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Stable performance

Dmart's Jun-Q earnings print was tad better than our expectations on profitability front. Growth in sales per sq. ft. (+4.4% yoy), is broadly tracking the trajectory (4-6%) seen in recent quarters. Operating performance was tad better than expectation – a function of improved mix. We reckon that base quarter had weaker mix as General Merchandise was recovering while Apparels category was under pressure. However, the trajectory for the discretionary portfolio started to see improving trends from 2HFY24 and same has continued in 1QFY25, resulting in better than expected gross margins for the quarter. Management commentary also alludes to the same. However, sales per sq. ft. and gross margins are still below pre-pandemic levels. With gradual recovery in consumer sentiments/demand trends especially in lower income cohort, one should see uptick in salience of discretionary categories to continue in coming quarters, which we believe will aid gross margins and also bring scale-efficiencies back into the business. Pace of store expansion and discretionary contribution to sales will be key monitorables. We continue to like DMart - businesses with such long growth runways are rare, any weakness in the name should be looked as an opportunity to add.

- Operationally tad better than expectations: DMart's 1QFY25 revenue grew 18.4% yoy (+10.6% qoq) to INR137.1bn (standalone), which was known from the pre-quarter update. EBITDA and net profit grew by 17.8% and 16.8% to INR12.2bn and INR 8.1bn respectively tad better than our expectations. Store count increased 13.5% yoy to 371 with 6 new stores (including one store at Rajkot, Gujarat which was temporarily closed for customers) added during Jun-Q. Store additions are typically lower in first quarter and picks up in 2H. Average sales per store grew 4.7% yoy (+4.4% yoy) but still not at par with what we believe the network is capable of delivering, given the strong runway that exists in the sector and DMart's very compelling customer-proposition. We note that base quarter was impacted by weakness in General Merchandise & Apparels category and the same started to see encouraging trends from 3QFY24, resulting in better mix on yoy basis in the quarter. Subsidiaries' (mainly DMart Ready) revenue grew 27.1% yoy (+7.3% qoq) with losses similar to trends seen in past few quarters.
- Better mix drives yoy gross margin expansion: DMart's 1QFY25 EBITDA performance was tad better than what we expected, primarily due to better-than-expected gross margins. A better mix led to gross margin improving by 34bps yoy to 14.9% (JMFe: 14.5%). Management attributed uptick in margins to higher contribution from General Merchandise and Apparels category. However, the gross margins are still lower vs prepandemic levels (15.6%/16.1% seen in 1QFY19/20) as well as 1QFY23 (15.8%), indicative of enough headroom to expand the share of discretionary categories. EBITDA grew by 17.8% yoy to INR 12.2bn with margins flat at 8.9%. SG&A grew faster (+26.4% yoy) than revenue (+18.4% yoy) on a per-store basis, SG&A grew 11.8% vs 4.7% yoy growth in revenue. Increase in operating costs is on account of investments behind building capabilities for future and improving service levels.

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	308,584	427,054	506,298	604,464	730,359
Sales Growth (%)	28.2%	38.4%	18.6%	19.4%	20.8%
EBITDA	24,985	36,370	41,038	50,937	63,439
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.1%	8.5%	8.1%	8.4%	8.7%
Adjusted Net Profit	15,058	22,397	25,368	32,304	40,645
Diluted EPS (INR)	23.2	34.6	39.0	49.6	62.5
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	38.7%	48.6%	12.8%	27.3%	25.8%
ROIC (%)	12.4%	16.5%	14.5%	15.5%	16.7%
ROE (%)	11.6%	15.1%	14.6%	15.9%	17.0%
P/E (x)	213.1	143.4	127.1	99.8	79.3
P/B (x)	23.5	20.0	17.2	14.7	12.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	137.5	93.4	82.8	66.4	53.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 12/Jul/202



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Recommendation and Price Target Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	5,290
Upside/(Downside)	6.8%
Previous Price Target	4,995
Change	5.9%

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Current Market Price	INR4,953
Market cap (bn)	INR3,217.0/US\$38.5
Free Float	36%
Shares in issue (mn)	624.1
Diluted share (mn)	650.7
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR2,458.0/US\$29.4
52-week range	5,220/3,491
Sensex/Nifty	80,519/24,502
INR/US\$	83.5

Price Performance	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.9	28.7	29.9
Relative*	1.3	17.2	6.6

* To the BSE Sensex

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

Please see Appendix I at the end of this report for Important Disclosures and Disclaimers and Research Analyst Certification. Exhibit 1. Considering the long growth runway for the business, we expect the stock to offer double-digit return over the next five years even if one-year forward PE multiple compresses significantly

