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Equity Shares (m)	51
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	195.8 / 2.4
52-Week Range (INR)	4073 / 1285
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	14/57/136
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2297
Free float (%)	100.0

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E Mar	2024	2025E	2026E
Sales	6.8	9.2	11.0
EBIT Margin (%)	4.2	55.6	58.7
PAT	0.8	4.7	5.9
EPS (INR)	16.3	92.8	115.6
EPS Gr. (%)	-44.2	469.4	24.6
BV/Sh. (INR)	270.3	288.9	312.0
Ratios			
RoE (%)	5.8	33.2	38.5
Valuations			
P/E (x)	235.6	41.4	33.2
P/BV (x)	14.2	13.3	12.3
Div Yield (%)	0.0	0.9	0.9

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-24	Dec-23	Mar-23
DII	56.9	53.0	52.7
FII	23.4	26.8	27.1
Others	19.7	20.2	20.2

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR3,839 TP: INR4,400(15%) Weak revenue led to a 5% PAT miss; cost broadly in line

- MCX reported PAT of INR878m, 5% lower than our estimates of INR923m. Total revenue came in at INR1.8b, up 35% YoY (~13.4% miss). The miss was due to lower non-transaction revenues and lower-than-expected premium to notional turnover in the options segment.
- Overall volumes improved significantly, rising by 97% YoY to INR83t. Futures volumes came in at INR11.1t, down 15% YoY and 16% QoQ. Option volumes jumped 148% YoY and 18% QoQ to INR71.6t.
- For FY24, revenue increased 33% YoY to INR 6.8b and PAT declined 44% YoY to INR831m.
- We have raised our FY25 and FY26 EPS estimates to factor in a stronger volume trajectory and anticipated new product launches. We reiterate our BUY rating with a one-year TP of INR4,400 (premised on 38x FY26E EPS).

Energy and bullion drive overall volume growth

- Volumes in the Energy segment jumped 121% YoY, fueled by a 127% YoY surge in crude oil volumes in 4QFY24.
- Bullion volumes rose 56% YoY, driven by 69%/42% YoY rise in gold/silver volumes.
- Overall base metal volumes dropped 53% YoY, due to a 60% YoY decline in each Aluminum/Copper volumes in 4QFY24.
- Futures volumes came in at INR11t, down 15% YoY/16% QoQ. Options volumes surged 148% YoY/18% QoQ to INR71.6t.
- Overall volumes improved 97% YoY to INR83t. Total revenue for 4QFY24 grew 35% YoY to INR1.81b (~13.4% miss), mainly led by non-transaction revenues.
- Staff costs increased 31% YoY to INR307m (in line). Software expenses stood at INR233m, down 73% YoY (in line) and 84% QoQ.
- Other income declined 9% YoY but grew 3% QoQ to INR183m (broadly in line with our expectations).

Key takeaways from the management commentary

- The launch of new products is still work in progress. MCX has approval for 10g gold futures monthly contracts. Currently, 10g gold monthly contract is in the testing phase.
- The run rate of total operating technology cost (including AMC cost to TCS) and depreciation shall be in range of INR600m. Going forward, costs will no longer be linked to volumes, resulting in relatively stable costs going forward.
- When volatility is higher, maximum trades happen in long-dated contracts, which carry lower premium realization, leading to a decline in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio.

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Valuation and view - Maintain BUY

We expect MCX to deliver a CAGR of 27%/231%/166% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT over FY24-26, led by a 53% CAGR in options volumes. We highlight several near- to medium-term drivers of volume growth: 1) new product launches – futures & options (short-duration contracts); 2) continued volatility in key commodity prices (gold, crude oil & natural gas) amid global uncertainties; and 3) a rise in retail participation in the options market. Additionally, the company has launched direct market access for Category II FPIs, which would drive volumes in the medium term. We expect no impact from competition on MCX's volumes, as similar products are currently available on other exchanges. With the technology overhang behind MCX and near-term potential drivers in place, we see meaningful re-rating potential. We maintain our BUY rating with a TP of INR4,400 (based on 38x FY26E EPS).

