

Trent Ltd Retail



# Beat On All Fronts; Maintain BUY

Est. Vs. Actual for Q4FY25: Revenue –BEAT; EBITDA – BEAT ; PAT – BEAT

# Changes in Estimates post Q4FY25

FY26E/FY27E – Revenue: 7%/9%; EBITDA: 5%/10%; PAT: 0%/6%

**Recommendation Rationale** 

- Strong Performance Trent delivered strong performance in Q4FY25, with revenue rising ~29% YoY to Rs 4,106 Cr, surpassing expectations. The fashion segment maintained its growth momentum with mid-single-digit like-for-like growth in Q4 and double-digit growth for the whole year. FY25 revenue rose 40% YoY, and volume growth stood at 40%, which was led by rapid store expansion. The company's total retail area stood at 13 Mn sqft.
- Strategic Expansion Driving Market Penetration: In Q4, Trent added 10 Westside and 130 Zudio stores on a net basis, taking the total count to 248 and 765, respectively. The expansion strategy remains anchored in deepening its presence across metro and Tier 1 cities, while strengthening performance across key micro markets.

## Sector Outlook: Positive

**Company Outlook & Guidance:** We maintain our **BUY** recommendation as a sharp correction provides a better entry point, as the long-term outlook remains strong.

#### **Current Valuation: SOTP**

#### Current TP: Rs 6,650/share (Previous TP: Rs 7,100/share).

**Recommendation:** With a 24% upside potential from the CMP, we **maintain our BUY rating on the stock.** 

#### Financial Performance

The company's revenue grew ~29% YoY to Rs 4,106 Cr, while its fashion concept registered midsingle digit LFL growth in Q4FY25. EBITDA increased by ~38% YoY, while EBITDA margins improved by 101bps YoY to 16% due to store optimisation. PAT stood at Rs 350 Cr, down by ~47% YoY, primarily due to a one-off gain in the base quarter.

**Outlook:** Trent continues to deliver strong revenue growth despite macro headwinds. The correction in stock price has improved the risk-reward profile, offering a favourable entry point for long-term investors. With structural tailwinds in organised retail and ample headroom for market share gains, Trent remains well-positioned to benefit from the sector's multi-year growth trajectory. Furthermore, we remain positive on Trent as we expect robust sales growth to continue ahead of its peers, underpinned by its strategic focus on rapid store expansion and continual assortment refreshment, which should drive higher footfall. Furthermore, earnings improvement across all formats reinforces our confidence. Trent's recent approach to implementing its successful playbook at Star Business, driven by private labels, has proven beneficial and is expected to be a key growth catalyst. Additionally, the company's geographical expansion into the UAE, the launch of Zudio Beauty, and its entry into the fast-growing LGD Jewellery segment are anticipated to contribute significantly to long-term growth. Based on this thesis, we maintain a positive long-term outlook on Trent.

#### Valuation & Recommendation

We remain positive on the company and expect Revenue/EBITDA growth of 29%/31% CAGR on a standalone business over FY24-27E. We maintain our BUY rating on the stock and value the company on an SOTP basis with a revised TP of Rs 6,650/ share. Our TP implies an upside of 24% from the CMP.

#### **Key Financials (Standalone)**

| (Rs Cr)           | Q4FY25 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) | Axis<br>Est. | Variance<br>(%) |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| Net Sales         | 4,106  | (9.5)   | 28.8    | 4,079        | 0.7             |
| EBITDA            | 656    | (21.6)  | 37.5    | 599          | 9.6             |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 16.0   | -249bps | 101bps  | 14.7         | 130bps          |
| Net Profit        | 350    | (25.4)  | (46.5)  | 267          | 31.2            |
| EPS (Rs)          | 9.8    | (25.4)  | (46.5)  | 7.5          | 31.2            |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| (CMP as of 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025) |           |  |
|--|-----------|--|
| CMP (Rs)                                 | 5,380     |  |
| Upside /Downside (%)                     | 24%       |  |
| High/Low (Rs)                            | 8345/4058 |  |
| Market cap (Cr)                          | 191266    |  |
| Avg. daily vol. (6m)Shrs. '000           | 1281      |  |
| No. of shares (Cr)                       | 35        |  |