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	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E
EPS - INR	20.1	16.8	23.2	34.6	39.0	49.6	62.5	79.1	98.5	121.7	148.6
EPS growth	40%	-17%	39%	49%	13%	27%	26%	27%	25%	24%	22%
PER at CMP (x)			213	143	127						
Target PER							85	75	65	60	55
EPS	20.1	16.8	23.2	34.6	39.0	49.6	62.5	79.1	98.5	121.7	148.6
Share Px Date		7/13/2024		TF	Dates:		March-25	March-26	March-27	March-28	March-29
CMP		4,953		TF	- Rs/sh		5,309	5,929	6,399	7,305	8,171
No of years vs to	day						0.7	1.7	2.7	3.7	4.7
CAGR vs CMP							10%	11%	10%	11%	11%

Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. 1QFY25 result sna	apshot: Revenue inline	e, operating pe	erformance tad	better than for	ecast	(INR	mn)	
	Parent				Cor	nsolidated		
	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY growth	1QFY25E	% Var	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY growt
Revenue	1,37,119	1,15,844	18.4%	1,37,119	0.0%	1,40,691	1,18,654	18.69
Gross Profit	20,439	16,873	21.1%	19,882	2.8%	21,933	18,022	21.79
Gross Profit Margin %	14.9%	14.6%	34 bps	14.5%	41 bps	15.6%	15.2%	40 bp
Staff Cost	2,311	1,775	30.2%	2,148	7.6%	2,662	2,061	29.2%
Other Expenses	5,917	4,733	25.0%	5,672	4.3%	7,058	5,608	25.8%
EBITDA	12,210	10,365	17.8%	12,063	1.2%	12,213	10,353	18.0%
EBITDA margin %	8.9%	8.9%	-4 bps	8.8%	11 bps	8.7%	8.7%	-4 bp
Depreciation	1,710	1,406	21.7%	1,621	5.5%	1,928	1,622	18.9%
EBIT	10,500	8,959	17.2%	10,442	0.6%	10,285	8,731	17.8%
Interest Expense	132	110	19.9%	110	19.9%	160	146	9.5%
Financial Other Income	520	468	11.0%	500	3.9%	416	387	7.4%
РВТ	10,888	9,317	16.9%	10,832	0.5%	10,541	8,973	17.5%
Taxes	2,763	2,363	16.9%	2,762	0.0%	2,805	2,386	17.6%
Minority Interest	0	0		0		-1	-0.4	
Net Profit	8,125	6,954	16.8%	8,070	0.7%	7,738	6,587	17.5%

Source: Company, JM Financial

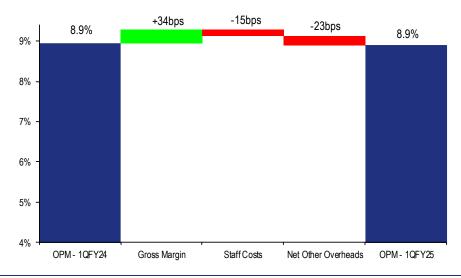
Exhibit 3. 1QFY25 costs breakdown Parent Consolidated % of net sales 1QFY25 1QFY24 1QFY25E 1QFY25 1QFY24 Cost of Goods Sold 85.1% 85.4% 85.5% 84.4% 84.8% Staff Cost 1.7% 1.6% 1.9% 1.7% 1.5% Other Expenses 4.3% 4.1% 4.1% 5.0% 4.7% Depreciation 1.2% 1.2% 1.2% 1.4% 1.4%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 4. Overviev	w of subsid	diaries' ne	et contrib	ution to	revenue,	EBITDA a	nd net p	rofit			(INR mn)			
	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25
Subsidiaries Revenue	1,086	1,514	1,393	1,527	1,804	2,312	2,537	2,645	2,570	2,810	3,167	3,251	3,331	3,573
уоу	74%	203%	58%	40%	66%	53%	82%	73%	42%	22%	25%	23%	30%	27%
Subsidiaries EBITDA	-40	30	-16	-17	-27	3	-29	-92	-107	-12	32	-10	34	2
Subsidiaries PAT	-211	-198	-311	-333	-396	-368	-448	-514	-451	-366	-352	-464	-411	-388

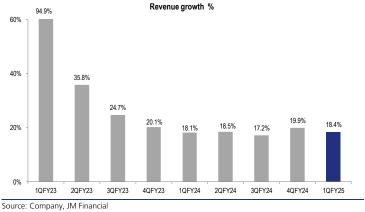
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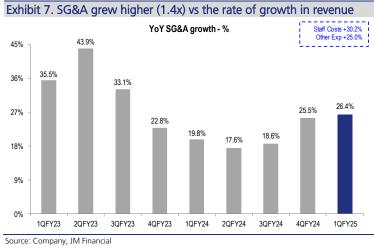
Exhibit 5. 1Q EBITDA margin (Standalone) flattish yoy as GPM expansion was offset by higher staff and other expenses

