

Caught in a perfect storm

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CMP (Rs): 4,924 | TP (Rs): 6,300

The unprecedented crisis has led to >4,200 cancellations for Indigo in the past 8 days - which is 23% of the 2,300+ daily flights the airline was scheduled to clock in Dec-25. Operations have improved in the last few days, with relatively low ~530 cancellations on 8-Dec; Indigo expects normalization from 10-Dec, though the situation is still evolving wrt GoI action, if any, on the company (response to the show cause notice filed by the airline; DGCA probe under way) and regarding its hiring plans for meeting the crucial FDTL norms by 10-Feb-26 which will be reimposed thereafter. As of now, we estimate a 3%/8%/17% cut in FY26E revenue/EBITDA/ex-forex PBT due to a 2% impact each on volume and yield, along with some increase in CASK. We lower the target P/E from 23x to 22x and cut TP by >7% to Rs6,300. While Indigo runs the risk of lost reputation and regulatory support, its position in the Indian aviation market is vital and quick normalization of operations should revive the momentum. A penalty could be a near-term action by the GoI; Indigo may also be directed to further compensate the affected parties. GoI may want to bring in more players, though the global aviation supply-chain scenario remains challenging; BUY.

Crucial FDTL norms with other headwinds lead to December breakdown

The crucial FDTL norms; namely i) increase in weekly rest from 36 to 48 hours, ii) night duty limits from 0000 to 0600 and a night pilot only permitted two landings in the following 24 hours, and iii) not more than two consecutive nights of duty coupled with winter schedule demands, weather disruptions, congestion, and software issues led to a cascading effect, with Indigo compelled to take a complete reset of operations with >1,600 cancellations on 5-Dec. The DGCA has put these on abeyance currently (for the A-320 fleet) till 10-Feb-26 and has included leaves in the 48-hour resting period.

Near-term volumes to be impacted; awaiting more details on full recovery

Indigo targets normalization from 10-Dec, though reaching the pre-crisis daily flight level of >2,300 is unclear, with the more likely number at >2,000 flights as of now. We estimate \sim 4,800 cancellations during 1-10 Dec and 2,100 flights/day for the remaining month; this implies a \sim 4% volume impact for Q3FY26. Hence, 16-17% ASK growth YoY guided earlier reduces to 12-13%, while RPK growth is likely to be 11-12%. Q4FY26 ASK growth could be \sim 2% lower at 14-15% vs high-teens growth guided earlier. PRASK guidance for Q3FY26 was flat-to-slightly up YoY earlier, but now, per our checks, could be mildly down. Oct-25 was strong, while Nov was more moderate and Dec volatile.

CASK to rise from new pilot hiring and current incidentals; fuel prices to subside

Per the filings, there was shortage of 65 captains and 59 co-pilots in Nov which led to the crisis. Per media reports, Indigo aims to induct 158 pilots by Feb-26 and another 742 by Dec-26. The FDTL impact could lead to a 6-7% rise in pilot salary cost or Rs0.01/ASK. The entire crisis has led to incidentals like customer (9,500 hotel rooms during 1-7 Dec) and crew accommodation and conveyance (10,000 cabs/buses for customers), baggage tracking and delivery (4,500), etc which would add to the Q3 CASK.

| InterGlobe Aviation | : Financial | Snapshot (| (Standalon | e) | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Y/E March (Rs mn) | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Revenue | 689,043 | 808,030 | 875,083 | 1,014,059 | 1,141,053 |
| EBITDA | 168,600 | 196,251 | 220,505 | 268,084 | 308,388 |
| Adj. PAT | 80,152 | 72,533 | 70,019 | 98,487 | 122,805 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 207.7 | 187.7 | 181.2 | 254.9 | 317.8 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 24.5 | 24.3 | 25.2 | 26.4 | 27.0 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | 78.5 | 16.4 | 12.4 | 21.6 | 15.0 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | NA | (9.6) | (3.5) | 40.7 | 24.7 |
| RoE (%) | (373.7) | 129.1 | 39.6 | 63.9 | 47.8 |
| RoIC (%) | 55.8 | 39.0 | 31.9 | 41.2 | 49.4 |
| P/E (x) | 23.7 | 26.2 | 27.2 | 19.3 | 15.5 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 13.1 | This rebott | is intented | for Tean7.8 | /hite Mar 6d e |
| P/B (x) | 98.4 | 20.4 | 14.1 | 7.8 | 5.1 |
| FCFF yield (%) | 9.2 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 16.7 | 20.1 |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Target Price – 12M | Sep-26 |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Change in TP (%) | (7.4) |
| Current Reco. | BUY |
| Previous Reco. | BUY |
| Upside/(Downside) (%) | 27.9 |

