# Just Dial | BUY

## Muted quarter; expect 2H to be better than 1H

Just Dial reported muted revenue growth of 9.3% YoY in 2QFY25, a miss on JMFe by 2% and well below management guidance of mid-teens growth. Both paid campaigns and realisation were lower by c.1% vs. JMFe. As a result, EBITDA of INR 821mn (+68% YoY) too missed our estimate by 3%. Cash collections growth was also soft at 8% YoY, albeit on an absolute basis it did expand ~10% QoQ. Moreover, traffic growth accelerated to 15% YoY despite not much change in A&P spends. We believe sequential acceleration in collections and improved traffic trends should help accelerate topline growth in 2H, and forecast revenue growth of ~11.5% YoY in FY25. Moreover, the company's plans to distribute full year profits/cash generated to shareholders should support the stock as yield on payouts could be >5% at CMP (basis FY25 estimates). Ex-cash and other income, Just Dial trades at 19x/14x FY26/27 PER a significant discount to IndiaMART (SELL, INR 2600) which trades at 40x/34x, despite converging growth profile. We roll-forward to Dec'25 for a revised TP of INR 1,300 earlier).

- Muted topline growth in 2Q, but expect growth to accelerate in 2H: Revenue grew 9.3% YoY (+1.5% QoQ) to INR 2.85bn, a miss on JMFe by c.2%. Sequential paid subscription additions moderated to 6.8k from +8.0k/+12.6k in 1QFY25/2QFY24, thereby missing JMFe of 8.8k, whereas average realisation stood at INR 19.1k vs. JMFe of INR 19.5k. However, collections growth improved to 7.9% YoY (versus 5.4% YoY in 1Q) and was up ~10% QoQ, likely indicating a better revenue trajectory in 2H. We forecast revenue CAGR of 11.7% over FY24-FY27, 1.2x of CAGR reported over FY15-FY20, factoring in steady increase in paid campaigns as well as realisation in recent quarters.
- Robust margin expansion driven by a favourable base: Just Dial's EBITDA margin in 2Q expanded 10.1ppts YoY (+7bps QoQ) to 28.8%, broadly in line with JMFe of 28.9%, on the back of a favourable base and strong operation leverage. Employee costs (as a % of revenue) were down 10 ppts YoY due to recent rationalisation of workforce across sales as well as non-sales functions, while other expenses (as a % of revenue) were down 50bps due to tight control over A&P spends. As a result, EBITDA growth was robust at 68.3% YoY to INR 821mn (+1.8% QoQ); however, it missed JMFe by 2.7% on account of lower-than-expected topline growth. Other income grew ~2x YoY to INR 1.1bn due to higher MTM gains aided by declining bond yields, whereas ETR stood at 15.1%. PAT stood at INR 1.5bn, ahead of JMFe by c.15% led by higher-than-expected treasury gains.
- Roll forward TP to INR 1,350; maintain BUY: We reduce our topline estimates by 1.8-4.7% over FY25-27, to factor in lower-than-expected revenue growth in 1HFY25. However, we raise EBITDA margin estimates by ~15-140bps over FY25-27 as costs are unlikely to increase meaningfully here-on and expect Just Dial's core PAT (i.e., ex-other income) to expand by ~2.4x from INR 1.3bn in FY24 to ~INR 3.1bn in FY27. We roll forward to Dec'25 and value the stock basis unchanged multiple of 20x core business EPS + Cash to derive a revised TP of INR 1,350 (vs. INR 1,300 earlier).

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	8,448	10,429	11,641	13,019	14,538
Sales Growth (%)	30.6	23.5	11.6	11.8	11.7
EBITDA	857	2,166	3,391	3,945	4,563
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	20.8	29.1	30.3	31.4
Adjusted Net Profit	1,627	3,629	5,738	5,568	6,367
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.1	42.7	67.5	65.5	74.9
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	105.7	122.8	58.1	-3.0	14.4
ROIC (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROE (%)	4.5	9.4	13.3	11.4	11.6
P/E (x)	68.4	30.7	19.4	20.0	17.5
P/B (x)	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	82.3	30.0	17.5	13.6	10.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 14/Oct/2024



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	1,350
Upside/(Downside)	7.2%
Previous Price Target	1,300
Change	3.8%

