## **BUY**

**Blue Star** 

## Weak summers to weigh on growth momentum

Consumer Durables 
Result Update 
May 09, 2025

BLSTR reported a steady Q4FY25, with revenue growing ~21% YoY to Rs40.2bn (in line with our estimate), while EBITDA margin at ~7.0% (Emkay: ~7.7%) was mainly impacted by higher RM costs. BLSTR highlighted that April sales were muted (primary RAC sales up ~5% YoY) due to a weak start to summers and hence led to the mgmt. cutting its FY26 growth guidance to ~10-15% (from ~20-25%). Factoring in the fresh guidance, we cut our earnings estimates by ~13/14.6% for FY26/27. Nonetheless, we remain constructive on BLSTR's long-term growth outlook, supported by continued market share gains (~14% in Q4) and ongoing backward integration efforts (MoU signed with Hindalco for copper tubes). Following the recent stock correction (down ~27%), valuations at ~50x 1YF PER near +1SD appear rich, although backed by a robust long-term growth narrative (refer to our IC: *Cooling curve turning vertical*). We retain BUY while cutting our TP by 14.6% to Rs2,050, implied at ~51x FY27E PER.

## Q4: Weak start to Summer-2025 hurts growth momentum

BLSTR delivered ~21% YoY revenue growth (~Rs40bn), led by EMP and CAC (+31% YoY) and UP (+15% YoY/68% QoQ). Consol EBITDA grew ~16% YoY to ~Rs2.8bn, with margins down by ~50bps QoQ to ~7.0% (~70bps below Emkay estimate). UP EBIT margins expanded by ~12bps QoQ to ~8.4%, while EMP and CAC margins were up by ~15bps YoY to ~7.6% (flattish QoQ). Q4FY25 PAT rose to Rs1.9bn (Rs1.6bn in Q4FY24).

### **Earnings Call KTAs**

i) The mgmt acknowledged that Apr-25 RAC demand fell short of expectations, on an underwhelming start to summers, sporadic rains (even in core markets like Mumbai), and elevated channel inventory levels (~1.5-2mn units higher than ideal). ii) BLSTR highlighted FY19/FY24 as reference points-while FY19 ended flattish despite a Q2 recovery, FY24 showed that even a weak Q1 can be offset by a strong Q3/Q4, keeping hopes alive for FY26 if summer demand revives. iii) BLSTR posted ~5% growth in Apr-25, well below its internal target of ~25-30%. iv) The mgmt emphasized that short-term weather variability does not derail the structural demand story, driven by strong momentum in tier 3-5 towns. v) BLSTR has already undergone 2 rounds of price hikes (~3-4% in Jan-25; ~4-5% in Apr-25); on price cuts, it highlighted that given the weak summers, the current demand environment is not yet dire and price cuts are unlikely, unless summer conditions worsen. vi) BLSTR signed an MoU with Hindalco for local sourcing of copper tubes (earlier imported from Vietnam); domestic supplies are expected to replace imports from FY26. On compressors, localization is limited (sources from players like GMCC, Highly). vii) Developed products for 3 OEMs in US/Europe, following successful field trials. Enquiry levels remain strong-driven by expectations of an India-US trade agreement. viii) In EMP and CAC, order inflow remains strong from factories/data centers; these are high-margin projects given faster execution and equipment-heavy content. ix) FY26 guidance: Revenue: ~10-15% (~20-25% earlier); UP/EMPS EBITM: ~8.5/7.5%.

