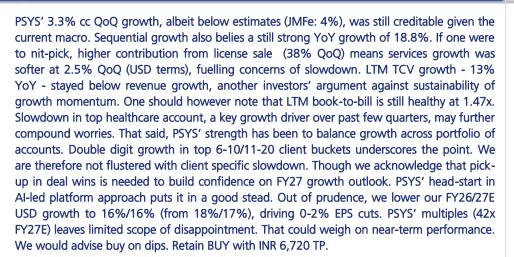
Persistent Systems | BUY

Burden of expectations



- **1QFY26 good but not great:** PSYS reported 3.3% cc QoQ growth, missing JMFe: 4%. BFSI (+9% QoQ; USD terms) and Hi-tech (+3.6%) picked-up even as Healthcare & Life Sciences (-1.9%) declined due to offshore transitions in large accounts. Interestingly, growth was still led by top-accounts with top 6-10/11-20 cohorts growing 11.5%/13.5% QoQ in USD terms. EBIT margin declined 10bps to 15.5%, missing JMFe: 16.0%. Delayed ramp-ups and offshore transitions (-100bps), absence of earn-out reversal (-60bps), amortization (-40bps) and FX (-40bps) were headwinds to margins, while lower ESOP costs (+230bps) aided margins. PAT came in at INR 4,249mn (+7.4% QoQ), a slight miss from expectations (JMFe: INR 4,364mn).
- Deal wins and outlook: TCV/ACV for the quarter grew by 12.5%/14.2% YoY. Book-to-bill of 1.34x, though still healthy, was at eight quarter low. ACV/TCV ratio increased to 74% (+110bps YoY). Management flagged elongated decision cycles in healthcare and parts of BFSI. While BFSI continues to anchor growth, Hi-tech and software vertical expected to remain stable, and Healthcare expected to rebound post transition. Client discussions remain active across platform-led programs, with SASVA and GenAl gaining traction. For now, the company reiterated USD 2bn revenue aspiration by FY27-end and 200-300bps margin expansion target, to be supported by pricing levers, platform productivity, and SG&A optimization. Wage hikes were deffered by a quarter, indicating a still soft supply-side and sustained margin pressure, much like the rest of the peer group.
- Lower EPS by 0-2%; Retain BUY: We still expect PSYS to reach its stated goal of USD 2bn run-rate by 4QFY27, but build a slightly gradual slope to reach there. We build 3.7% CQGR now (vs 4.1% earlier). As a result, our FY26/27E USD growth is now 16% each. Our margin assumptions are broadly intact, as we sense that management wants to strike a better growth-margin balance going ahead, prudent in current macro. BUY stays.

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	6,720
Upside/(Downside)	19.9%
Previous Price Target	6,770
Change	-0.7%

Key Data – PSYS IN	
Current Market Price	INR5,606
Market cap (bn)	INR876.7/US\$10.1
Free Float	63%
Shares in issue (mn)	76.4
Diluted share (mn)	155.2
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR2,957.8/US\$34.2
52-week range	6,789/4,149
Sensex/Nifty	82,727/25,220
INR/US\$	86.4

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-7.8	-10.9	16.5
Relative*	-8.6	-17.9	12.9

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	98,216	119,387	140,751	162,386	189,202
Sales Growth (%)	17.6	21.6	17.9	15.4	16.5
EBITDA	17,243	20,581	25,451	29,306	33,939
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.6	17.2	18.1	18.0	17.9
Adjusted Net Profit	11,297	14,001	17,837	20,745	23,862
Diluted EPS (INR)	146.9	89.0	114.9	133.7	153.8
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	143.7	-39.4	29.2	16.3	15.0
ROIC (%)	37.2	36.2	34.8	35.3	42.8
ROE (%)	25.3	24.8	26.1	26.0	25.5
P/E (x)	38.2	63.0	48.8	41.9	36.5
P/B (x)	8.7	13.8	12.0	10.2	8.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.0	20.0	16.2	13.8	11.2
Dividend Yields (%)	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 23/Jul/2025

JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters, S&P Capital IQ, FactSet and Visible Alpha

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Key Highlights from the call

Demand: Management noted broad-based YoY growth across all key verticals, led by BFSI, followed by Hi-tech, and then HLS, while softness in the top healthcare account due to offshore transitions impacted QoQ trends. The reported that strong client expansion was seen across revenue cohorts, particularly in the USD 1mn+ and USD 5mn+ buckets. Geography-wise, the company highlighted that Europe remained a standout performer, with North America and India also posting healthy growth. Leadership cited robust traction in platform-led digital engineering programs and highlighted sustained client interest in Al-powered transformation across domains.