| Stock Data | INDIGO IN |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 52-week High (Rs) | 6,233 |
| 52-week Low (Rs) | 3,945 |
| Shares outstanding (mn) | 386.6 |
| Market-cap (Rs bn) | 1,903 |
| Market-cap (USD mn) | 21,127 |
| Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn) | 194,318.7 |
| ADTV-3M (mn shares) | 1.2 |
| ADTV-3M (Rs mn) | 6,177.4 |
| ADTV-3M (USD mn) | 68.6 |
| Free float (%) | 43.0 |
| Nifty-50 | 25,960.6 |
| INR/USD | 90.1 |
| Shareholding, Sep-25 | |
| Promoters (%) | 41.6 |
| FPIs/MFs (%) | 28.4/24.7 |

| Price Performance | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (%) | 1M | 3M | 12M | | | | | |
| Absolute | (11.8) | (13.6) | 10.2 | | | | | |
| Rel. to Nifty (13.4) (17.5) 4.7 | | | | | | | | |



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Exhibit 1: IndiGo's flight operations and key operational metrics

| STATUS | Indigo flights | | Indigo's OTP, source-wise | | Indigo's PLF Total India fli | | a flights | |
|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------|
| | Planned | Operated | Cancelled | MoCA | Indigo | | Domestic | International |
| 1-Dec-25 | NA | NA | NA | 49.50% | | 90.30% | 3,306 | 646 |
| 2-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 2,180 | 150 | 35.00% | | 91.20% | 3,189 | 619 |
| 3-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 2,130 | 200 | 19.70% | | 92.50% | 3,007 | 651 |
| 4-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 2,130 | 200 | 8.50% | | 91.30% | NA | NA |
| 5-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 700 | 1,630 | 3.70% | | 78.50% | NA | NA |
| 6-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 1,500 | 830 | 20.70% | 30.00% | 87.60% | NA | NA |
| 7-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 1,670 | 660 | 78.20% | 75.00% | 79.90% | 2,705 | 676 |
| 8-Dec-25 | 2,330 | 1,802 | 528 | | 91.00% | | | |

Source: Company, DGCA, MoCA, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Key changes in assumptions and earnings for Q3FY26E and FY26E

| Indigo (Standalone) | Q | 3FY26E | | | FY26E | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Before | After | Change | Before | After | Change |
| Revenue (Rs mn) | 256,709 | 241,171 | -6% | 903,465 | 875,083 | -3% |
| EBITDA (Rs mn) | 77,360 | 67,671 | -13% | 238,701 | 220,505 | -8% |
| PBT, ex Forex (Rs mn) | 43,720 | 34,030 | -22% | 112,869 | 93,608 | -17% |
| ASK (mn) | 48,184 | 46,142 | -4% | 180,919 | 177,615 | -2% |
| RPK (mn) | 41,679 | 39,913 | -4% | 154,304 | 151,439 | -2% |
| PLF | 86.5% | 86.5% | 0% | 85.3% | 85.3% | 0% |
| PRASK (Rs) | 4.8 | 4.7 | -3% | 4.4 | 4.3 | -2% |
| Yield (Rs) | 5.5 | 5.4 | -3% | 5.2 | 5.1 | -2% |
| Fuel CASK (Rs) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1% | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0% |
| CASK, ex-fuel and forex (Rs) | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2% | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1% |