Key Data – JUST IN	
Current Market Price	INR1,260
Market cap (bn)	INR107.1/US\$1.3
Free Float	26%
Shares in issue (mn)	85.0
Diluted share (mn)	85.0
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR1,075.9/US\$12.8
52-week range	1,395/696
Sensex/Nifty	81,973/25,128
INR/US\$	84.1

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.2	40.1	69.5
Relative*	6.3	25.5	37.0

\* To the BSE Sensex

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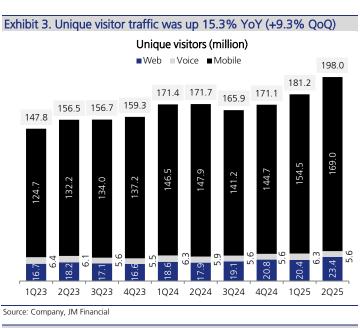
	205/24	2012/24	405/24	EV/24	105/25	205/25	
	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	FY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	Comments
Revenues (INR mn)	2,606	2,651	2,703	10,429	2,806	2,848	
Total operating expense Operating profit (EBITDA) Operating margin	2,118 <b>488</b> 18.7%	2,047 604 22.8%	1,995 <b>707</b> <b>26.2%</b>	8,264 <b>2,166</b> 20.8%	1,999 <b>806</b> <b>28.7%</b>	2,028 <b>821</b> 28.8%	<ul> <li>Consol. revenue grew 9.3% YoY (+1.5% QoQ) to INR 2.8bn, a miss on JMFe by c.2% due to weaker than expected volumes as well as realisations.</li> </ul>
Depreciation & amortization EBIT EBIT margin	122 <b>366</b> <b>14.0%</b>	121 <b>483</b> <b>18.2%</b>	118 <b>589</b> <b>21.8%</b>	462 <b>1,704</b> 16.3%	117 <b>689</b> <b>24.6%</b>	117 <b>703</b> <b>24.7%</b>	<ul> <li>EBITDA margin expansion was very strong at 10.1ppts YoY (+7 bps QoQ) to 28.8%, broadly in line with JMFe of 28.9%.</li> </ul>
							<ul> <li>Treasury income of INR 1.1bn was well ahead of</li> </ul>
Net other income Profit before tax Income tax expense	555 921 203	727 1,209 289	885 1,474 317	2,962 4,666 1,036	850 1,539 127	1,112 1,816 275	JMFe of INR 760mn due to declining bond yields, while ETR stood at 15.1% above JMFe of 10%.
Net income from operations	718	920	1,157	3,629	1,412	1,541	<ul> <li>PAT of INR 1,541mn was c.15% ahead of JMFe.</li> </ul>
Change (YoY)	37.6%	22.1%	38.4%	123.0%	69.3%	114.6%	The beat was driven by better-than-expected
							treasury income.
Adjusted diluted EPS	8.44	10.82	13.61	42.67	16.60	18.12	
Change (YoY)	37.5%	22.1%	38.4%	122.8%	69.4%	114.7%	

Source: Company, JM Financial

## Exhibit 2. Key execution metrics

	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	Comments
Total listings – mn	40.2	41.6	43.6	44.9	46.2	
Change (YoY)	18.6%	18.9%	19.5%	18.2%	14.9%	<ul> <li>Total listings grew by 14.9% YoY to 46.2mn</li> </ul>
Paid listings - period-end (nos)	5,60,830	5,66,955	5,83,690	591,650	598,430	while paid campaigns grew 6.7% YoY to
Change (YoY)	11.3%	8.6%	8.4%	7.9%	6.7%	598,430.
Paid listings - % of total listings	1.40%	1.36%	1.34%	1.32%	1.30%	
Avg. revenue per campaign (INR)	18,798	18,801	18,791	19,097	19,147	Overall employee headcount increased by
Change (YoY)	13.0%	8.9%	7.1%	5.0%	1.9%	0.3% sequentially (-11.7% YoY) to 13,147 in
Headcount	14,888	13,954	12,834	13,112	13,147	2QFY25.
Sales headcount	11,532	10,906	9,816	9,980	10,184	

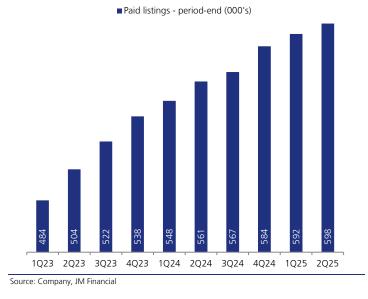
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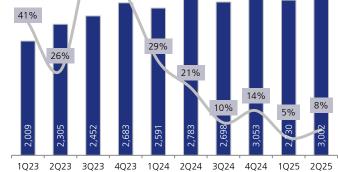
## Exhibit 5. Revenue grew 9.3% YoY (+1.5% QoQ)



