Nexus Select Trust | BUY

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Bright prospects ahead; acquisition in the works

We maintain a positive outlook on the future performance of Nexus Select Trust (NXST). Our optimism is driven by several factors including a favourable demand environment, a commendable 9MFY24 performance and a promising pipeline of value-accretive acquisitions. In 9MFY24, NXST has outperformed its peers, achieving a 14% YoY consumption growth. NXST is also on the verge of acquiring a portfolio of 3 Grade-A retail assets in Southern India with a cumulative area of 1msf. The acquisition is likely to be completed in 4QFY24E. Our estimates indicate that the acquisition would be NDCF accretive as the assets reach steady state operations (in 12-15 months). The NDCF of NXST is expected to grow at a CAGR of 17% over FY23-26E. Despite outperforming on key operational parameters, NXST is yet to catch-up in terms of valuation (7% cap rate) compared to its peers (5.7-6.0% cap rate). We re-iterate BUY and maintain a Mar'25 TP of INR 150.

- Demand for Grade-A space remains robust, supported by strong macros: Retail leasing in CY23 stood at 7.1msf and 1.2msf across tier 1 cities and tier 2 cities respectively (Source: CBRE). In 2HCY23, the absorption of retail spaces in tier 1 cities was up 67% YoY at 4.2msf, which is significantly higher than the 1HCY23 absorption of 2.9msf. According to the latest CBRE's Asia Pacific Leasing Sentiment Survey, c. 82% of retailers are looking to establish new stores, expand operations or upgrade their existing stores. With limited Grade-A supply, rental rates have continued their upward trajectory. Among high streets and Grade-A spaces, rentals grew by i) 5-7% in Pune, Kolkata and Chennai and ii) 1-5% in Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Delhi-NCR (Source: CBRE).
- Minimal vacancy; consumption growth should reflect in higher rentals: In a quarter where the majority of NXST's occupiers (apparel retailers, QSRs and multiplexes) reported soft growth, NXST reported 8% YoY growth in consumption. The leased and trading occupancies as of 3QFY24 is robust at 97% and 95% respectively. Furthermore, in 9MFY24 NXST leased 0.85msf of area (0.66msf re-leased at 21-26% re-leasing spreads). Consumption for 9MFY24 grew by 14% YoY to INR 92.2bn (INR 33.3bn in 3QFY24; 8% YoY; +13% QoQ) majorly driven by categories like electronics and jewellery.
- Pursuing bolt-on acquisition opportunities a prudent strategy; growth concerns overdone: NXST has established a presence in both tier 1 and tier 2 cities, successfully building a substantial portfolio covering nearly 4msf in various tier 2 cities. NXST predominantly employs an acquisitive-led model, thereby avoiding development risks and has the potential to grow faster. We have illustrated the financial impact on NOI and NDCF for a typical representative deal (1msf, INR 90psf rentals, 8% cap rate; Exhibit 2 & 3). We estimate that a 1msf acquisition (if done at the right valuations 8% cap rate), can be NDCF accretive in a time period of 9-12 months.
- Maintain BUY with a Mar'25 TP of INR 150: We estimate the NDCF of NXST to grow at 17% CAGR over FY23-26E. We reiterate BUY with a DCF-based Mar'25 TP of INR 150 and expect NXST to distribute INR 8.7 p.u., reflecting a total 1-year return of 23%.

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	150
Upside/(Downside)	16.2%
Previous Price Target	150
Change	0.0%

Key Data – NXST IN	
Current Market Price	INR129
Market cap (bn)	INR195.6/US\$2.4
Free Float	100%
Shares in issue (mn)	1,515.0
Diluted share (mn)	1,515.0
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR82.5/US\$1.0
52-week range	140/102
Sensex/Nifty	73,158/22,217
INR/US\$	82.8

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-2.0	8.0	0.0
Relative*	-4.3	-3.7	0.0

* To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	13,182	19,120	21,341	23,173	24,917
Sales Growth (%)	45.3	45.0	11.6	8.6	7.5
EBITDA	7,777	13,039	15,297	16,719	18,334
EBITDA Margin (%)	59.0	68.2	71.7	72.1	73.6
Adjusted Net Profit	105	3,960	6,798	7,651	8,083
Diluted EPS (INR)	0.1	2.6	4.5	5.1	5.3
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	0.0	3,671.3	71.7	12.5	5.6
ROIC (%)	-1.4	9.3	5.7	4.2	4.4
ROE (%)	0.6	20.6	6.4	4.1	4.4
P/E (x)	1,861.3	49.4	28.7	25.5	24.2
P/B (x)	11.3	9.2	1.0	1.1	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.9	18.9	15.1	13.8	12.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	4.7	6.1	6.8	7.5

