951	1,153	1,428
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>12,870</b>	<b>10,417</b>	<b>8,671</b>	<b>10,710</b>	<b>16,133</b>	<b>26,652</b>	<b>35,546</b>	<b>47,724</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>	<b>26,709</b>	<b>37,752</b>	<b>39,441</b>	<b>45,762</b>	<b>97,107</b>	<b>1,10,752</b>	<b>1,24,653</b>	<b>1,42,549</b>

## Financials and valuations

### Ratios

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
<b>EPS</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>72.1</b>
Cash EPS	20.7	28.6	30.6	37.5	37.0	60.3	79.3	97.7
Book Value	81.4	89.7	101.0	122.5	193.4	214.5	237.1	273.1
DPS	4.1	10.4	12.8	15.2	15.2	20.7	28.7	36.0
Payout %	27.8	48.8	57.4	55.1	60.3	50.0	50.0	50.0

### Valuation (x)

P/E	73.9	51.1	48.8	39.4	43.2	26.3	18.9	15.1
Cash P/E	52.6	38.0	35.6	29.0	29.4	18.1	13.7	11.1
EV/EBITDA	40.7	28.9	23.5	21.2	17.5	11.9	10.0	7.9
EV/Sales	6.9	5.1	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.1	1.8	1.4
Price/Book Value	13.4	12.1	10.8	8.9	5.6	5.1	4.6	4.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.9	2.6	3.3

### Profitability Ratios (%)

RoE	18.7	25.0	23.1	24.1	13.9	16.2	20.8	23.4
RoCE	17.9	23.6	22.9	22.8	16.3	16.7	17.5	19.5

### Turnover Ratios

Debtors (Days)	68	65	68	69	66	63	62	61
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	11.8	15.4	18.0	20.2	19.8	25.1	34.5	40.4

### Cash Flow Statement

(INR m)

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
CF from Operations	7,121	9,089	10,532	11,834	15,060	22,681	27,850	34,334
Cash for Working Capital	502	-1,433	-1,027	-2,800	-2,689	-614	-6,220	-8,485
<b>Net Operating CF</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>9,505</b>	<b>9,034</b>	<b>12,371</b>	<b>22,066</b>	<b>21,629</b>	<b>25,849</b>
Net Purchase of FA	-757	-1,475	-1,537	-2,598	-5,572	-3,000	-7,000	-7,000
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>6,181</b>	<b>7,968</b>	<b>6,436</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>19,066</b>	<b>14,629</b>	<b>18,849</b>
Net Purchase of Invest.	-1,597	-8,089	-1,179	120	-18,911	0	0	0
<b>Net Cash from Invest.</b>	<b>-2,354</b>	<b>-9,564</b>	<b>-2,716</b>	<b>-2,478</b>	<b>-24,483</b>	<b>-3,000</b>	<b>-7,000</b>	<b>-7,000</b>
Proceeds from Equity	18	51	18	-3,516	21,831	0	0	0
Proceeds from LTB/STB	-697	2,139	-1,315	-573	19	33	-103	-103
Dividend Payments	-4,852	-3,748	-4,285	-4,781	-5,097	-7,074	-10,108	-12,674
<b>Cash Flow from Fin.</b>	<b>-5,531</b>	<b>-1,558</b>	<b>-5,582</b>	<b>-8,870</b>	<b>16,753</b>	<b>-7,041</b>	<b>-10,211</b>	<b>-12,777</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>-262</b>	<b>-3,466</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>-2,314</b>	<b>4,641</b>	<b>12,026</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>6,072</b>
Exchange difference	66	-65	24	-172	102	0	0	0
<b>Opening Cash Bal.</b>	<b>8,194</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>7,955</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>24,399</b>
Add: Net Cash	-196	-3,531	1,231	-2,486	4,743	12,026	4,419	6,072
<b>Closing Cash Bal.</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>7,955</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>24,399</b>	<b>30,471</b>

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