- Outlook: : Management expressed confidence in sustaining momentum despite macro uncertainties, aided by a strong deal pipeline and healthy ACV bookings. FY27 revenue aspiration of USD 2bn was reiterated, with BFSI expected to lead growth in FY26, followed by Hi-Tech and Healthcare. The company mentioned that while decision-making cycles remain elongated, Persistent is focused on leveraging its differentiated capabilities in SASVA, agentic AI solutions, and platform IPs to drive scalable growth.
- Margin: EBIT margin for Q1 FY26 stood at 15.5%, reflecting a 10bps sequential decline. Management noted that the margin included a 230bps tailwind from lower ESOP cost. This was offset by multiple headwinds: 60bps drag from absence of earnout reversal (present in the prior quarter), 100bps impact from transition to offshore from onsite and delayed ramp-ups and transition overlaps, 40bps from higher amortization linked to prior acquisitions, and 40bps due to unfavorable currency movement. Management deferred annual wage hikes by a quarter, citing macro uncertainty, and remains focused on sustaining margin trajectory through disciplined cost control, SG&A leverage, and ongoing operational efficiency programs.
- Bookings: TCV for Q1 FY26 came in at USD 520.8mn, with new bookings contributing USD 337mn and an ACV of USD 385.3mn. Management noted that revenue conversion is supported by both recent ACV and multi-year deal executions. Despite cautious client sentiment, the company highlighted strong traction across verticals and reaffirmed visibility from its executable order book. Large deal wins across BFSI, healthcare, and technology were driven by proactive client engagement and strong AI-led platform differentiation.
- Segments: BFSI emerged as the strongest performing vertical in Q1, reporting 30.7% YoY growth driven by platform-led transformation and digital banking programs. Hi-tech and Software also posted healthy growth of 14.1% YoY, aided by Al-led modernization deals. Healthcare & Life Sciences grew 12.4% YoY but declined 2.1% QoQ due to planned offshore transitions in large accounts. Management expressed confidence in the vertical's medium-term trajectory, supported by strong pipeline activity, particularly in compliance-driven and platform-centric opportunities.
- Al strategy: Management reiterated its pivot to an Al-led, platform-driven strategy anchored in two core pillars Al for Tech and Al for Business. On the Tech front, Persistent launched SASVA 3.0, an upgraded digital engineering platform designed to enhance productivity across the software lifecycle while enabling on-premise deployments for regulated industries. On the Business side, the company continues to invest in agentic Al use cases across BFSI and HLS, including solutions for underwriting automation and scientific research acceleration. Leadership highlighted growing client interest and early traction across verticals, further supported by investments in responsible Al, security, and governance frameworks.
- Supply: Persistent closed Q1 FY26 with a headcount of 25,340, marking a net addition of 746 employees QoQ. TTM attrition rose to 13.9% from 11.9% YoY but remained within the guided range. Wage hikes were deferred by a quarter as a cautionary measure amid macro uncertainty. The company continues to prioritize productivity, talent transformation, and cost discipline to support margin delivery.

Management broad-based YoY growth across all key verticals, led by BFSI, followed by Hi-tech, and then HLS

Confident on FY27 revenue aspiration given current trajectory, with BFSI expected to lead growth in FY26.

Margin Walk: (-10 bps)

Tailwinds-

Lower ESOP costs: +230bps

Headwinds-

Absence of earnout reversal: -60bps. Delayed ramp-ups and onsite to offshore transition: -100bps. Higher amortization: -40bps. Unfavourable forex movt.: -40bps

Despite challenges at a top client, Management remains optimistic about Healthcare vertical on the back of strong pipeline