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 22/Feb/2024

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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Exhibit 1. Nexus Select Trust versus	s Phoenix I	Mills				
Particulars	FY2:	3	3QF\	/24	9MF	Y24
Farticulars	Nexus	Phoenix	NXST	Phoenix	NXST	Phoenix
Leasable area (msf)	9.9	8.8	9.9	11.3	9.9	11.3
UCCs/Malls	17	10	17	12	17	12
Cities	14	8	14	8	14	8
Consumption (INR mn)	106,767	92,482	33,297	32,960	92,215	85,098
Consumption YoY growth (%)	77%	85%	8%	25%	14%	21%
Same-store consumption YoY growth (%)	77%	83%	8%	5%	14%	8%
Leased occupancy (%)	NA	NA	97%	97%	97%	97%
Trading occupancy (%)	NA	NA	96%	84%	96%	84%
Retail revenue (INR mn)	17,192	17,733	5,027	6,170	14,393	16,773
Retail EBITDA (INR mn)	12,657	13,352	3,739	4,350	10,715	12,250
Retail EBITDA Margin (%)	74%	75%	74%	71%	74%	73%

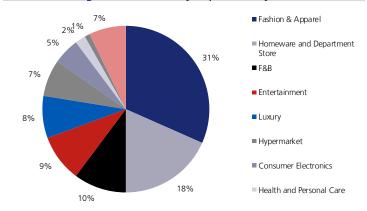
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 2. Acquisition to be funded through debt; estimated LTV to remain low at 17%							
Particulars (INR mn unless specified)	At acquisition	12 months post acquisition	Delta	Comments			
No. of malls	3	3	No change				
Leasable area (msf)	1.0	1.0	No change				
Portfolio occupancy	84%	95%	1,100bps				
Average rentals (INR psf pm)	83	90	8%	Assumed an 8% growth in rentals driven by improved tenant mix			
Total rental income	837	1,022	22%				
Other operating income (% of total)	30%	30%	No change				
Total revenues	1,088	1,328	22%				
NOI Margin (%)	65%	70%	500bps	Assumed a 500bps growth in margin led by increased operational efficiency			
NOI	707	930	32%				
Cap rate (%)	8.0%	7.5%	-50bps				
Estimated EV	8,837	12,399	40%				
GAV (as of Sep'23)	243,534	255,711	5%	Assumed a 5% growth in GAV for existing assets			
GAV post acquisition	252,371	268,110	6%				
Net debt (as on Dec'23)	35,000	35,000	No change				
Acquisition cost	8,837	8,837	No change	Acquisition to be completely funded through debt			
Net debt post acquisition	43,837	43,837	No change				
Equity value	208,534	224,273	8%				
LTV (%)	17%	16%	-102bps	LTV pre-acquisition stands at 14%			

Source: Company, JM Financial

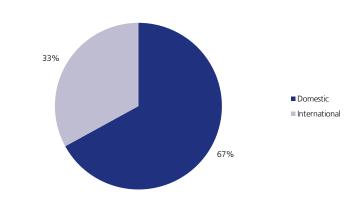
Particulars (INR mn)	Existing assets (FY25 JMFe)	Operations of acquired assets after 1-2 years	Post Acquisition	Comments
Revenue from operations	23,173	1,452	24,626	Assumptions: 1) 98% occupancy 2) INR 95psf rentals 3) 30% other operating income
NOI	17,815	1,089	18,904	
NOI margin (%)	77%	75%	77%	
EBITDA	16,719	1,024	17,743	Assumed NOI/EBITDA margin to be 94%
Finance costs	-2,908	-707	-3,615	Assumed an 8.0% rate of interest for the debt used to fund the acquisition
Taxes	-1,247	-32	-1,279	
Others	791	50	841	
REIT Manager Fees	-134	-10	-144	
NDCF	13,222	325	13,547	c. 2% increase in NDCF
No. of units (mn)	1,515	1,515	1,515	
DPU (INR per unit)	8.73	0.21	8.94	
CMP (INR)	129	129	129	
Yield (%)	6.78%		6.94%	