| Blue Star: Financia | l Snapshot | (Consolida | ted)    |         |         |
|---------------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)     | FY23       | FY24       | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   |
| Revenue             | 79,773     | 96,854     | 119,677 | 135,353 | 156,792 |
| EBITDA              | 4,928      | 6,649      | 8,759   | 10,240  | 13,047  |
| Adj. PAT            | 2,297      | 4,149      | 5,787   | 6,668   | 8,226   |
| Adj. EPS (Rs)       | 11.2       | 20.2       | 28.1    | 32.4    | 40.0    |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 6.2        | 6.9        | 7.3     | 7.6     | 8.3     |
| EBITDA growth (%)   | 42.2       | 34.9       | 31.7    | 16.9    | 27.4    |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 36.9       | 80.7       | 39.5    | 15.2    | 23.4    |
| RoE (%)             | 19.6       | 21.1       | 20.4    | 20.2    | 21.5    |
| RoIC (%)            | 21.1       | 24.6       | 26.1    | 25.1    | 26.7    |
| P/E (x)             | 144.0      | 79.7       | 57.1    | 49.6    | 40.2    |
| EV/EBITDA (x)       | 67.5       | 49.0       | 37.0    | 32.0    | 25.2    |
| P/B (x)             | 24.8       | 12.7       | 10.8    | 9.4     | 8.0     |
| FCFF yield (%)      | (0.6)      | (0.5)      | 0.9     | 0.1     | 1.1     |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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| Target Price – 12M    | Mar-26 |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Change in TP (%)      | (14.6) |
| Current Reco.         | BUY    |
| Previous Reco.        | BUY    |
| Upside/(Downside) (%) | 27.5   |
|                       |        |

#### Stock Data **BLSTR IN** 52-week High (Rs) 2.420 52-week Low (Rs) 1,376 Shares outstanding (mn) 205.6 Market-cap (Rs bn) 331 Market-cap (USD mn) 3,858 Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn) 0.0 ADTV-3M (mn shares) 1 ADTV-3M (Rs mn) 1,971.6 ADTV-3M (USD mn) 23.0 Free float (%) 63.5 Nifty-50 24,273.8 INR/USD 85.7

### Shareholding, Mar-25

| Promoters (%) | 36.5      |
|---------------|-----------|
| FPIs/MFs (%)  | 16.9/23.1 |

| Price Performance |        |        |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (%)               | 1M     | 3M     | 12M  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Absolute          | (18.7) | (21.1) | 12.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rel. to Nifty     | (24.5) | (23.4) | 3.0  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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# **Story in Charts**

Exhibit 1: Revenue grew ~21% YoY/43% QoQ, while EBITDA margins were relatively soft at 7% in Q4 owing to RM pressure; PAT grew ~21% YoY