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Change in assumptions

| | FY26E | | | FY27E | | | FY28E | | |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Previous | Revised | Variance | Previous | Revised | Variance | Previous | Revised | Variance |
| ASK (bn) | 180.9 | 177.6 | -2% | 202.6 | 200.7 | -1% | 224.9 | 222.8 | -1% |
| PLF | 85% | 85% | -3bps | 87% | 87% | 0bps | 87% | 87% | 0bps |
| RASK (Rs) | 5.0 | 5.0 | -1% | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0% | 5.1 | 5.1 | 0% |
| Fuel cost/ASK (Rs) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0% | 1.4 | 1.4 | -1% | 1.4 | 1.4 | -1% |
| CASK, ex-Fuel and Forex (Rs) | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1% | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1% | 3.1 | 3.1 | 1% |
| PBT/ASK (Rs) | 0.4 | 0.3 | -41% | 0.6 | 0.6 | -5% | 0.6 | 0.6 | -1% |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 4: Change in estimates

| (Rs bn) | FY26E | | | FY27E | | | FY28E | | |
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Previous | Revised | Variance | Previous | Revised | Variance | Previous | Revised | Variance |
| Revenue | 903.5 | 875.1 | -3% | 1,027.9 | 1,014.1 | -1% | 1,152.0 | 1,141.1 | -1% |
| EBITDA | 238.7 | 220.5 | -8% | 275.4 | 268.1 | -3% | 311.0 | 308.4 | -1% |
| EBITDA margin | 26.4% | 25.2% | -122bps | 26.8% | 26.4% | -35bps | 27.0% | 27.0% | 3bps |
| PBT, ex forex | 112.9 | 93.6 | -17% | 138.8 | 131.7 | -5% | 166.7 | 164.2 | -1% |
| PAT | 84.4 | 70.0 | -17% | 103.8 | 98.5 | -5% | 124.7 | 122.8 | -1% |
| EPS (Rs) | 218.5 | 181.2 | -17% | 268.7 | 254.9 | -5% | 322.6 | 317.8 | -1% |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Exhibit 5: PER-based valuation (Sep-27E) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E | | | | | |
| SA adjusted EPS (Rs) | -8.2 | 207.7 | 187.7 | 181.2 | 254.9 | 317.8 | | | | | |
| Target P/E (x) | | | | | | 22.0 | | | | | |
| TP (Rs) | | | | | | 6,300 | | | | | |

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InterGlobe Aviation: Standalone Financials and Valuations