Wage hikes were deferred by a quarter

Exhibit 1. 1QFY26 result summary									
	1Q26 A	4Q25 A	Change (QoQ)	Estimate (JMFe)	Variance (vs. JMFe)	Estimate (Consensus)	Variance (vs. consensus)	<u>QoQ e</u> JMFe	estimate Consensus
USD-INR	85.54	86.41	-1.0%	85.71	-0.2%	85.71	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.8%
Revenue (USD mn)	390	375	3.9%	390	-0.2%	391	-0.3%	4.0%	4.2%
Revenue (INR mn)	33,336	32,421	2.8%	33,452	-0.3%	33,502	-0.5%	3.2%	3.3%
EBIT - Reported (INR mn)	5,178	5,053	2.5%	5,353	-3.3%	5,253	-1.4%	5.9%	4.0%
EBIT margin	15.5%	15.6%	-5bp	16.0%	-47bp	15.7%	-15bp	42bp	10bp
PAT (INR mn)	4,249	3,958	7.4%	4,364	-2.6%	4,194	1.3%	10.3%	6.0%
EPS (INR)	27.40	25.64	6.9%	28.27	-3.1%	27.17	0.9%	10.3%	6.0%

Source: Company, Visible Alpha, JM Financial estimates

1QFY26 result review

Exhibit 2. Key financials							
	FY24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	FY25	1Q26
Cons. revenues (USD m)	1,186.1	328.2	345.5	360.2	375.2	1,409.1	389.7
Change (QoQ/YoY)	14.5%	5.6%	18.4%	19.8%	20.7%	18.8%	18.7%
Cons. revenues (Rs m)	98,216	27,372	28,972	30,623	32,421	119,387	33,336
Change (QoQ/YoY)	17.6%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	5.9%	21.6%	2.8%
Cost of revenues	65,231	18,329	19,294	20,000	21,117	78,740	21,576
Gross profit	32,985	9,043	9,678	10,622	11,304	40,647	11,760
Gross margin	33.6%	33.0%	33.4%	34.7%	34.9%	34.0%	35.3%
Total operating expense	15,742	4,491	4,870	5,244	5,460	20,066	5,644
EBITDA	17,243	4,552	4,807	5,378	5,844	20,581	6,116
EBITDA margin	17.6%	16.6%	16.6%	17.6%	18.0%	17.2%	18.3%
Depreciation & amortization	3,094	712	745	821	791	3,069	938
EBIT	14,149	3,840	4,062	4,557	5,053	17,512	5,178
EBIT margin	14.4%	14.0%	14.0%	14.9%	15.6%	14.7%	15.5%
Other income	813	165	283	263	-1	710	376
Profit before tax	14,962	4,005	4,345	4,820	5,052	18,223	5,554
Income tax expense	3,665	941	1,095	1,091	1,095	4,222	1,305
PAT	11,297	3,064	3,250	3,730	3,958	14,001	4,249
Adjusted Basic EPS	71.69	20.08	21.19	24.27	25.64	91.23	27.21
Change (QoQ/YoY)	18.1%	-3.0%	5.5%	14.1%	6.1%	26.7%	8.0%
Source: Company IM Financial							

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 3. Vertical portfolio 1Q25 2Q25 4Q25 1Q26 3Q25 Industry segment BFSI 31% 32% 32% 32% 34% Healthcare & Lifescience 27% 28% 28% 27% 25% Technology Cos & Emerging verticals 41% 41% 43% 41% 41% Revenue (USD mn and QoQ growth) BFSI 101 109 114 121 132 Change QoQ 5.9% 7.7% 4.9% 6.1% 9.0% Healthcare & Lifescience 88 96 100 101 99 Change QoQ 16.5% 9.6% 4.3% 0.4% -1.9% **Technology Cos & Emerging verticals** 139 141 146 153 159 -0.5% 0.8% 3.7% 5.2% 3.6% Change QoQ

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 4. Key manpower metrics					
	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26
Total	23,519	23,237	23,942	24,594	25,350
Technical	21,866	21,675	22,407	23,072	23,797
Sales & Business Development	510	492	489	485	496
Support	1,143	1070	1,046	1,037	1,057
Net additions - Technical	-358	-549	732	665	725
- As % of opening base	-1.5%	-2.3%	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%
Attrition - LTM	11.9%	12.0%	12.6%	12.9%	13.9%
Blended utilization	82.1%	84.8%	87.4%	88.1%	88.7%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Revenue growth was led by BFSI, and Hi-Tech. Healthcare and lifesciences saw decline.

Europe and India saw strong sequential growth

Management confident of 200-300bps margin expansion in the near to medium term.

Utilization levels remained elevated at 88.7%.