| (Rs mn)                  | Q4FY24 | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | YoY (%)   | QoQ (%)   | FY24   | FY25     | YoY (%)   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Revenue                  | 33,278 | 28,654 | 22,760 | 28,073 | 40,190 | 21        | 43        | 96,854 | 119,676  | 24        |
| YoY growth (%)           | 27     | 29     | 20     | 25     | 21     |           |           |        |          |           |
| Raw Material cost        | 25,386 | 21,886 | 16,737 | 21,224 | 30,896 | 22        | 46        | 73,920 | 90,743   | 23        |
| as % of sales            | 76.3   | 76.4   | 73.5   | 75.6   | 76.9   |           |           | 76.3   | 75.8     |           |
| Employee Cost            | 2,297  | 1,978  | 2,200  | 2,342  | 2,669  | 16        | 14        | 7,495  | 9,189    | 23        |
| as % of sales            | 6.9    | 6.9    | 9.7    | 8.3    | 6.6    |           |           | 7.7    | 7.7      |           |
| Other operating expenses | 3,176  | 2,411  | 2,329  | 2,415  | 3,830  | 21        | 59        | 8,790  | 10,985   | 25        |
| as % of sales            | 9.5    | 8.4    | 10.2   | 8.6    | 9.5    |           |           | 9.1    | 9.2      |           |
| Total Expenditure        | 30,859 | 26,275 | 21,267 | 25,980 | 37,395 | 21        | 44        | 90,204 | 1,10,917 | 23        |
| EBITDA                   | 2,419  | 2,378  | 1,493  | 2,094  | 2,794  | 16        | 33        | 6,649  | 8,759    | 32        |
| Depreciation             | 283    | 280    | 300    | 350    | 354    | 25        | 1         | 976    | 1,284    | 32        |
| EBIT                     | 2,136  | 2,098  | 1,194  | 1,744  | 2,440  | 14        | 40        | 5,673  | 7,476    | 32        |
| Other Income             | 124    | 238    | 185    | 87     | 240    | 94        | 175       | 474    | 750      | 58        |
| Interest                 | 122    | 76     | 65     | 159    | 188    | 54        | 18        | 581    | 488      | (16)      |
| Exceptional              | -      | -      | -      | 125    | -      |           |           | 0      | 125      | na        |
| РВТ                      | 2,138  | 2,259  | 1,314  | 1,797  | 2,493  | 17        | 39        | 5,567  | 7,863    | 41        |
| Tax                      | 544    | 573    | 350    | 465    | 548    | 1         | 18        | 1,429  | 1,937    | 36        |
| PAT before MI            | 1,593  | 1,687  | 964    | 1,332  | 1,944  | 22        | 46        | 4,138  | 5,926    | 43        |
| Minority interest        | (12)   | (2)    | 2      | 6      | 8      | (164)     | 25        | -13    | 14       | (208)     |
| РАТ                      | 1,605  | 1,688  | 962    | 1,326  | 1,937  | 21        | 46        | 4,151  | 5,913    | 42        |
| (%)                      | Q4FY24 | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | YoY (bps) | QoQ (bps) | FY24   | FY25     | YoY (bps) |
| Gross margin             | 23.7   | 23.6   | 26.5   | 24.4   | 23.1   | (59)      | (128)     | 23.7   | 24.2     | 50        |
|                          |        |        |        |        |        |           |           |        |          |           |

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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| EBITDAM            | 7.3  | 8.3  | 6.6  | 7.5  | 7.0  | (32)  | (50)  | 6.9  | 7.3  | 45    |
| EBITM              | 6.4  | 7.3  | 5.2  | 6.2  | 6.1  | (35)  | (14)  | 5.9  | 6.2  | 39    |
| EBTM               | 6.4  | 7.9  | 5.8  | 6.4  | 6.2  | (22)  | (20)  | 5.7  | 6.6  | 82    |
| РАТМ               | 4.8  | 5.9  | 4.2  | 4.7  | 4.8  | (0)   | 10    | 4.3  | 4.9  | 65    |
| Effective Tax rate | 25.5 | 25.3 | 26.7 | 25.9 | 22.0 | (346) | (390) | 25.7 | 24.6 | (103) |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 2: Unitary Products (UP) saw softer than expected growth (15% YoY) due to some moderation in C Ref, with margins at 8.4%; EMP and CAC's robust growth momentum continues (~31% YoY) with margins flattish QoQ at 7.6%