#### Exhibit 7. Period-end paid campaigns rose 6.7% YoY (+1.1% QoQ)

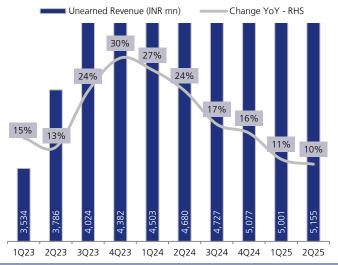






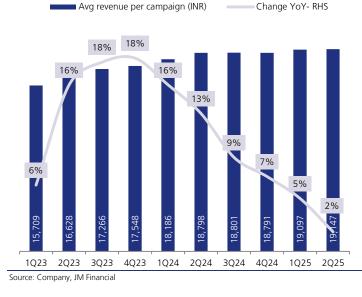
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## Exhibit 6. Deferred revenue was up 10.1% YoY (+3.1% QoQ)

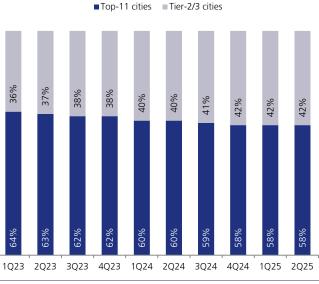


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#### Exhibit 8. Avg. realisation were up 1.9% YoY (+0.3% QoQ)

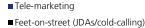


## Exhibit 9. Revenue distribution trends - Geography-wise

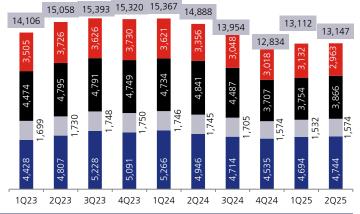


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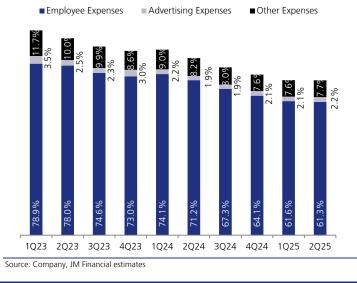


Feet-on-street (marketing) Non-sales headcount

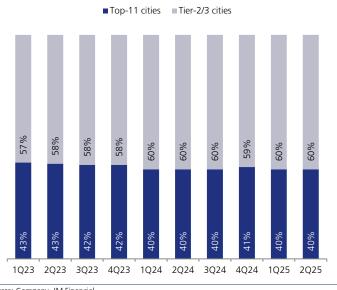


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Exhibit 13. Operating expenses as a % of revenue declined from 81.4% in 2QFY24 to 71.2% in 2QFY25..



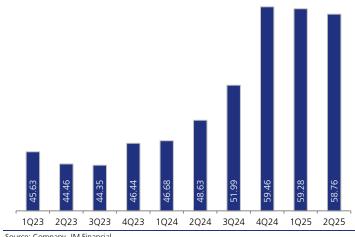
## Exhibit 10. Paid-listings distribution trends - Geography-wise



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Paid listing per sales employee

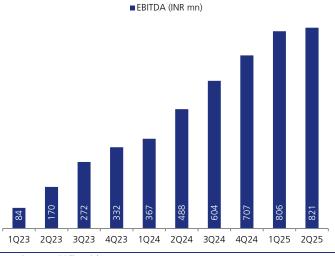


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### Exhibit 14. ...due to which EBITDA margin expanded to 28.8% in 2QFY25

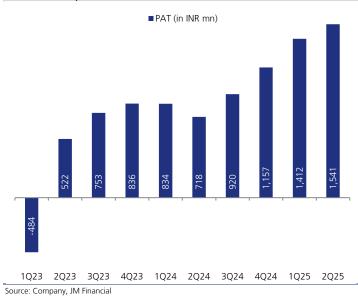


## Exhibit 15. EBITDA in 2Q grew 68.3% YoY (+1.8% QoQ)



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## Exhibit 17. Reported PAT trend