Exhibit 5. PSYS margin walk - 2Q24-4	Q25					
(March YE basis)	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26
Salary increase			-210bp			
Utilisation	-50bp	90bp	120bps	70bps	20bps	
Sub-Contractor expenses	-110bp	-210bp	70bps	70bps		
Visa Cost		-60bp	60bps			
Onsite/offshore mix						-100bps
Travel	-40bp					
Furloughs				-60bps		
IP Revenue					-40bps	
SG&A		-70bp			30bps	
Operational efficiency		90bp				
Reversal of Earn-out credit	200bp	60bp	-60bps	-100bps	20bps	-60bps
Change in useful life of assets		40bp				
Employee benefit rationalisation		10bp	-130bp			
Amortisation						-40bps
ESOP issuance			-60bps	20bps		+230bps
Others (FX+ Pricing benefits+ Lower resale b/s)			210bps	40bps	40bps	-40bps
Net Expansion/(Contraction) in margins	0bp	-50bp	0bp	90bps	70bps	-10bps

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. Geographic distribution									
	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26				
Geography: Revenue mix									
North Americas	81%	81%	81%	81%	80%				
Europe	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%				
India	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%				
ROW	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%				
Revenue (USD mn and Qo	Q growth)								
North Americas	265	281	290	302	311				
Change QoQ	6.4%	6.1%	3.2%	4.2%	3.0%				
Europe	26	27	30	32	35				
Change QoQ	5.6%	6.6%	8.2%	6.7%	11.3%				
India	32	32	34	35	38				
Change QoQ	2.4%	-1.2%	6.5%	3.1%	9.4%				
ROW	6	6	7	7	5				
Change QoQ	-10.3%	-0.9%	23.8%	-1.3%	-19.2%				

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 7. Key client metrics					
	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26
Revenue concentration					
Top 5 clients	30.7%	31.4%	30.8%	32.7%	31.8%
Top 10 clients	41.5%	41.5%	40.0%	42.2%	42.0%
Non-Top10 clients	58.5%	58.5%	60.0%	57.8%	58.0%
Revenue growth					
Top-5 clients	11.0%	7.7%	2.3%	10.6%	1.0%
Top-6 to 10 clients	5.6%	-1.6%	-5.0%	7.6%	11.5%
Top-10 clients	9.5%	5.3%	0.5%	9.9%	3.4%
Non-Top 10 clients	2.9%	5.1%	6.9%	0.3%	4.2%
Relationship distribution					
USD 75 mn +	3	3	3	4	4
Change QoQ	1	0	0	1	0
USD 50 mn - USD 75mn	1	1	1	0	0
Change QoQ	0	0	0	-1	0
USD 20 mn - USD 50mn	6	6	6	6	8
Change QoQ	-1	0	0	0	2
USD 10 mn - USD 20mn	9	11	12	11	10
Change QoQ	2	2	1	-1	-1
USD 5 mn - USD 10mn	22	22	25	34	34
Change QoQ	-1	0	3	9	0
USD 1 mn - USD 5mn	137	141	142	136	135
Change QoQ	-1	4	1	-6	-1

Source: Company, JM Financial

Maintain BUY, TP revised to 6,720.

We have revised our cc growth expectations downward by 95-175 bps over FY26-27E. This translates to 1.5-2.3% decline in our USD revenue estimates. We are building revenue of USD 1.9bn vs management's stated target of USD 2bn for FY27E. Our margin estimates see limited changes. We expect EBIT Margin of 15.5% for FY26E and build 10/20 bps margin expansion for FY27/FY28E. Changes to our growth estimates drive 1-4% cuts to our PAT estimates. EPS estimates have been revised by 0.4% to (1.6%). EPS estimate for FY26 has seen an increase because of reduction in o/s shares. We continue to value the stock at 48x. We maintain BUY with a revised TP of 6,720 (from 6,770 earlier).