| Particulars (Rs mn)                             | Q4FY24 | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | YoY (%) | QoQ (%) | FY24   | FY25    | YoY (bps) |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|
| EMP and Commercial Air conditioner              | 15,068 | 10,390 | 14,284 | 15,624 | 19,682 | 31      | 26      | 47,155 | 59,980  | 27        |
| YoY growth (%)                                  | 20     | 9      | 33     | 32     | 31     |         |         |        |         |           |
| Unitary Products                                | 17,089 | 17,295 | 7,670  | 11,643 | 19,602 | 15      | 68      | 45,922 | 56,211  | 22        |
| YoY growth (%)                                  | 35     | 44     | 5      | 22     | 15     |         |         |        |         |           |
| Professional electronics and industrial systems | 1,121  | 969    | 805    | 806    | 906    | (19)    | 12      | 3,777  | 3,486   | (8)       |
| YoY growth (%)                                  | 8      | 23     | -4     | -22    | -19    |         |         |        |         |           |
| Total Sales                                     | 33,278 | 28,654 | 22,760 | 28,073 | 40,190 | 21      | 43      | 96,854 | 119,676 | 24        |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |           |
| PBIT  |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |        |         |           |
| EMP and Commercial Air conditioner              | 1125   | 1030   | 1192   | 1187   | 1499   | 33      | 26      | 3,411  | 4,909   | 44        |
| Unitary Products                                | 1414   | 1580   | 539    | 948    | 1645   | 16      | 74      | 3,603  | 4,713   | 31        |
| Professional electronics and industrial systems | 136    | 96     | 52     | 62     | 88     | (36)    | 41      | 515    | 297     | (42)      |
| Total PBIT                                      | 2,675  | 2,707  | 1,783  | 2,197  | 3,232  | 21      | 47      | 7,529  | 9,919   | 32        |
| Finance Costs                                   | 122    | 76     | 65     | 159    | 188    | 54      | 18      | 581    | 488     | (16)      |
| Unallocable expense                             | 416    | 371    | 404    | 366    | 552    | 33      | 51      | 1,382  | 1,693   | 23        |
| as % of sales                                   | 1.2    | 1.3    | 1.8    | 1.3    | 1.4    |         |         | 6      | 6       | (1)       |
| Exceptional Items                               | 0      | 0      | 0      | 125    | 0      |         |         | 0      | 125     | na        |
| РВТ   | 2138   | 2259   | 1314   | 1547   | 2492   | 17      | 61      | 5567   | 7612    | 37        |

| PBIT margins (%)                                | Q4FY24 | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | YoY (bps) | QoQ (bps) | FY24 | FY25 | YoY (bps) |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| EMP and Commercial Air conditioner              | 7.5    | 9.9    | 8.3    | 7.6    | 7.6    | 15        | 2         | 7.2  | 8.2  | 95        |
| Unitary Products                                | 8.3    | 9.1    | 7.0    | 8.1    | 8.4    | 12        | 25        | 7.8  | 8.4  | 54        |
| Professional electronics and industrial systems | 12.1   | 9.9    | 6.4    | 7.7    | 9.7    | (245)     | 197       | 13.6 | 8.5  | (511)     |
| Total PBIT                                      | 8.0    | 9.4    | 7.8    | 7.8    | 8.0    | 0         | 22        | 7.8  | 8.3  | 51        |

Source: Company, Emkay Research





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### Exhibit 4: UP revenue up 15% YoY, driven by strong RAC sales in Q4 backed by anticipation of strong summers and rising demand in tier 3, 4, 5 markets...



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 6: EMPS revenue saw a strong  $\sim$ 31% YoY growth, driven by strong order finalizations primarily from factories/data centers...



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 8: The Med-Tech business continues to face headwinds from regulatory developments, resulting in loss of revenue...



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 5: ...while UP EBIT margin came in at 8.4% vs 8.3% in Q4FY24



Source: Company, Emkay Research

# Exhibit 7: ...with focus on faster execution of projects with healthy profitability and cash flows



Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: ...while the industrial solutions business is showing signs of growth pick-up, leading to margin uptick; however, it is still at the lower end



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## Exhibit 10: Revenue Model