Exhibit 4. Leasing transaction activity as per industry in 2HCY23



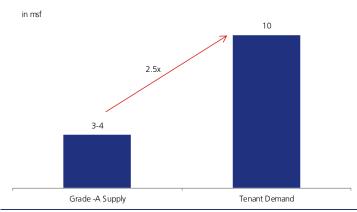
Source: CBRE, JM Financial

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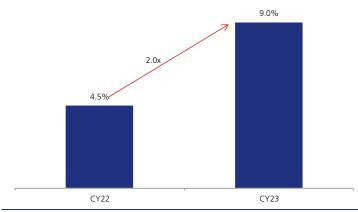
Source: CBRE, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. Limited Grade-A Supply



Source: CBRE, JM Financial

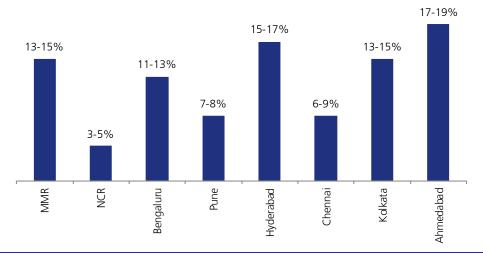
Exhibit 7. Mix of luxury in total tenant demand



Source: CBRE, JM Financial

Exhibit 8. Rental growth across prominent mainstreets

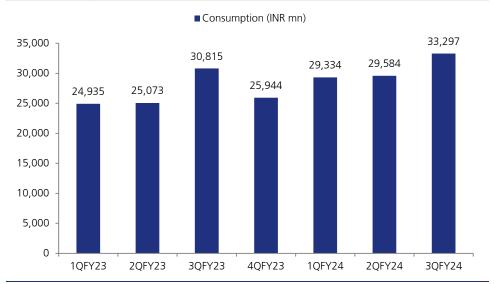
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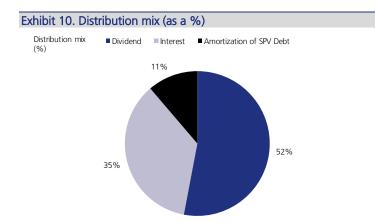
Source: Cushman & Wakefield, JM Financial

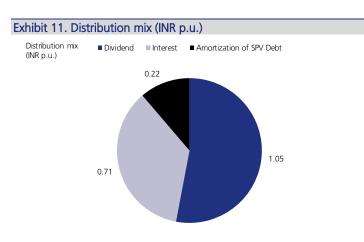
Nexus Quarterly Charts

Exhibit 9. Healthy consumption trend



Source: Company, JM Financial





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Exhibit 12. Top 7 Retail Mall Metrics			
Operational metrics	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24
Select Citywalk			
Leasable Area (msf)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Leasing Occupancy (%)	99%	100%	100%
Trading Occupancy (%)	98%	100%	100%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	429	431	437
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	3,966	4,123	4,742
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	4,212	4,131	4,737
Nexus Elante			
Leasable Area (msf)	1.2	1.3	1.3
Leasing Occupancy (%)	99%	99%	99%
Trading Occupancy (%)	99%	99%	99%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	171	172	170
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	4,544	4,335	4,755
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	1,891	1,795	1,971
Nexus Seawoods			
Leasable Area (msf)	1.0	1.0	1.0
Leasing Occupancy (%)	98%	99%	98%
Trading Occupancy (%)	98%	98%	98%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	132	134	134
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	3,081	3,309	3,775
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	1,625	1,724	1,984
Nexus Ahmedabad One	1,023	1,724	1,504
Leasable Area (msf)	0.9	0.9	0.9
Leasing Occupancy (%)	98%	98%	98%
Trading Occupancy (%)	96%	96%	96%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	116	114	114
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	2,300	2,252	2,797
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	1,345	1,320	1,641
Nexus Hyderabad	1,545	1,520	1,011
Leasable Area (msf)	0.8	0.8	0.8
Leasing Occupancy (%)	99%	99%	99%
Trading Occupancy (%)	99%	97%	98%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	108	109	112
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	3,097	3,067	3,282
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	2,004	1,988	2,141
Nexus Vijaya	2,004	1,500	2,141
Leasable Area (msf)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leasing Occupancy (%)	99%	99%	100%
Trading Occupancy (%)	90%	91%	100 %
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In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	98	100	100
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	1,944	1,982	2,079
Trading Density (INR psf pm)	1,696	1,919	1,739
Nexus Shantiniketan	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leasable Area (msf)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leasing Occupancy (%)	95%	95%	99%
Trading Occupancy (%)	95%	95%	95%
In-place Rent (INR psf pm)	89	92	93
Tenant Sales (INR mn)	1,776	1,874	2,066
Trading Density (INR psf pm) Source: Company, JM Financial	1,564	1,666	1,818