## Shareholding (%)

| •         |        |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
|           | Sep-24 | Dec-24 | Mar-25 |
| Promoter  | 37.0   | 37.0   | 37.0   |
| FIIs      | 26.6   | 21.7   | 19.7   |
| MFs / UTI | 9.3    | 11.0   | 11.9   |
| FIs/Banks | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| Others    | 27.0   | 30.3   | 31.5   |

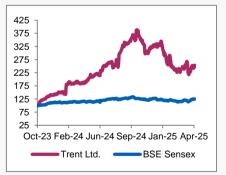
# **Financial & Valuations**

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | FY25A  | FY26E  | FY27E  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net Sales       | 16,668 | 21,371 | 25,584 |
| EBIDTA          | 2,754  | 3,599  | 4,376  |
| Adj Net Profit  | 1,585  | 2,124  | 2,663  |
| EPS, Rs         | 44.6   | 59.8   | 74.9   |
| PER, x          | 120.9  | 90.2   | 72.0   |
| EV/EBIDTA, x    | 70.2   | 53.1   | 43.0   |
| P/BV, x         | 32.4   | 24.1   | 18.2   |
| ROE, %          | 26.8   | 26.7   | 25.3   |

#### Change in Estimates (%)

| Y/E Mar | FY26E | FY27E |
|---------|-------|-------|
| Sales   | 7     | 9     |
| EBITDA  | 5     | 10    |
| PAT     | 0     | 6     |

#### **Relative Performance**



Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities

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# Outlook

Impressive Growth in Star Business: The Star business grew to 78 stores, with 12 additions in FY25, and posted 17% YoY revenue growth in Q4, led by strong traction across own brands, staples, fresh, and general merchandise. Applying Trent's playbook, private labels now contribute over 70% of Star's revenue. Management remains optimistic about the significant growth potential in the food retail space, with Star well-positioned to deliver long-term consumer value.

# Key Risks to Our Estimates and TP

• Increase in competitive intensity, weakening of demand environment.

# **Change in Estimates**

|         | Old Est | timates | Revised Estimates |        | % Change |       |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|
|         | FY26E   | FY27E   | FY26E             | FY27E  | FY26E    | FY27E |
| Revenue | 19,957  | 23,412  | 21,371            | 25,584 | 7        | 9     |
| EBITDA  | 3,418   | 3,993   | 3,599             | 4,376  | 5        | 10    |
| PAT     | 2,119   | 2,503   | 2,124             | 2,663  | 0        | 6     |
| EPS     | 59.6    | 70.4    | 59.8              | 74.9   | 0        | 6     |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