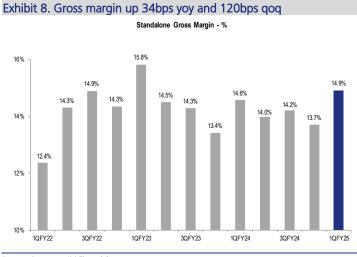


Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. Revenue grew 18% yoy led by c.13.5% increase in storecount and 4.7% growth in average revenue per-store







Source: Company, JM Financial

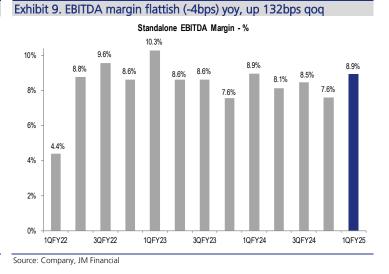
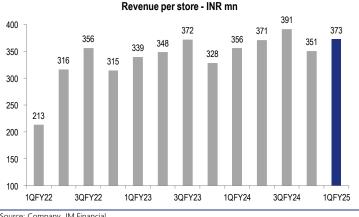
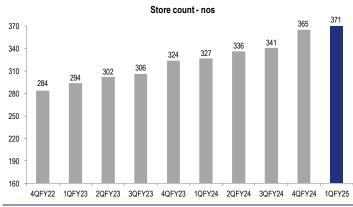


Exhibit 10. Revenue per store grew by 4.7% yoy



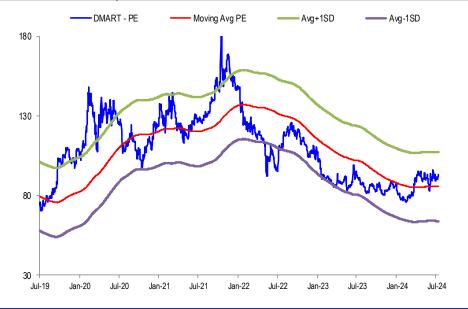
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Exhibit 12. 6 new stores added during Jun-Q taking total to 371



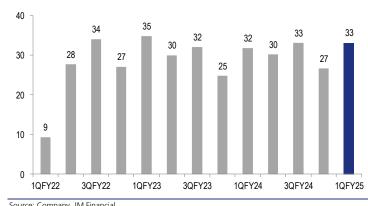
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Exhibit 14. DMart one-year forward PE band



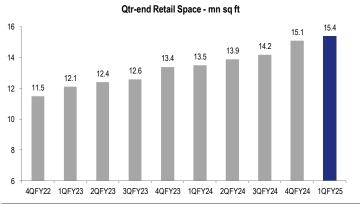
Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial

Exhibit 11. EBITDA per store also 4.2% higher vs year-ago level EBITDA per store - INR mn



Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 13. Retail business area (sq footage) grew 14.1% yoy