Quarterly Performance

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	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		4QFY24	(%/bp)
Sales	1,088	1,274	1,436	1,338	1,458	1,651	1,915	1,811	6,835	2,091	(13.4)
Yo-Y Gr. (%)	24.2	53.1	60.3	25.6	34.0	29.6	33.4	35.4	33.1	56.3	
Staff Costs	227	229	229	234	253	274	290	307	1,123	305	0.7
Other expenses	368	389	879	1,083	1,098	1,664	1,822	484	5,069	616	(21.4)
EBITDA	493	656	327	21	107	-287	-197	1,020	643	1,170	(12.8)
Depreciation	58	58	43	58	43	66	113	138	359	161	(14.7)
EBIT	435	598	285	-37	64	-353	-310	882	283	1,009	(12.6)
Margins (%)	40.0	47.0	19.8	-2.8	4.4	-21.4	-16.2	48.7	4.1	48.2	
Interest Costs	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	
Other Income	93	182	201	201	204	189	177	183	754	188	(2.5)
PBT bef. Exceptional items	527	781	485	163	267	-164	-133	1,065	1,035	1,196	(11)
Tax	106	135	90	86	58	16	-91	205	189	273	(24.9)
Rate (%)	20.1	17.2	18.5	52.6	21.6	-9.9	68.3	19.3	18.2	22.8	
Profit from associate	-6	-5	-7	-23	-13	-10	-11	19	-15	0.0	
PAT	415	641	388	55	197	-191	-54	878	831	923	(5)
Y-o-Y Gr. (%)	4	96	13	-85	-53	-130	-114	1,512	-44	1,594	
EPS (INR)	8.2	12.6	7.6	1.1	3.9	-3.7	-1.1	17.3	16.3	18.1	(5)
Total volumes (INR t)	28.7	35.9	40.7	42.0	51.8	67.0	73.6	82.7	275.0	88.0	(6.1)
Q-o-Q Gr. (%)	9.8	25.4	13.4	3.0	23.4	29.3	9.9	12.4		19.6	
Y-o-Y Gr. (%)	49.6	71.2	89.0	60.7	80.7	86.3	80.6	97.1	86.7	109.8	

Key takeaways from the management commentary

Business

- Total income for FY24 stood at INR6,840m, of which ~INR5,600m was transactional income (INR2,080 from options and INR3,510m from futures) and ~INR840m was interest income on margin.
- For the quarter, transaction income from options stood at INR1,030m and treasury income from clearing corporation came in at INR210m.
- In 4Q, the revenue decline was attributed to a drop in futures turnover (futures revenue down INR50m). Treasury income earned on margin declined by INR50m during the quarter.
- When volatility is higher, maximum trades happen in long-dated contracts, which carry lower premium realization, leading to a decline in the premium-tonotional turnover ratio.
- The run rate of total operating technology cost (including AMC cost to TCS) and depreciation will be in the range of INR600m. During the quarter, INR103.8m was paid to CME as part of software support and licensing fees.
- The proposal for inter-operability in terms of collateral transfer between exchanges was made to the regulator and this is still under process.
- Total traded UCC during the quarter stood at 0.53m.

New launches

- The launch of new products is still work in progress. MCX has not made application for monthly contracts expiring each week as they need to have a system ready before making the application.
- MCX has approval for 10g gold futures monthly contracts. Currently, 10g gold monthly contract is in the testing phase.
- No exchange has received approval for electricity contracts (application made by MCX two years back)
- From 23rd Apr'24, mini crude and natural gas option contracts got traded on MCX.
- Index options on commodities were permitted by the regulator; however, MCX now needs to file an application to SEBI for the launch of these options (from application to launch time line ~5-8 months).