| Profit & Loss | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E March (Rs mn) | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Revenue | 689,043 | 808,030 | 875,083 | 1,014,059 | 1,141,053 |
| Revenue growth (%) | 26.6 | 17.3 | 8.3 | 15.9 | 12.5 |
| EBITDA | 168,600 | 196,251 | 220,505 | 268,084 | 308,388 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | 78.5 | 16.4 | 12.4 | 21.6 | 15.0 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 64,056 | 86,366 | 108,188 | 116,850 | 125,350 |
| EBIT | 104,544 | 109,885 | 112,317 | 151,234 | 183,038 |
| EBIT growth (%) | 140.7 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 34.6 | 21.0 |
| Other operating income | 15,175 | 31,843 | 17,987 | 16,188 | 11,332 |
| Other income | 23,256 | 32,981 | 41,372 | 50,495 | 60,978 |
| Financial expense | 41,694 | 50,889 | 60,082 | 70,062 | 79,839 |
| PBT | 86,106 | 91,977 | 93,608 | 131,667 | 164,177 |
| Extraordinary items | (5,674) | (16,102) | (45,500) | 0 | 0 |
| Taxes | (1,242) | 3,342 | 2,886 | 10,533 | 16,418 |
| Minority interest | - | - | - | - | - |
| Income from JV/Associates | - | - | - | - | - |
| Reported PAT | 81,675 | 72,533 | 45,221 | 121,134 | 147,760 |
| PAT growth (%) | 0 | (11.2) | (37.7) | 167.9 | 22.0 |
| Adjusted PAT | 80,152 | 72,533 | 70,019 | 98,487 | 122,805 |
| Diluted EPS (Rs) | 207.7 | 187.7 | 181.2 | 254.9 | 317.8 |
| Diluted EPS growth (%) | 0 | (9.6) | (3.5) | 40.7 | 24.7 |
| DPS (Rs) | 0 | 0 | 8.2 | 31.3 | 45.9 |
| Dividend payout (%) | 0 | 0 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 24.5 | 24.3 | 25.2 | 26.4 | 27.0 |
| EBIT margin (%) | 15.2 | 13.6 | 12.8 | 14.9 | 16.0 |
| Effective tax rate (%) | (1.4) | 3.6 | 3.1 | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| NOPLAT (pre-IndAS) | 106,053 | 105,892 | 108,854 | 139,135 | 164,734 |
| Shares outstanding (mn) | 386 | 386 | 386 | 386 | 386 |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Cash flows | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E March (Rs mn) | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| PBT (ex-other income) | 62,851 | 58,996 | 52,235 | 81,172 | 103,199 |
| Others (non-cash items) | 16,554 | 19,997 | (4,951) | 56,377 | 65,068 |
| Taxes paid | (5,107) | (4,130) | (2,886) | (10,533) | (16,418) |
| Change in NWC | 43,383 | 44,636 | 9,695 | 31,906 | 28,853 |
| Operating cash flow | 211,828 | 240,647 | 209,193 | 331,763 | 370,203 |
| Capital expenditure | (19,160) | (20,398) | (2,000) | (2,000) | (2,000) |
| Acquisition of business | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest & dividend income | 5,755 | 11,473 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investing cash flow | (117,564) | (127,836) | (9,746) | (9,975) | (10,211) |
| Equity raised/(repaid) | 417 | 418 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt raised/(repaid) | (2,820) | (917) | (17,000) | (500) | (400) |
| Payment of lease liabilities | (62,422) | (68,483) | (205,551) | (136,221) | (95,475) |
| Interest paid | (34,961) | (40,767) | (13,070) | (13,970) | (15,588) |
| Dividend paid (incl tax) | 0 | 0 | (3,165) | (12,113) | (17,731) |
| Others | 54,509 | 18,439 | 90,901 | (16,885) | (47,822) |
| Financing cash flow | (45,276) | (91,310) | (147,886) | (179,690) | (177,016) |
| Net chg in Cash | 48,988 | 21,501 | 51,560 | 142,098 | 182,976 |
| OCF | 211,828 | 240,647 | 209,193 | 331,763 | 370,203 |
| Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.) | 168,445 | 196,011 | 199,498 | 299,857 | 341,350 |
| FCFF | 192,668 | 220,249 | 207,193 | 329,763 | 368,203 |
| FCFE | 156,729 | 180,833 | 147,111 | 259,701 | 288,364 |
| OCF/EBITDA (%) | 125.6 | 122.6 | 94.9 | 123.8 | 120.0 |
| FCFE/PAT (%) | 191.9 | 249.3 | 325.3 | 214.4 | 195.2 |
| FCFF/NOPLAT (%) | 181.7 | 208.0 | 190.3 | 237.0 | 223.5 |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Balance Sheet | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Y/E March (Rs mn) | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Share capital | 3,860 | 3,864 | 3,864 | 3,864 | 3,864 |
| Reserves & Surplus | 15,459 | 89,204 | 131,260 | 240,280 | 370,309 |
| Net worth | 19,319 | 93,068 | 135,124 | 244,144 | 374,173 |
| Minority interests | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-current liab. & prov. | (4,192) | (4,192) | (4,192) | (4,192) | (4,192) |
| Total debt | 512,800 | 670,884 | 688,448 | 712,840 | 764,534 |
| Total liabilities & equity | 621,290 | 911,564 | 981,804 | 1,137,896 | 1,341,128 |