| Bluestar (Rs mn)  | FY21          | FY22                 | FY23           | FY24           | FY25                 | FY26E               | FY27E                |
|---|---------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Revenues  | 42,636        | 60,456               | 79,773         | 96,854         | 119,677              | 135,353             | 156,792              |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -20.5         | 41.8                 | 32.0           | 21.4           | 23.6                 | 13.1                | 15.8                 |
| UCP (RAC + Commercial Ref)                                | 18,683        | 26,122               | 36,269         | 45,922         | 56,211               | 63,350              | 74,463               |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -18.8         | 39.8                 | 38.8           | 26.6           | 22.4                 | 12.7                | 17.5                 |
| EMP & CAC (Projects + Commercial AC)                      | 22,187        | 32,045               | 40,156         | 47,155         | 59,980               | 68,256              | 78,208               |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -21.5         | 44.4                 | 25.3           | 17.4           | 27.2                 | 13.8                | 14.6                 |
| Professional Electronics and Industrial                   | 1,766         | 2 474                | 3,348          | 3,777          | 2 496                | 2 7 4 7             | 4 1 2 2              |
| systems (PEIS)<br>Growth YoY (%)                          | -24.2         | <b>2,474</b><br>40.1 | 35.3           | 12.8           | <b>3,486</b><br>-7.7 | <b>3,747</b><br>7.5 | <b>4,122</b><br>10.0 |
| Gross profit  | 0.000         | 10.000               | 17.057         | 22.024         | 20.022               | 22 722              | 27.000               |
| Gross margin (%)  | 9,923<br>23.3 | 13,309<br>22.0       | 17,957<br>22.5 | 22,934<br>23.7 | 28,933<br>24.2       | 32,723<br>24.2      | 37,906<br>24.2       |
| EBITDA  |               | 22.0                 | 22.5           | 2017           |                      | 2112                | 2.112                |
|   | 2,398         | 3,464                | 4,928          | 6,649          | 8,759<br>7.3         | 10,240<br>7.6       | 13,047               |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 5.6<br>923    | 5.7<br>860           | 6.2<br>848     | 6.9<br>976     |                      |                     | 8.3                  |
| Depreciation  | 925           | 800                  | 040            | 970            | 1,284                | 1,677               | 2,197                |
| EBIT  | 1,475         | 2,605                | 4,080          | 5,673          | 7,476                | 8,562               | 10,850               |
| EBIT margin (%)   | 3.5           | 4.3                  | 5.1            | 5.9            | 6.2                  | 6.3                 | 6.9                  |
| UCP (RAC + Commercial Ref)                                | 1,088         | 1,559                | 2,823          | 3,603          | 4,713                | 5,511               | 6,702                |
| EBIT margin (%)   | 5.8           | 6.0                  | 7.8            | 7.8            | 8.4                  | 8.7                 | 9.0                  |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -32.9         | 43.2                 | 81.1           | 27.6           | 30.8                 | 17.0                | 21.6                 |
| EMP & CAC (Projects + Commercial AC)                      | 1,065         | 1,948                | 2,768          | 3,411          | 4,909                | 5,290               | 6,335                |
| EBIT margin (%)   | 4.8           | 6.1                  | 6.9            | 7.2            | 8.2                  | 7.8                 | 8.1                  |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -11.5         | 82.9                 | 42.1           | 23.2           | 43.9                 | 7.8                 | 19.8                 |
| Professional Electronics and Industrial<br>systems (PEIS) | 338           | 425                  | 505            | 515            | 297                  | 375                 | 495                  |
| EBIT margin (%)   | 19.1          | 17.2                 | 15.1           | 13.6           | 8.5                  | 10.0                | 12.0                 |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -37.8         | 25.7                 | 18.9           | 2.0            | -42.3                | 26.1                | 32.0                 |
| Other Income  | 624           | 357                  | 309            | 474            | 750                  | 854                 | 722                  |
| Interest  | 647           | 464                  | 547            | 581            | 488                  | 552                 | 639                  |
| PBT before Exceptional Item                               | 1,452         | 2,498                | 3,842          | 5,567          | 7,738                | 8,864               | 10,932               |
| Exceptional Item  | 1,452         | 2,490                |                |                |                      | 0,004               | 10,552               |
| PBT   | -<br>1,452    | -<br>2,498           | 1,708<br>5,550 | -<br>5,567     | 125<br>7,863         | -<br>8,864          | 10,932               |
| Tax rate (%)  | 32.4          | 33.2                 | 27.9           | 25.7           | 24.6                 | 24.6                | 24.6                 |
| PAT before MI   | 981           | 1,669                | 4,003          | 4,138          | 5,926                | 6,681               | 8,239                |
| Minority Interest   | -3.1          | -2.9                 | -2.3           | 6.4            | -0.4                 | -0.4                | -0.4                 |
| Share of profit/(loss) of joint ventures (net of tax)     | 26.0          | 10.9                 | 4.0            | 4.9            | -13.3                | -13.3               | -13.3                |
| Adj. PAT  | 1,004         | 1,677                | 2,297          | 4,149          | 5,787                | 6,668               | 8,226                |
| PAT margin (%)  | 2.4           | 2.8                  | 2.9            | 4.3            | 4.8                  | 4.9                 | 5.2                  |
| Growth YoY (%)  | -31.9         | 67.1                 | 36.9           | 80.7           | 39.5                 | 15.2                | 23.4                 |
| No. of shares (mn)  | 96.3          | 96.3                 | 96.3           | 205.6          | 205.6                | 205.6               | 205.6                |
| EPS (Rs.)   |               |                      |                | 203.0          | 20.1                 | 32.4                | 40.0                 |
|   | 10.4          | 17.4                 | 23.8           | 20.2           | 28.1                 | 32.4                | 40.0                 |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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## Exhibit 11: Actuals vs estimates