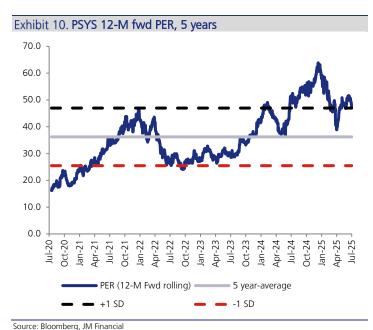
Exhibit 8. What has changed									
	Old				New		Change		
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Exchange rate (INR/USD)	85.38	85.38	85.38	85.89	85.38	85.38	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Consolidated revenue (USD mn)	1,663	1,946	2,264	1,639	1,902	2,216	-1.5%	-2.3%	-2.1%
Growth in USD revenues (YoY)	18.0%	17.0%	16.3%	16.3%	16.1%	16.5%	-175bp	-95bp	18bp
Consolidated revenue (INR mn)	1,42,015	1,66,170	1,93,316	1,40,751	1,62,386	1,89,202	-0.9%	-2.3%	-2.1%
EBITDA margin	18.0%	18.2%	18.0%	18.1%	18.0%	17.9%	5bp	-14bp	-8bp
EBIT margin	15.6%	15.9%	15.9%	15.5%	15.6%	15.8%	-12bp	-30bp	-14bp
Adjusted PAT (INR mn)	18,009	21,562	24,591	17,837	20,745	23,862	-1.0%	-3.8%	-3.0%
Adjusted EPS (INR)	114.5	137.0	156.3	114.9	133.7	153.8	0.4%	-2.4%	-1.6%

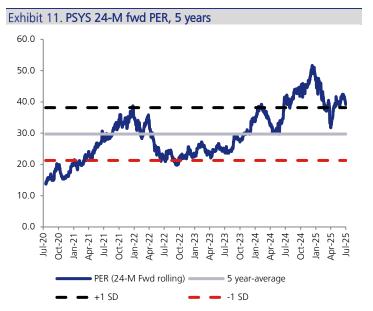
Source: JM Financial estimates

Exhibit 9. JMFe vs. Consensus estimates									
	Consensus		JMFe			Difference			
	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (USD mn)	1,660	1,950	2,250	1,639	1,902	2,216	0.2%	-0.4%	-0.4%
Sales (INR mn)	1,42,229	1,67,161	1,92,867	1,40,751	1,62,386	1,89,202	-1.3%	-2.5%	-1.5%
EBITDA (INR mn)	25,242	30,264	35,068	25,451	29,306	33,939	-1.0%	-2.9%	-1.9%
EBITDA margin (%)	17.7%	18.1%	18.2%	18.1%	18.0%	17.9%	0.8%	-3.2%	-3.2%
EBIT (INR mn)	21,830	26,458	31,105	21,772	25,389	29,830	34bp	-6bp	-24bp
EBIT margin (%)	15.3%	15.8%	16.1%	15.5%	15.6%	15.8%	-0.3%	-4.0%	-4.1%
EPS (INR)	112.6	136.7	160.7	114.9	133.7	153.8	12bp	-19bp	-36bp

Note: Consensus estimates as of 10° Jul and may not reflect changes in estimates post result. Source: Visible Alpha, JM Financial estimates

Valuation charts





Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	98,216	119,387	140,751	162,386	189,202
Sales Growth	17.6%	21.6%	17.9%	15.4%	16.5%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	C
Total Revenue	98,216	119,387	140,751	162,386	189,202
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	65,231	78,740	91,537	105,845	123,666
Personnel Cost	0	0	0	0	C
Other Expenses	15,742	20,066	23,762	27,235	31,597
EBITDA	17,243	20,581	25,451	29,306	33,939
EBITDA Margin	17.6%	17.2%	18.1%	18.0%	17.9%
EBITDA Growth	13.5%	19.4%	23.7%	15.1%	15.8%
Depn. & Amort.	3,094	3,069	3,679	3,917	4,109
EBIT	14,149	17,512	21,772	25,389	29,830
Other Income	813	710	1,543	1,728	1,362
Finance Cost	0	0	0	0	C
PBT before Excep. & Forex	14,962	18,223	23,315	27,117	31,193
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	C
PBT	14,962	18,223	23,315	27,117	31,193
Taxes	3,665	4,222	5,479	6,373	7,330
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	-362	0	0	0	C
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	C
Reported Net Profit	10,935	14,001	17,837	20,745	23,862
Adjusted Net Profit	11,297	14,001	17,837	20,745	23,862
Net Margin	11.5%	11.7%	12.7%	12.8%	12.6%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	76.9	157.3	155.2	155.2	155.2
Diluted EPS (INR)	146.9	89.0	114.9	133.7	153.8
Diluted EPS Growth	143.7%	-39.4%	29.2%	16.3%	15.0%
Total Dividend + Tax	2,870	6,655	9,338	9,338	11,205
Dividend Per Share (INR)	31.0	35.5	49.6	49.6	59.5