# **Results Review**

| (Rs Cr)               | Q4FY24 | Q3FY25 | Axis Sec<br>Est | Q4FY25 | % Change<br>(YoY) | % Change<br>(QoQ) | Var (%) Axis<br>Sec Est |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Revenue         | 3,187  | 4,535  | 4,079           | 4,106  | 28.8              | (9.5)             | 0.7                     |
| COGS                  | 1,744  | 2,507  | 2,244           | 2,356  | 35.1              | (6.1)             | 5.0                     |
| Gross Profit          | 1,443  | 2,027  | 1,836           | 1,750  | 21.3              | (13.7)            | (4.6)                   |
| GM%                   | 45.3   | 44.7   | 45.0            | 42.6   | -266bps           | -208bps           | -237bps                 |
| Expenditure           |        |        |                 |        |                   |                   |                         |
| Employee expenses     | 298    | 301    | 387             | 307    | 3.2               | 2.1               | (20.6)                  |
| Other Exp             | 383    | 499    | 478             | 480    | 25.5              | (3.8)             | 0.4                     |
| Total Expenditure     | 242    | 331    | 311             | 314    | 29.7              | (5.0)             | 1.1                     |
| EBIDTA                | 477    | 838    | 599             | 656    | 37.5              | (21.6)            | 9.6                     |
| EBITDA Margin (%)     | 15.0   | 18.5   | 14.7            | 16.0   | 101bps            | -249bps           | 130bps                  |
| Depreciation          | 203    | 239    | 275             | 263    | 29.8              | 9.9               | (4.4)                   |
| EBIT                  | 275    | 598    | 324             | 393    | 43.2              | (34.3)            | 21.5                    |
| Interest              | 32     | 36     | 37              | 37     | 15.3              | 2.3               | 1.3                     |
| Oth. Inc.             | 73     | 56     | 73              | 97     | 32.5              | 72.2              | 32.5                    |
| Exceptional Items     | 543    | -      | -               | -      | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0                     |
| РВТ                   | 859    | 618    | 360             | 453    | (47.2)            | (26.7)            | 25.8                    |
| Тах                   | 205    | 149    | 94              | 103    | (49.5)            | (30.7)            | 10.3                    |
| Effective Tax Rate(%) | 23.8   | 24.1   | 26.0            | 22.8   | -104bps           | -130bps           | -320bps                 |
| PAT                   | 654    | 469    | 267             | 350    | (46.5)            | (25.4)            | 31.2                    |
| PAT Margin (%)        | 20.53  | 10.35  | 6.54            | 8.52   | -1201bps          | -183bps           | 198bps                  |
| EPS (Rs)              | 18.4   | 13.2   | 7.5             | 9.8    | (46.5)            | (25.4)            | 31.2                    |

Source: Company, Axis Securities



# Financials (Standalone)

# Profit & Loss

| Y/E Mar                  | FY24    | FY25A   | FY26E    | FY27E    |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Net sales                | 11,927  | 16,668  | 21,371   | 25,584   |
| Growth, %                | 54.6    | 39.8    | 28.2     | 19.7     |
| Other operating income   | -       | -       | -        | -        |
| Total income             | 11,927  | 16,668  | 21,371   | 25,584   |
| Raw material expenses    | (6,541) | (9,262) | (11,855) | (14,107) |
| Employee expenses        | (938)   | (1,201) | (1,537)  | (1,845)  |
| Other Operating expenses | (2,521) | (3,452) | (4,380)  | (5,256)  |
| EBITDA (Core)            | 1,927   | 2,754   | 3,599    | 4,376    |
| Growth, %                | 72.2    | 42.9    | 30.7     | 21.6     |
| Margin, %                | 16.2    | 16.5    | 16.8     | 17.1     |
| Depreciation             | (639)   | (870)   | (940)    | (1,010)  |
| EBIT                     | 1,288   | 1,884   | 2,659    | 3,366    |
| Growth, %                | 96.4    | 46.2    | 41.1     | 26.6     |
| Margin, %                | 10.8    | 11.3    | 12.4     | 13.2     |
| Other Income             | 351     | 329     | 362      | 399      |
| Non-recurring Items      | 543     | -       | -        | -        |
| Pre-tax profit           | 1,873   | 2,077   | 2,870    | 3,599    |
| Tax provided             | (438)   | (492)   | (746)    | (936)    |
| Profit after tax         | 1,436   | 1,585   | 2,124    | 2,663    |
| Growth, %                | 60.9    | 77.6    | 34.0     | 25.4     |
| Unadj. shares (Cr)       | 36      | 36      | 36       | 36       |
| Wtdavg shares (Cr)       | 36      | 36      | 36       | 36       |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