| Rs mn Q4FY25 |        |           |        |           |        | FY25     |           |       |           |       |  |
|--------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--|
|              | Actual | Emkay Est | Var %  | Consensus | Var %  | Actual   | Emkay Est | Var % | Consensus | Var % |  |
| Revenue      | 40,190 | 39,952    | 0.6    | 39,861    | 0.8    | 1,19,677 | 1,19,439  | 0.2   | 1,18,862  | 0.7   |  |
| EBIT         | 2,440  | 2,725     | (10.5) | 2,796     | (12.7) | 7,476    | 7,760     | (3.7) | 7,730     | (3.3) |  |
| PAT          | 1,936  | 2,054     | (5.7)  | 2,078     | (6.8)  | 5,787    | 5,904     | (2.0) | 5,952     | (2.8) |  |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Exhibit 12: Revision in estimates - We cut FY26/27E PAT by ~13/14.6% owing to slower than anticipated start to Summer-2025

|                 | FY       | 25     | FY26E    |          |          |       | FY27E    |          |          |        |
|-----------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| (Rs mn)         | Actual   | % YoY  | Earlier  | Revised  | % Change | % YoY | Earlier  | Revised  | % Change | % YoY  |
| Revenue         | 1,19,677 | 23.6   | 1,43,700 | 1,35,353 | (5.8)    | 13.1  | 1,69,119 | 1,56,792 | (7.3)    | 15.8   |
| EBIT            | 7,476    | 31.8   | 10,036   | 8,562    | (14.7)   | 14.5  | 12,715   | 10,850   | (14.7)   | 26.7   |
| EBIT margin (%) | 6.2      | 39 bps | 7.0      | 6.3      | (66) bps | 8 bps | 7.5      | 6.9      | (60) bps | 59 bps |
| Adj PAT         | 5,787.3  | 39.5   | 7,663.6  | 6,667.5  | (13.0)   | 15.2  | 9,637.7  | 8,225.7  | (14.6)   | 23.4   |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Exhibit 13: SOTP Valuation |           |         |          |                           |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------------------------|
| PAT (Rs mn)                | FY27E PAT | PER (x) | Rs mn    | Contribution<br>% to SOTP |
| EMP&CAC                    | 3,851     | 45      | 1,73,296 | 41                        |
| UP                         | 4,074     | 60      | 2,44,441 | 58                        |
| PEIS                       | 301       | 15      | 4,510    | 1                         |
|                            |           |         |          |                           |
| Total MCAP (Rs mn)         | 8,226     |         | 4,22,247 | 100                       |
| Number of Shares (mn)      |           |         | 206      |                           |
| Target Price (Rs)          |           | 51      | 2,050    |                           |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