Exhibit 13. NDCF to grow at a CAG	GR of 17% over FY23	-26E				
Particulars (INR mn unless specified)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY23-26E CAGR (%)
Completed Area	NA	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	
Facility Rentals	NA	13,177	14,868	15,862	17,146	9.2%
Growth (%)	NM	NM	13%	7%	8%	
Revenue from Operations	13,182	19,120	21,341	23,173	24,917	9.2%
Growth (%)	45%	45%	12%	9%	8%	
NOI	8,694	13,999	16,290	17,815	19,077	10.9%
Growth (%)	59%	61%	16%	9%	7%	
NOI Margin (%)	66%	73%	76%	77%	77%	
EBITDA	7,777	13,039	15,297	16,719	18,334	12.0%
Growth (%)	59%	68%	17%	9%	10%	
EBITDA Margin (%)	59%	68%	72%	72%	74%	
NDCF	NA	9,107	11,839	13,222	14,581	17.0%

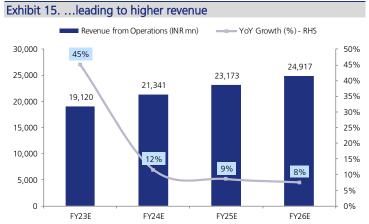
Source: Company, JM Financial

Note: FY24E financials assume REIT formation starting Apr'23, whereas REIT listed on 19th May'23



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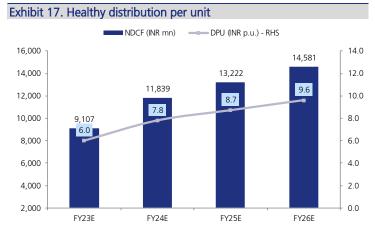
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Exhibit 18. Mar'25 TP of INR 150	
Mar'25 TP	INR mn
Enterprise Value	263,951
Less: Net debt	35,397
Equity Value	228,554
Shares Outstanding (mn)	1,515
Target Price (INR)	150
CMP (INR)	129
Upside (%)	16.2%

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 19. Total potential return	
Total Return	%
Capital appreciation	16.2%
Dividend Received	6.8%
Total Return	23.0%

Source: JM Financial

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement				(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	13,182	19,120	21,341	23,173	24,917
Sales Growth	45.3%	45.0%	11.6%	8.6%	7.5%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	13,182	19,120	21,341	23,173	24,917
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	390	429	472	519	571
Personnel Cost	1,127	1,240	1,364	1,500	1,650
Other Expenses	3,888	4,412	4,208	4,435	4,362
EBITDA	7,777	13,039	15,297	16,719	18,334
EBITDA Margin	59.0%	68.2%	71.7%	72.1%	73.6%
EBITDA Growth	64.7%	67.7%	17.3%	9.3%	9.7%
Depn. & Amort.	2,429	4,372	4,722	5,100	5,508
EBIT	5,348	8,667	10,575	11,620	12,827
Other Income	803	819	835	852	869
Finance Cost	5,240	4,536	2,913	2,908	2,919
PBT before Excep. & Forex	911	4,950	8,498	9,564	10,777
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	-215	0	0	0	C
PBT	696	4,950	8,498	9,564	10,777
Taxes	833	990	1,700	1,913	2,694
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	C
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	-27	0	0	0	C
Reported Net Profit	-110	3,960	6,798	7,651	8,083
Adjusted Net Profit	105	3,960	6,798	7,651	8,083
Net Margin	0.8%	20.7%	31.9%	33.0%	32.4%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	1,515.0	1,515.0	1,515.0	1,515.0	1,515.0
Diluted EPS (INR)	0.1	2.6	4.5	5.1	5.3
Diluted EPS Growth	0.0%	3,671.3%	71.7%	12.5%	5.6%
Total Dividend + Tax	0	9,107	11,839	13,222	14,581
Dividend Per Share (INR)	0.0	6.0	7.8	8.7	9.6