# **Balance Sheet**

| Y/E Mar                    | FY24  | FY25A   | FY26E   | FY27E   |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cash & bank                | 286   | 323     | 2,543   | 5,407   |
| Debtors                    | 79    | 60      | 76      | 92      |
| Inventory                  | 1,565 | 2,028   | 2,601   | 3,113   |
| Loans & advances           | -     | -       | -       | -       |
| Other current assets       | 408   | 575     | 575     | 575     |
| Total current assets       | 2,957 | 3,503   | 6,312   | 9,703   |
| Investments                | 1,282 | 1,619   | 1,619   | 1,619   |
| Gross fixed assets         | 3,283 | 5,414   | 5,842   | 6,270   |
| Less: Depreciation         | (883) | (1,753) | (2,693) | (3,703) |
| Add: Capital WIP           | 161   | 118     | 118     | 118     |
| Net fixed assets           | 2,562 | 3,779   | 3,267   | 2,685   |
| Non-current assets         | 657   | 799     | 799     | 799     |
| Total assets               | 7,429 | 9,696   | 11,993  | 14,803  |
| Current liabilities        | 913   | 1,115   | 1,378   | 1,613   |
| Provisions                 | -     | -       | -       | -       |
| Total current liabilities  | 913   | 1,115   | 1,378   | 1,613   |
| Non-current liabilities    | 2,068 | 2,666   | 2,666   | 2,666   |
| Total liabilities          | 2,982 | 3,781   | 4,044   | 4,279   |
| Paid-up capital            | 36    | 36      | 36      | 36      |
| Reserves & surplus         | 4,412 | 5,879   | 7,914   | 10,488  |
| Shareholders' equity       | 4,447 | 5,914   | 7,950   | 10,524  |
| Total equity & liabilities | 7,429 | 9,696   | 11,993  | 14,803  |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

(Rs Cr)

(Rs Cr)



# Cash Flow

(%)

|         |  |  | (110)  |
|---------|--|--|--|
| FY24    | FY25A  | FY26E  | FY27E  |
| 1,873   | 2,077  | 2,870  | 3,599  |
| 639     | 870  | 940  | 1,010  |
| (275)   | (462)  | (327)  | (293)  |
| (410)   | (517)  | (746)  | (936)  |
| 1,827   | 1,967  | 2,737  | 3,380  |
| 1,207   | (2,087)  | (428)  | (428)  |
| (164)   | 104  | -  | -  |
| 953     | (2,320)  | (428)  | (428)  |
| 2,780   | (353)  | 2,309  | 2,952  |
| -       | -  | -  | -  |
| -       | -  | -  | -  |
| (2,504) | 507  | -  | -  |
| 276     | 154  | 2,309  | 2,952  |
| 79      | 286  | 323  | 2,543  |
| 286     | 323  | 2,543  | 5,407  |
|         | 1,873<br>639<br>(275)<br>(410)<br><b>1,827</b><br>1,207<br>(164)<br><b>953</b><br>2,780<br>-<br>-<br>( <b>2,504</b> )<br>276<br>79 | 1,873 2,077   639 870   (275) (462)   (410) (517)   1,827 1,967   1,207 (2,087)   (164) 104   953 (2,320)   2,780 (353)   - -   - -   - -   2,780 507   276 154   79 286 | 1,873 2,077 2,870   639 870 940   (275) (462) (327)   (410) (517) (746)   1,827 1,967 2,737   1,207 (2,087) (428)   (164) 104 -   953 (2,320) (428)   2,780 (353) 2,309   - - -   - - -   (2,504) 507 -   276 154 2,309   79 286 323 |

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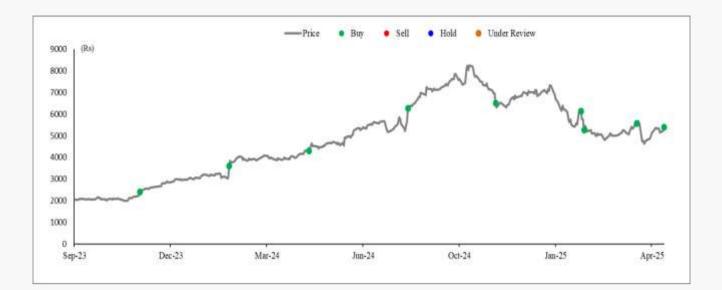
# **Ratio Analysis**