| Net tangible fixed assets | 359,886 | 515,168 | 525,177 | 540,422 | 559,811 |
| Net intangible assets | 480 | 480 | 480 | 480 | 480 |
| Net ROU assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital WIP | 15 | 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 |
| Goodwill | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments [JV/Associates] | 9,750 | 17,443 | 17,792 | 18,148 | 18,511 |
| Cash & equivalents | 321,875 | 435,172 | 494,129 | 643,846 | 834,670 |
| Current assets (ex-cash) | 35,650 | 69,624 | 75,402 | 87,377 | 98,319 |
| Current Liab. & Prov. | 195,207 | 243,383 | 259,939 | 294,014 | 326,459 |
| NWC (ex-cash) | (159,557) | (173,759) | (184,537) | (206,637) | (228,140) |
| Total assets | 621,290 | 911,564 | 981,804 | 1,137,896 | 1,341,128 |
| Net debt | 190,925 | 235,712 | 194,319 | 68,994 | (70,136) |
| Capital employed | 621,290 | 911,564 | 981,804 | 1,137,896 | 1,341,128 |
| Invested capital | 200,809 | 341,889 | 341,119 | 334,265 | 332,150 |
| BVPS (Rs) | 50.1 | 240.9 | 349.7 | 631.8 | 968.4 |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 9.9 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 0.3 | (0.2) |
| Net Debt/EBITDA (x) | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | (0.2) |
| Interest coverage (x) | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| RoCE (%) | 27.9 | 22.0 | 19.4 | 22.7 | 23.3 |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Valuations and key Ratios | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Y/E March | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E | | |
| P/E (x) | 23.3 | 26.2 | 42.1 | 15.7 | 12.9 | | |
| P/CE(x) | 13.0 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 8.0 | 7.0 | | |
| P/B (x) | 98.4 | 20.4 | 14.1 | 7.8 | 5.1 | | |
| EV/Sales (x) | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.6 | | |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 12.4 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 7.4 | 5.9 | | |
| EV/EBIT(x) | 20.0 | 19.5 | 18.7 | 13.0 | 10.0 | | |
| EV/IC (x) | 10.4 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 | | |
| FCFF yield (%) | 9.2 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 16.7 | 20.1 | | |
| FCFE yield (%) | 8.2 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 13.6 | 15.2 | | |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | | |
| DuPont-RoE split | | | | | | | |
| Net profit margin (%) | 11.9 | 9.0 | 5.2 | 11.9 | 12.9 | | |
| Total asset turnover (x) | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | | |
| Assets/Equity (x) | (24.8) | 13.6 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 4.0 | | |
| RoE (%) | (373.7) | 129.1 | 39.6 | 63.9 | 47.8 | | |
| DuPont-RoIC | | | | | | | |
| NOPLAT margin (%) | 15.4 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 14.4 | | |
| IC turnover (x) | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 | | |
| RoIC (%) | 55.8 | 39.0 | 31.9 | 41.2 | 49.4 | | |
| Operating metrics | | | | | | | |
| Core NWC days | (84.5) | (78.5) | (77.0) | (74.4) | (73.0) | | |
| Total NWC days | (84.5) | (78.5) | (77.0) | (74.4) | (73.0) | | |
| Fixed asset turnover | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | | |
| Opex-to-revenue (%) | 75.0 | 75.2 | 74.2 | 73.0 | 72.4 | | |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

| Date | Closing Price (Rs) | TP (Rs) | Rating | Analyst |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| 05-Nov-25 | 5,637 | 6,800 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 31-Jul-25 | 5,911 | 6,500 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 22-May-25 | 5,503 | 6,000 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 21-Mar-25 | 5,044 | 6,000 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 25-Jan-25 | 4,162 | 5,300 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 26-Oct-24 | 4,366 | 5,300 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 05-Aug-24 | 4,220 | 5,300 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 27-Jul-24 | 4,493 | 5,300 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 24-May-24 | 4,257 | 5,000 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 02-May-24 | 4,108 | 4,700 | Buy | Sabri Hazarika |
| 24-Mar-24 | 3,287 | 3,500 | Add | Sabri Hazarika |
| 03-Feb-24 | 3,127 | 3,500 | Add | Sabri Hazarika |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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