Exhibit 1: Volume performance

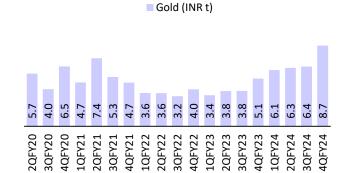
Exhibit 1: Volume perio	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24
Volumes (INR b)								
Agro Commodities	118	42	41	11	16	15	10	15
Base Metals	2,131	2,643	2,639	2,067	1,400	1,343	1,119	963
Bullion	7,013	7,863	8,892	9,752	12,477	12,624	13,630	15,253
Energy	19,322	25,334	29,121	30,086	37,856	52,965	58,802	66,434
Index	72	62	54	39	35	21	14	10
Total	28,655	35,944	40,748	41,954	51,783	66,967	73,575	82,675
Mix (%)					•	•		-
Agro Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Base Metals	7	7	6	5	3	2	2	1
Bullion	24	22	22	23	24	19	19	18
Energy	67	70	71	72	73	79	80	80
Index	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yoy Growth (%)								
Agro Commodities	(69)	-85	(86)	-94	(86)	-65	-76	43
Base Metals	(52)	-29	(26)	-39	(34)	-49	-58	-53
Bullion	(13)	15	33	31	78	61	53	56
Energy	220	155	170	102	96	109	102	121
Index	(65)	-69	(78)	-81	(51)	-66	-74	-75
Total	50	71	89	61	81	86	81	97
QoQ Growth (%)								
Agro Commodities	(36)	-65	(1)	-74	52	-9	-33	54
Base Metals	(37)	24	(0)	-22	(32)	-4	-17	-14
Bullion	(5)	12	13	10	28	1	8	12
Energy	29	31	15	3	26	40	11	13
Index	(64)	-14	(12)	-29	(9)	-40	-33	-32
Total	10	25	13	3	23	29	10	12
FUTCOM	16,078	15,484	15,476	12,986	13,313	11,987	13,087	11,052
FUTIDX	72	62	54	39	35	21	14	10
OPTFUT	12,505	20,398	25,218	28,930	38,435	54,959	60,473	71,613
Total	28,655	35,944	40,748	41,954	51,783	66,967	73,575	82,675
Mix (%)		55,511	10,110	12,001	52,755	20,201	10,010	,
FUTCOM	56	43	38	31	26	18	18	13
FUTIDX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPTFUT	44	57	62	69	74	82	82	87
YoY Growth (%)								
FUTCOM	(9)	-8	(1)	-21	(17)	-23	-15	-15
FUTIDX	(65)	-69	(78)	-81	(51)	-66	-74	-75
OPTFUT	929	413	351	205	207	169	140	148
Total	50	71	89	61	81	86	81	97
QoQ Growth (%)								
FUTCOM	(2)	-4	(0)	-16	3	-10	9	-16
FUTIDX	(64)	-14	(12)	-29	(9)	-40	-33	-32
OPTFUT	32	63	24	15	33	43	10	18
Total	10	25	13	3	23	29	10	12
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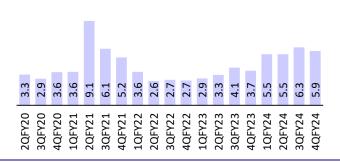
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Exhibit 2: Gold volumes improved (INR t)

Exhibit 3: Silver volumes increase (INR t)





Silver (INR t)

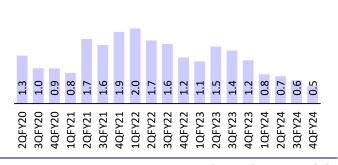
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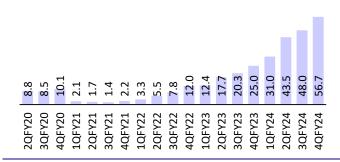
Copper (INR t)

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Exhibit 4: Copper volumes declined (INR t)

Exhibit 5: Crude oil volumes strong (INR t)





Crude (INR t)

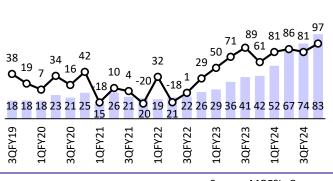
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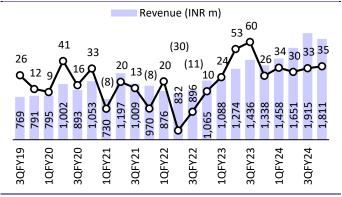
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Exhibit 6: Volumes sustained led by the options segment...