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Shareholders' Fund	17,239	21,199	191,158	185,588	179,089
Share Capital	3,249	3,249	3,249	3,249	3,249
Reserves & Surplus	13,990	17,950	187,909	182,339	175,840
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	63,084	58,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	2,276	1,974	-550	-578	-607
Total - Equity & Liab.	82,599	81,672	228,108	222,510	215,983
Net Fixed Assets	72,344	67,169	236,804	231,705	226,197
Gross Fixed Assets	77,640	76,837	76,195	76,195	76,195
Intangible Assets	2,260	2,260	177,260	177,260	177,260
Less: Depn. & Amort.	7,556	11,928	16,650	21,750	27,258
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	293	308	323	339	356
Current Assets	17,764	18,616	12,174	12,141	11,734
Inventories	1,247	1,309	1,375	1,444	1,516
Sundry Debtors	1,161	1,219	1,280	1,344	1,411
Cash & Bank Balances	2,896	8,053	1,977	2,103	1,703
Loans & Advances	2,765	2,765	2,765	2,765	2,765
Other Current Assets	9,695	5,270	4,777	4,486	4,339
Current Liab. & Prov.	7,802	4,420	21,193	21,675	22,305
Current Liabilities	2,015	2,116	2,222	2,333	2,449
Provisions & Others	5,787	2,304	18,972	19,342	19,855
Net Current Assets	9,962	14,196	-9,019	-9,534	-10,570
Total – Assets	82,599	81,672	228,108	222,510	215,983

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Profit before Tax	723	4,950	8,498	9,564	10,777
Depn. & Amort.	2,429	4,372	4,722	5,100	5,508
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	4,532	3,717	2,077	2,056	2,050
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	724	-80	-84	-88	-92
Others	69	700	700	700	700
Taxes Paid	-1,001	-990	-1,700	-1,913	-2,694
Operating Cash Flow	7,476	12,669	14,214	15,419	16,248
Capex	-1,257	803	642	0	0
Free Cash Flow	6,219	13,472	14,856	15,419	16,248
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-1,117	-15	-15	-16	-17
Others	-333	819	835	852	869
Investing Cash Flow	-2,707	1,607	1,462	836	852
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	14,000	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	0	0	-11,839	-13,222	-14,581
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	141	-4,584	-21,000	0	0
Others	-4,523	-4,536	-2,913	-2,908	-2,919
Financing Cash Flow	-4,382	-9,120	-21,752	-16,129	-17,500
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	387	5,157	-6,075	125	-400
Opening Cash Balance	2,509	2,896	8,053	1,977	2,103
Closing Cash Balance	2,896	8,053	1,977	2,103	1,703

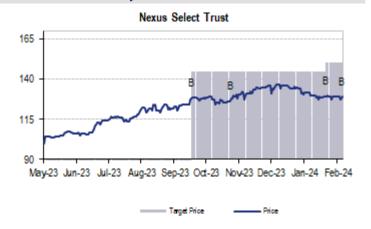
Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Net Margin	0.8%	20.7%	31.9%	33.0%	32.4%
Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Leverage Factor (x)	5.0	4.4	1.5	1.2	1.2
RoE	0.6%	20.6%	6.4%	4.1%	4.4%

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
BV/Share (INR)	11.4	14.0	126.2	122.5	118.2
ROIC	-1.4%	9.3%	5.7%	4.2%	4.4%
ROE	0.6%	20.6%	6.4%	4.1%	4.4%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	3.5	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
P/E (x)	1,861.3	49.4	28.7	25.5	24.2
P/B (x)	11.3	9.2	1.0	1.1	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.9	18.9	15.1	13.8	12.6
EV/Sales (x)	19.4	12.9	10.8	10.0	9.3
Debtor days	32	23	22	21	21
Inventory days	35	25	24	23	22
Creditor days	55	51	54	53	55

Source: Company, JM Financial

History of Recommendation and Target Price					
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.		
4-Oct-23	Buy	145			
9-Nov-23	Buy	145	0.0		
7-Feb-24	Buy	150	3.7		
22-Feb-24	Buy	150	0.0		

Recommendation History



APPENDIX I

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