Source: Company, JM Financial

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Exhibit 15. Our DCF-bas	ed Target	Price at	INR 5,	290/sha	are								(INR m	n)		
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E	FY31E	FY32E	FY33E	FY34E	FY35
Explicit Forecast																
Revenue	248,702	241,431	309,763	428,396	507,888	606,363	732,653	885,227	1,060,948	1,263,604	1,497,305	1,754,389	2,052,685	2,397,074	2,745,333	3,133,60
yoy growth	24.3%	-2.9%	28.3%	38.3%	18.6%	19.4%	20.8%	20.8%	19.9%	19.1%	18.5%	17.2%	17.0%	16.8%	14.5%	14.19
EBITDA Pre Ind-AS 116	20,297	16,087	23,223	34,213	38,825	48,355	60,391	75,450	92,677	113,344	137,916	165,289	197,722	236,004	274,276	317,73
EBITDA margin %	8.2%	6.7%	7.5%	8.0%	7.6%	8.0%	8.2%	8.5%	8.7%	9.0%	9.2%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%	10.0%	10.19
Comparable EBIT (Pre Ind As 116)	17,567	13,042	19,669	29,602	33,370	41,875	52,640	66,232	81,897	100,914	123,742	149,200	179,541	215,547	251,349	292,21
Tax Rate	25.4%	25.9%	27.7%	22.3%	26.7%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%	25.5%
NOPAT	13,099	9,666	14,221	23,007	24,445	31,217	39,242	49,375	61,053	75,229	92,247	111,225	133,844	160,686	187,376	217,84
Depreciation	2,730	3,045	3,554	4,611	5,455	6,480	7,752	9,218	10,780	12,430	14,174	16,090	18,181	20,458	22,927	25,52
Change in net working capital	-3,916	-1,081	-4,888	-4,985	-14,346	-3,437	-7,448	-9,505	-7,732	-13,180	-15,217	-16,762	-14,394	-21,647	-21,907	-24,45
Capex	-15,357	-19,149	-24,569	-22,167	-24,557	-28,924	-37,005	-39,466	-41,446	-43,446	-45,631	-51,982	-54,465	-61,396	-64,229	-67,18
Free Cash Flow	-3,445	-7,519	-11,683	467	-9,002	5,336	2,540	9,622	22,654	31,033	45,573	58,571	83,167	98,100	124,165	151,72
% growth			55.4%	-104.0%	-2028.6%	-159.3%	-52.4%	278.8%	135.4%	37.0%	46.9%	28.5%	42.0%	18.0%	26.6%	22.29
Discount Factor						1.00	0.95	0.87	0.79	0.72	0.65	0.59	0.54	0.49	0.44	0.4
Discounted FCFF						5,336	2,422	8,340	17,850	22,229	29,676	34,672	44,756	47,991	55,220	61,34
Fade Period	FY36	FY37	FY38	FY39	FY40	FY41	FY42	FY43	FY44	FY45						
FCFF	183,093	218,166	256,643	298,006	341,507	386,170	430,805	474,053	514,440	550,451						
% growth	20.7%	19.2%	17.6%	16.1%	14.6%	13.1%	11.6%	10.0%	8.5%	7.0%						
Discount factor	0.37	0.33	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.16						
Discounted FCFF	67,292	72,892	77,951	82,284	85,722	88,119	89,366	89,396	88,191	85,784						
Valuation																
PV of explicit forecast	329,833															
PV of Fade period	826,998															
PV of terminal value	2,272,145															
Enterprise Value	3,428,977															
Less:																
Net Debt	-12,119															
Minority interest	-5															
Value for equity shareholders	3,441,100															
No. of shares - mn	651															

Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Profit & Loss Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	308,584	427,054	506,298	604,464	730,359
Sales Growth	28.2%	38.4%	18.6%	19.4%	20.8%
Other Operating Income	1,179	1,341	1,590	1,899	2,294
Total Revenue	309,763	428,396	507,888	606,363	732,653
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp.	263,974	363,840	432,745	515,441	621,919
Personnel cost	6,162	7,470	9,061	10,575	12,427
Other expenses	14,642	20,716	25,044	29,409	34,868
EBITDA (Comparable)	23,223	34,213	38,825	48,355	60,391
EBITDA (%)	7.5%	8.0%	7.7%	8.0%	8.3%
EBITDA Growth (%)	44.4%	47.3%	13.5%	24.5%	24.9%
Reported EBITDA	24,985	36,370	41,038	50,937	63,439
Depn & Amort	4,981	6,389	7,308	8,568	10,099
EBIT	20,004	29,982	33,730	42,369	53,340
Other Income	1,175	1,293	1,465	1,640	2,171
Finance Cost	538	674	581	677	990
PBT before Excep & Forex	20,641	30,601	34,613	43,333	54,521
Excep & forex Inc/Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	(
PBT	20,641	30,601	34,613	43,333	54,521
Taxes	5,717	6,818	9,257	11,029	13,877
Extraordinary Inc/Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	(
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-2	-2	-6	0	(
Reported Net profit	14,926	23,785	25,362	32,304	40,645
Adjusted Net Profit	15,058	22,397	25,368	32,304	40,645
Net Margin (%)	4.9%	5.2%	5.0%	5.3%	5.6%
Diluted share capital (mn)	647.8	648.3	650.7	650.7	650.7
Diluted EPS (Rs)	23.2	34.6	39.0	49.6	62.5
Diluted EPS Growth	38.7%	48.6%	12.8%	27.3%	25.8%
Total Dividend + Tax	Ō	0	0	0	(
Dividend Per Share (Rs)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Shareholders' Fund	136,776	160,787	186,978	219,282	259,927
Share capital	6,478	6,483	6,507	6,507	6,507
Reserves & Surplus	130,299	154,304	180,471	212,775	253,420
Preference Share Capital					
Minority Interest	3	1	-5	-5	-5
Total Loans	0	0	0	0	C
Def. Tax Liab / Assets (-)	624	752	872	981	1,119
Total - Equity & Liab	137,403	161,540	187,846	220,259	261,041
Net Fixed Assets	101,136	118,499	140,813	163,075	192,039
Gross Fixed Assets	101,425	126,593	150,089	179,014	216,019
Intangible Assets					
Less: Depn. & Amort.	14,740	19,246	24,701	31,181	38,933
Net Lease Assets & Capital WIP	14,451	11,152	15,425	15,242	14,953
Investments	13,783	14,038	4,077	3,058	3,975
Current Assets	33,299	41,904	60,737	72,766	87,473
Inventories	27,427	32,435	39,273	46,516	55,902
Sundry Debtors	669	622	1,664	1,986	2,400
Cash & Bank Balances	951	2,072	3,371	9,061	12,598
Loans & Advances	2,213	4,249	13,633	12,127	13,188
Other Current Assets	2,040	2,527	2,797	3,077	3,384
Current Liab. & Prov.	10,815	12,901	17,782	18,640	22,446
Current Liabilities	9,309	11,649	14,708	17,498	21,083
Provisions & Others	1,506	1,252	3,074	1,142	1,363
Net Current Assets	22,484	29,003	42,955	54,126	65,027
Application of Funds	137,403	161,540	187,846	220,259	261,041