Volumes (INR t) —— YoY (%)

Exhibit 7: ...translating into revenue growth of 34% YoY



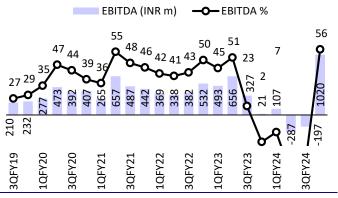


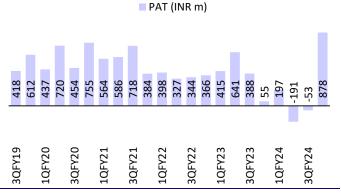
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Exhibit 8: Loss at EBIDTA level due to payment to 63moons

Exhibit 9: Trend in PAT (INR m)





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Financials and valuations

Income statement							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	3,742	3,906	3,668	5,135	6,836	9,161	11,008
Change (%)	25	4	(6)	40	33	34	20
Cost of Services	1,463	1,388	1,440	2,880	5,052	2,274	2,566
SG&A Expenses	730	667	607	759	1,140	1,229	1,384
Provisions							
EBITDA	1,549	1,851	1,621	1,497	643	5,657	7,058
% of Net Sales	41	47	44	29	9	62	64
Depreciation	182	221	227	216	359	560	595
EBIT	1,367.1	1,630.7	1,394.5	1,281.0	284	5,097	6,463
Interest	2	2	3	2	3	3	3
Other Income	1,289	1,038	665	677	754	821	911
EO Item (net)	-	-	204	-	-	-	-
PBT	2,654	2,667	1,853	1,956	1,035	5,915	7,371
Tax	389	415	406	416	189	1,183	1,474
Rate (%)	15	16	22	21	18	20	20
PAT before MI	2,266	2,251	1,447	1,540	846	4,732	5,897
Minority Interest	(99)	(1)	12	50	15	-	<u> </u>
PAT	2,365	2,252	1,435	1,490	831	4,732	5,897
Extraordinary	•	•	•	•		•	<u> </u>
Net Income	2,365	2,252	1,435	1,490	831	4,732	5,897
Change (%)	62	(5)	(36)	4	(44)	469	25
Balance Sheet							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Share Capital	510	510	510	510	510	510	510
Reserves	13,084	13,672	13,671	14,283	13,275	14,221	15,401
Net Worth	13,594	14,182	14,181	14,793	13,785	14,731	15,911
SGF	4,098	4,692	5,256	5,898	7,806	7,806	7,806
Loan & other long term liab.	546	576	658	561	656	668	679
Capital Employed	18,237	19,451	20,095	21,252	22,246	23,204	24,395
Net Block	1,820	1,857	2,513	3,172	3,938	4,309	4,759
CWIP	5	12	434	519	79	79	79
Other LT Assets	149	185	3,018	2,543	11,561	11,833	12,119
Investments	10,508	11,885	4,440	8,441	6,025	6,146	6,269
Curr. Assets	15,028	11,283	18,225	16,259	14,504	14,935	15,509
Current Investments	6,618	5,985	7,135	2,024	3,114	4,114	5,114
Debtors	65	90	115	146	679	693	707
Cash & Bank Balance	7,593	4,261	9,755	11,779	9,656	9,053	8,591
Loans & Advances	2	1	222	1,328	543	554	565
Other Current Assets	751	948	998	983	511	522	532
Current Liab. & Prov	9,109	5,575	7,911	8,976	11,842	12,079	12,320
Net Current Assets	5,919	5,709	10,314	7,283	2,662	2,856	3,189
Application of Funds	18,401	19,647	20,719	21,958	24,266	25,224	26,415
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Financials and valuations

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Basic (INR)							
EPS	46.4	44.2	28.1	29.2	16.3	92.8	115.6
Cash EPS	50.4	49.2	33.6	34.3	24.6	106.0	129.6
Book Value	266.6	278.1	278.1	290.1	270.3	288.9	312.0
DPS	30.0	27.7	30.0	19.1	-	35.0	35.0
Payout %	83.0	77.1	129.6	63.2	-	80.0	80.0
Valuation (x)							
P/E	82.8	86.9	136.4	131.4	235.6	41.4	33.2
Cash P/E	76.1	78.1	114.4	111.8	155.9	36.2	29.6
Price/Book Value	14.4	13.8	13.8	13.2	14.2	13.3	12.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.5	-	0.9	0.9
Profitability Ratios (%)							
RoE	18.1	16.2	10.1	10.3	5.8	33.2	38.5

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