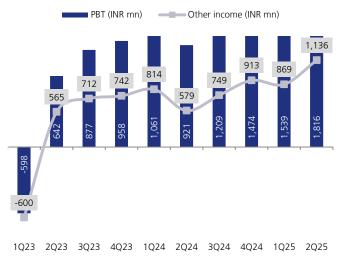
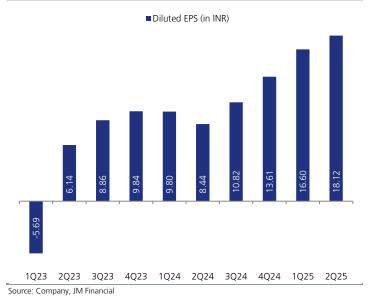


Exhibit 16. Other income grew 30.8% QoQ to INR 1.1bn

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## Exhibit 18. Diluted EPS trend



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## Maintain BUY; TP raised to INR 1,350

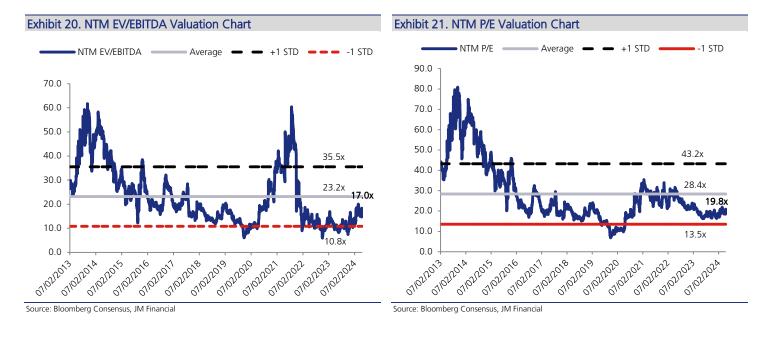
## Exhibit 19. What has changed in our forecasts and assumptions?

	Old		New				Change		
	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Consolidated revenue (INR mn)	11,857	13,468	15,251	11,641	13,019	14,538	-1.8%	-3.3%	-4.7%
Revenue growth rate (YoY)	13.7%	13.6%	13.2%	11.6%	11.8%	11.7%	-207bp	-174bp	-157bp
EBITDA margin	3,438	3,952	4,574	3,391	3,945	4,563	-1.3%	-0.2%	-0.3%
EBITDA (INR mn)	29.0%	29.3%	30.0%	29.1%	30.3%	31.4%	14bp	95bp	139bp
EBIT margin	2,963	3,462	4,076	2,923	3,471	4,080	-1.4%	0.3%	0.1%
EBIT (INR mn)	25.0%	25.7%	26.7%	25.1%	26.7%	28.1%	12bp	95bp	134bp
PAT (INR mn)	5,507	5,555	6,365	5,738	5,568	6,367	4.2%	0.2%	0.0%
Diluted EPS (INR)	64.77	65.33	74.86	67.47	65.47	74.88	4.2%	0.2%	0.0%

Source: Company, JM Financial

## Key Risks

- Key upside risks to our price target are: (1) better-than-expected pick-up in the share of paid-listing; (2) higher-than-expected pricing growth in the core search segment; (3) any accretive acquisition not currently priced in.
- Key downside risks are: (1) significant market share loss to vertical focused classified players; (2) higher-than-expected pricing erosion due to penetration in Tier 2/3 cities; (3) higher-than-expected advertising spend adversely impacting margin performance. (4) Failure in executing new initiatives.



# Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement				(	INR mn)
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Sales Growth	30.6%	23.5%	11.6%	11.8%	11.7%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	8,448	10,429	11,641	13,019	14,538
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	0	0	0	0	0
Personnel Cost	6,510	7,198	7,086	7,773	8,522
Other Expenses	1,080	1,066	1,164	1,302	1,454
EBITDA	857	2,166	3,391	3,945	4,563
EBITDA Margin	10.2%	20.8%	29.1%	30.3%	31.4%
EBITDA Growth	0.0%	152.5%	56.6%	16.3%	15.7%
Depn. & Amort.	322	462	469	473	482
EBIT	536	1,704	2,923	3,471	4,080
Other Income	1,343	2,962	3,597	3,489	3,879
Finance Cost	0	0	0	0	0
PBT before Excep. & Forex	1,878	4,666	6,520	6,960	7,959
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	1,878	4,666	6,520	6,960	7,959
Taxes	251	1,036	782	1,392	1,592
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	1,627	3,629	5,738	5,568	6,367
Adjusted Net Profit	1,627	3,629	5,738	5,568	6,367
Net Margin	19.3%	34.8%	49.3%	42.8%	43.8%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	85.0	85.1	85.0	85.0	85.0
Diluted EPS (INR)	19.1	42.7	67.5	65.5	74.9
Diluted EPS Growth	105.7%	122.8%	58.1%	-3.0%	14.4%
Total Dividend + Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend Per Share (INR)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Shareholders' Fund	36,671	40,235	45,974	51,542	57,909
Share Capital	843	850	850	850	850
Reserves & Surplus	35,828	39,385	45,123	50,691	57,059
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	C
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	C
Total Loans	0	0	0	0	C
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	368	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,114
Total - Equity & Liab.	37,038	41,349	47,088	52,656	59,024
Net Fixed Assets	1,823	1,466	1,455	1,479	1,530
Gross Fixed Assets	4,789	4,562	5,020	5,518	6,050
Intangible Assets	342	279	279	279	279
Less: Depn. & Amort.	3,308	3,375	3,843	4,317	4,799
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	(
Investments	40,512	46,077	46,077	46,077	46,077
Current Assets	588	477	6,087	11,948	18,336
Inventories	0	0	0	0	(
Sundry Debtors	0	0	0	0	(
Cash & Bank Balances	156	177	5,763	11,620	18,005
Loans & Advances	8	3	28	31	35
Other Current Assets	424	296	296	296	296
Current Liab. & Prov.	5,885	6,670	6,531	6,848	6,920
Current Liabilities	153	135	233	260	29
Provisions & Others	5,732	6,535	6,298	6,588	6,629
Net Current Assets	-5,297	-6,193	-444	5,100	11,416
Total – Assets	37,038	41,349	47,088	52,656	59,024

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				(	INR mn)
Y/E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Profit before Tax	536	1,704	2,923	3,471	4,080
Depn. & Amort.	322	462	469	473	482
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	0	0	0	0	0
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	1,016	746	-164	314	68
Others	97	0	1	0	0
Taxes Paid	-183	-321	-782	-1,392	-1,592
Operating Cash Flow	1,788	2,591	2,446	2,867	3,039
Capex	-499	-147	-458	-498	-533
Free Cash Flow	1,289	2,444	1,988	2,369	2,506
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-1,362	-2,378	0	0	0
Others	227	227	3,597	3,489	3,879
Investing Cash Flow	-1,634	-2,298	3,140	2,991	3,346
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	8	7	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	0	0	0	0	0
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-239	-279	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Financing Cash Flow	-231	-272	0	0	0
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-77	21	5,586	5,858	6,385
Opening Cash Balance	233	156	177	5,763	11,620
Closing Cash Balance	156	177	5,763	11,620	18,005

Dupont Analysis									
Y/E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E				
Net Margin	19.3%	34.8%	49.3%	42.8%	43.8%				
Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3				
Leverage Factor (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0				
RoE	4.5%	9.4%	13.3%	11.4%	11.6%				

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
BV/Share (INR)	435.3	473.5	540.6	606.1	681.0
ROIC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ROE	4.5%	9.4%	13.3%	11.4%	11.6%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
P/E (x)	68.4	30.7	19.4	20.0	17.5
P/B (x)	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	82.3	30.0	17.5	13.6	10.3
EV/Sales (x)	8.4	6.2	5.1	4.1	3.2
Debtor days	0	0	0	0	0
Inventory days	0	0	0	0	0
Creditor days	7	6	10	10	11

Source: Company, JM Financial

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History of Recommendation and Target Price					
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.		
2-Nov-20	Buy	680			
1-Feb-21	Buy	700	2.9		
18-May-21	Buy	730	4.3		
3-May-22	Sell	700	-4.1		
18-Jul-22	Hold	600	-14.3		
18-Oct-22	Hold	650	8.3		
15-Jan-23	Hold	660	1.5		
18-Apr-23	Hold	730	10.6		
18-Jul-23	Hold	750	2.7		
27-Sep-23	Buy	830	10.7		
21-Oct-23	Buy	950	14.5		
13-Jan-24	Buy	1,010	6.3		
18-Apr-24	Buy	1,160	14.9		
18-Jul-24	Buy	1,300	12.1		



## **APPENDIX I**

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