# Baazar Style Retail | BUY

## Strong all round performance

### **Q2FY26 Performance**

- Revenue Baazar Style reported strong revenue growth of 71% YoY to INR 5.3 bn. Growth was led by the early on set of festivities leading to a SSSG growth of 22% YoY (19% adjusted for early festive) and ~39% area expansion. Sales density remained robust and grew 22% YoY to INR 10,380 (annualised).
- Margin Reported EBITDA grew 1.8x YoY to INR 691 mn (9% below estimates) as EBITDA margin expanded ~520 bps YoY to 13% (JMFe: 14.3%) primarily led by leverage benefits leading to 170bps/260 bps lower staff cost and opex coupled with 90 bps YoY gross margin expansion to 30.5%. The increase in gross margin is attributed to increase in private label share by 1,270 bps to 57.7% despite 100bps YoY lower general merchandise sales which are margin accretive. Pre-Ind AS EBITDA grew 10x YoY to INR 333 mn as margins expanded by ~520 bps YoY to 6.3%.
- Adjusted profit was at INR 101 mn led by 73% YoY higher other income despite sharp 88% increase in depreciation expense (higher on account of change in lease accounting) and 7% YoY higher interest cost. The Company during the quarter changed its lease accounting policy leading to an exceptional gain of INR 552.6 mn (INR 413.5 mn net of tax impact) leading to reported PAT of INR 515 mn. Pre Ind AS PAT stood at INR 155 mn.
- **Store:** The company added 18 new stores in Q2FY26, taking the total store count to 250 (Retail area 2.3 mn sq. ft). Average store size of new stores increased by ~8% to 10.2k sq ft in Q2.

## Other highlights

- Bill cuts per store increased by  $\sim$ 25% YoY to  $\sim$ 22.5k bills per store while the transaction value per bill increased by  $\sim$ 1% to INR 1,005.
- ASP increased 5% YoY to INR 273.
- Items per basket declined 4% YoY to 3.69 items.

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Exhibit 1. Consolidated	quarterly pe	rformance									
Particulars (INR mn)	Quarterly		Chg (%)	Chg (%)	JMFe		Pre AS 116	Pre AS 116 Half Yea		Chg (%)	
	Q2FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY	QoQ	Q2FY26E	Chg (%)	Q2FY26	H1FY25	H1FY26	YoY
Store Count (#)	184	232	250	66	18	250	-	250	184	250	66
SSSG (%)	41	(3)	22			22		22	21	10	
Net operating revenues	3,109	3,779	5,317	71	41	5,319	(0)	5,317	5,867	9,096	55
Material cost	(2,188)	(2,423)	(3,696)	69	53	(3,697)	(0)	(3,696)	(4,039)	(6,119)	51
Gross Profit	921	1,356	1,621	76	20	1,622	(0)	1,621	1,828	2,976	63
Employee cost	(291)	(337)	(405)	39	20	(360)	13	(405)	(524)	(742)	42
Other expenses	(387)	(436)	(524)	35	20	(500)	5	(882)	(641)	(960)	50
Total expenditure	(2,866)	(3,196)	(4,625)	61	45	(4,557)	2	(4,983)	(5,204)	(7,822)	50
EBITDA	244	582	691	184	19	762	(9)	333	664	1,274	92
Other income	22	29	38	73	30	20	88	28	53	67	25
Interest	(159)	(235)	(170)	7	(28)	(242)	(30)	(42)	(300)	(405)	35
Depreciation	(225)	(340)	(422)	88	24	(355)	19	(113)	(434)	(762)	76
Pretax profits	(119)	36	137	NM	279	185	(26)	206	(18)	173	NM
Tax	29	(8)	(35)	NM	348	(47)	(26)	(51)	5	(43)	NM
Adj. PAT	(89)	28	101	NM	259	138	(27)	155	(13)	130	NM
Extraordinary items	-	(8)	414			-			(81)	406	NM
Net profit (reported)	(89)	21	515	NM	2,405	138	273	155	(94)	536	NM
Recurring EPS	(1.2)	0.4	1.4	NM	259	2	(27)	2	(0.1)	1.7	NM
Pre Ind AS 116											
EBITDA	32	250	333	927	33	427	(22)		252	584	131
PAT	(55)	97	155	NM	NM	225	(31)		40	253	525
EPS	(0.7)	1.3	2.1	NM	NM	3	(31)		0.6	3.4	439
% of operating revenues											
Gross margin	29.6	35.9	30.5	85 bps	-541 bps	30.5	-3 bps		31.2	32.7	156 bps
EBITDA margin	7.8	15.4	13.0	516 bps	-241 bps	14.3	-133 bps		11.3	14.0	269 bps
Material cost	70.4	64.1	69.5	-86 bps	540 bps	69.5	2 bps		68.8	67.3	-157 bps
Employee cost	9.3	8.9	7.6	-173 bps	-131 bps	6.8	85 bps		8.9	8.2	-77 bps
Other expenses	12.4	11.5	9.9	-259 bps	-169 bps	9.4	45 bps		10.9	10.6	-36 bps
Income tax rate (% of PBT)	24.7	21.7	25.7	102 bps	398 bps	25.5	NM		26.4	24.9	-155 bps
Pre Ind AS Margins (%)											
EBITDA margin	1.0	6.6	6.3	522 bps	-36 bps	8.0	-177 bps		4.3	6.4	211 bps
PAT Margin	(1.8)	2.6	2.9	467 bps	34 bps	4.2	-131 bps		0.7	2.8	209 bps

Source: Company, JM Financial

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	for all other stocks, over the next twelve months.				
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