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	49,577	63,191	73,272	86,258	100,810
Share Capital	770	779	782	782	782
Reserves & Surplus	48,807	62,411	72,490	85,476	100,028
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	99	0	0	0	0
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	-1,360	-2,024	-2,091	-2,091	-2,091
Total - Equity & Liab.	48,317	61,166	71,180	84,167	98,719
Net Fixed Assets	20,243	22,386	23,906	24,826	22,685
Gross Fixed Assets	4,755	4,393	5,989	6,910	7,277
Intangible Assets	15,488	17,993	17,916	17,916	15,408
Less: Depn. & Amort.	0	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	5,539	6,415	7,126	7,126	7,126
Current Assets	46,595	56,541	69,039	85,201	111,832
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Sundry Debtors	16,761	18,478	26,993	31,143	36,285
Cash & Bank Balances	12,955	13,643	13,427	21,731	44,462
Loans & Advances	0	0	0	0	0
Other Current Assets	16,878	24,420	28,618	32,328	31,085
Current Liab. & Prov.	24,060	24,175	28,896	32,992	42,930
Current Liabilities	24,060	24,175	28,896	32,992	42,930
Provisions & Others	0	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	22,535	32,365	40,143	52,209	68,902
Total – Assets	48,317	61,166	71,174	84,161	98,713

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	14,476	18,223	23,315	27,117	31,193
Depn. & Amort.	3,094	3,069	3,679	3,917	4,109
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	467	671	0	0	0
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-2,052	-6,233	-8,771	-3,762	6,038
Others	364	2,922	-1,543	-1,728	-1,362
Taxes Paid	-3,414	-5,114	-5,479	-6,373	-7,330
Operating Cash Flow	12,936	13,538	11,202	19,171	32,647
Capex	-2,839	-2,367	-5,199	-4,837	-1,968
Free Cash Flow	10,096	11,171	6,003	14,334	30,679
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-428	-2,494	-712	0	0
Others	-1,428	517	1,543	1,728	1,362
Investing Cash Flow	-4,695	-4,344	-4,368	-3,109	-606
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-4,084	-4,600	-7,758	-7,758	-9,310
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-1,386	-2,061	0	0	0
Others	-467	-373	0	0	0
Financing Cash Flow	-5,937	-7,034	-7,758	-7,758	-9,310
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	2,304	2,159	-924	8,304	22,731
Opening Cash Balance	10,912	12,955	13,643	13,427	21,731
Closing Cash Balance	13,216	15,115	12,718	21,731	44,462

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Margin	11.5%	11.7%	12.7%	12.8%	12.6%
Asset Turnover (x)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Leverage Factor (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
RoE	25.3%	24.8%	26.1%	26.0%	25.5%

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (INR)	644.5	405.5	468.5	551.5	644.6
ROIC	37.2%	36.2%	34.8%	35.3%	42.8%
ROE	25.3%	24.8%	26.1%	26.0%	25.5%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
P/E (x)	38.2	63.0	48.8	41.9	36.5
P/B (x)	8.7	13.8	12.0	10.2	8.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.0	20.0	16.2	13.8	11.2
EV/Sales (x)	4.2	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.0
Debtor days	62	56	70	70	70
Inventory days	0	0	0	0	0
Creditor days	98	79	82	82	93

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History of Reco	ommendation and Ta	arget Price	
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
19-Jan-23	Hold	4,400	
26-Apr-23	Hold	4,320	-1.8
23-Jul-23	Hold	4,390	1.6
21-Sep-23	Hold	5,530	26.0
20-Oct-23	Hold	5,720	3.4
22-Jan-24	Hold	8,220	43.7
22-Apr-24	Hold	3,400	-58.6
20-Jul-24	Buy	5,240	54.1
10-Sep-24	Buy	6,030	15.1
23-Oct-24	Buy	6,170	2.3
23-Jan-25	Buy	7,630	23.7
24-Apr-25	Buy	6,220	-18.5

Persistent Systems 9275 7685 6095 4505 2915 Jul-22 Jan-23 Jul-23 Jan-24 Jul-24 Jan-25 Jul-25

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Rating	Meaning
Buy	Total expected returns of more than 10% for stocks with market capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and more than 15% for all other stocks, over the next twelve months. Total expected return includes dividend yields.
Hold	Price expected to move in the range of 10% downside to 10% upside from the current market price for stocks with market capitalisation in excess of INR 200 billion and REITs* and in the range of 10% downside to 15% upside from the current market price for all other stocks, over the next twelve months.
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