Source: Company, JM Financial

Cash Flow statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Profit before Tax	20,641	30,601	34,613	43,333	54,521
Depn. & Amort.	4,981	6,389	7,308	8,568	10,099
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	-637	-619	-883	-964	-1,182
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-5,825	-3,199	-6,438	-3,437	-7,448
Others	166	220	276	109	137
Taxes Paid	-5,603	-7,089	-7,418	-13,074	-13,792
Operating Cash Flow	13,724	26,303	27,458	34,536	42,337
Capex	-23,895	-22,065	-27,218	-28,924	-37,005
Free Cash Flow	-10,172	4,238	240	5,612	5,331
-Inc/dec in investments	10,500	-1,557	-435	1,019	-917
Other current assets	500	491	2,971	1,640	2,171
Investing Cash Flow	-12,895	-23,131	-24,682	-26,265	-35,751
Inc/(dec) in capital	0	155	748	0	0
Dividend+Tax Thereon	0	0	0	0	0
Inc/dec in loans	0	Ō	0	0	0
Other assets	-1,792	-2,207	-2,225	-2,582	-3,048
Financing Cash Flow	-1,792	-2,051	-1,476	-2,582	-3,048
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-964	1,120	1,300	5,689	3,538
Opening cash balance	1,915	951	2,072	3,371	9,061
Closing cash balance	951	2,071	3,371	9,061	12,598

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Margin	4.9%	5.2%	5.0%	5.3%	5.6%
Asset Turnover (x)	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0
Leverage Factor (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
RoE	11.6%	15.1%	14.6%	15.9%	17.0%
Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
BV/Share (Rs)	211.1	248.0	287.3	337.0	399.4
ROIC (%)	12.4%	16.5%	14.5%	15.5%	16.7%
ROE (%)	11.6%	15.1%	14.6%	15.9%	17.0%
Net Debt-equity ratio (x)	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
PER	213.1	143.4	127.1	99.8	79.3
PBV	23.5	20.0	17.2	14.7	12.4
ev/ebitda	137.5	93.4	82.8	66.4	53.1
EV/Net Sales	10.3	7.5	6.4	5.3	4.4
Debtor days	1	1	1	1	1
Inventory days	32	28	28	28	28
Creditor days	12	11	11	11	11

Source: Company, JM Financial

Avenue Supermarts

History of Recommendation and Target Price			
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.
11-Jul-20	Hold	2,075	
5-Aug-20	Hold	2,075	0.0
8-Oct-20	Hold	2,075	0.0
17-Oct-20	Hold	2,135	2.9
9-Jan-21	Hold	2,655	24.4
8-May-21	Hold	2,760	4.0
10-Jul-21	Hold	2,905	5.3
16-Oct-21	Hold	4,055	39.6
8-Jan-22	Hold	4,240	4.6
14-May-22	Buy	3,675	-13.3
9-Jul-22	Buy	4,330	17.8
7-Oct-22	Buy	4,540	4.8
15-Oct-22	Buy	4,535	-0.1
14-Jan-23	Buy	4,440	-2.1
13-May-23	Buy	4,255	-4.2
15-Jul-23	Buy	4,255	0.0
26-Jul-23	Buy	4,255	0.0
14-Oct-23	Buy	4,500	5.8
13-Jan-24	Buy	4,505	0.1
4-May-24	Buy	4,995	10.9

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