|                                |       |       |       | •     |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Mar                        | FY24  | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
| Per Share data                 |       |       |       |       |
| EPS (INR)                      | 40.4  | 44.6  | 59.8  | 74.9  |
| Growth, %                      | 60.9  | 77.6  | 34.0  | 25.4  |
| Book NAV/share (INR)           | 125.1 | 166.4 | 223.6 | 296.0 |
| FDEPS (INR)                    | 25.1  | 44.6  | 59.8  | 74.9  |
| CEPS (INR)                     | 27.8  | 69.1  | 86.2  | 103.3 |
| CFPS (INR)                     | 46.0  | 50.1  | 66.8  | 83.9  |
| DPS (INR)                      | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| Return ratios                  |       |       |       |       |
| Return on assets (%)           | 22.2  | 20.1  | 21.0  | 21.1  |
| Return on equity (%)           | 20.1  | 26.8  | 26.7  | 25.3  |
| Return on capital employed (%) | 24.8  | 22.8  | 23.7  | 23.8  |
| Turnover ratios                |       |       |       |       |
| Asset turnover (x)             | 2.7   | 3.9   | 4.3   | 5.4   |
| Sales/Total assets (x)         | 1.5   | 1.9   | 2.0   | 1.9   |
| Sales/Net FA (x)               | 3.4   | 5.3   | 6.1   | 8.6   |
| Working capital/Sales (x)      | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   |
| Receivable days                | 2.4   | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Inventory days                 | 47.9  | 44.4  | 44.4  | 44.4  |
| Payable days                   | 27.5  | 24.4  | 24.5  | 24.6  |
| Working capital days           | 34.8  | 33.9  | 32.0  | 30.9  |
| Liquidity ratios               |       |       |       |       |
| Current ratio (x)              | 3.2   | 3.1   | 4.6   | 6.0   |
| Quick ratio (x)                | 1.5   | 1.3   | 2.7   | 4.1   |
| nterest cover (x)              | 4.2   | 13.8  | 17.7  | 20.3  |
| Total debt/Equity (x)          | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.3   | 0.2   |
| Valuation                      |       |       |       |       |
| PER (x)                        | 214.7 | 120.9 | 90.2  | 72.0  |
| PEG (x) - y-o-y growth         | 3.5   | 1.6   | 2.7   | 2.8   |
| Price/Book (x)                 | 43.1  | 32.4  | 24.1  | 18.2  |
| EV/Net sales (x)               | 16.2  | 11.6  | 8.9   | 7.4   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)                  | 100.0 | 70.2  | 53.1  | 43.0  |
| EV/EBIT (x)                    | 149.5 | 102.5 | 71.8  | 55.9  |
|                                |       |       |       |       |

Source: Company, Axis Securities



# **Trent Ltd Price Chart and Recommendation History**



| Date      | Reco | ТР    | Research      |
|-----------|------|-------|---------------|
| 09-Feb-23 | BUY  | 1,700 | Result Update |
| 28-Apr-23 | BUY  | 1,700 | Result Update |
| 10-Aug-23 | BUY  | 2,000 | Result Update |
| 08-Nov-23 | BUY  | 2,750 | Result Update |
| 08-Feb-24 | BUY  | 4,050 | Result Update |
| 30-Apr-24 | BUY  | 4,800 | Result Update |
| 12-Aug-24 | BUY  | 7,000 | Result Update |
| 08-Nov-24 | BUY  | 7,450 | Result Update |
| 03-Feb-25 | BUY  | 7,450 | Top Picks     |
| 07-Feb-25 | BUY  | 7,100 | Result Update |
| 01-Mar-25 | BUY  | 6,570 | Top Picks     |
| 01-Apr-25 | BUY  | 6,570 | Top Picks     |
| 30-Apr-25 | BUY  | 6,650 | Result Update |
|           |      |       |               |

Source: Axis Securities Research



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