# Exhibit 14: We have built in revenue CAGR of ${\sim}14\%$ over FY25-27E...



Source: Company, Emkay Research

# Exhibit 15: ...with gradual expansion in EBITDA margins over FY25-27E



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Exhibit 17: ...leading to healthy return ratios over FY25-27E

26.2

21.1

FY24

RoCE (%)

27.2

20.4

FY25

26.8

FY26E

20.2

28.4

21.5

FY27E

RoE (%)

Exhibit 16: We believe PAT margins will sustain at current levels in FY26 and FY27, given companies' disciplined pricing strategy and operating leverage owing to steady topline growth...



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19.6

25.7

FY23

20.9

17.6

FY22



30

25

20

15

10

5

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## **Blue Star: Consolidated Financials and Valuations**

| Profit & Loss               |        |        |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)             | FY23   | FY24   | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   |
| Revenue                     | 79,773 | 96,854 | 119,677 | 135,353 | 156,792 |
| Revenue growth (%)          | 32.0   | 21.4   | 23.6    | 13.1    | 15.8    |
| EBITDA                      | 4,928  | 6,649  | 8,759   | 10,240  | 13,047  |
| EBITDA growth (%)           | 42.2   | 34.9   | 31.7    | 16.9    | 27.4    |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 848    | 976    | 1,284   | 1,677   | 2,197   |
| EBIT                        | 4,080  | 5,673  | 7,475   | 8,562   | 10,850  |
| EBIT growth (%)             | 56.6   | 39.1   | 31.8    | 14.5    | 26.7    |
| Other operating income      | -      | -      | -       | -       | -       |
| Other income                | 309    | 474    | 750     | 854     | 722     |
| Financial expense           | 547    | 581    | 488     | 552     | 639     |
| РВТ                         | 3,842  | 5,567  | 7,737   | 8,864   | 10,932  |
| Extraordinary items         | 1,708  | 0      | 125     | 0       | 0       |
| Taxes                       | 1,547  | 1,429  | 1,937   | 2,183   | 2,692   |
| Minority interest           | (2)    | 6      | -       | -       | -       |
| Income from JV/Associates   | 4      | 5      | (13)    | (13)    | (13)    |
| Reported PAT                | 4,005  | 4,149  | 5,912   | 6,668   | 8,226   |
| PAT growth (%)              | 138.8  | 3.6    | 42.5    | 12.8    | 23.4    |
| Adjusted PAT                | 2,297  | 4,149  | 5,787   | 6,668   | 8,226   |
| Diluted EPS (Rs)            | 11.2   | 20.2   | 28.1    | 32.4    | 40.0    |
| Diluted EPS growth (%)      | 36.9   | 80.7   | 39.5    | 15.2    | 23.4    |
| DPS (Rs)                    | 4.7    | 5.6    | 7.0     | 10.0    | 11.0    |
| Dividend payout (%)         | 24.1   | 27.9   | 24.3    | 30.8    | 27.5    |
| EBITDA margin (%)           | 6.2    | 6.9    | 7.3     | 7.6     | 8.3     |
| EBIT margin (%)             | 5.1    | 5.9    | 6.2     | 6.3     | 6.9     |
| Effective tax rate (%)      | 40.3   | 25.7   | 25.0    | 24.6    | 24.6    |
| NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)          | 2,437  | 4,217  | 5,605   | 6,454   | 8,177   |
| Shares outstanding (mn)     | 206    | 206    | 206     | 206     | 206     |

| X/EM (B)                    | -      | E1(0)   | EV.     | EVOCE   | =>/0=== |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)             | FY23   | FY24    | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   |
| Share capital               | 193    | 411     | 411     | 411     | 411     |
| Reserves & Surplus          | 13,114 | 25,690  | 30,239  | 34,851  | 40,815  |
| Net worth                   | 13,307 | 26,101  | 30,650  | 35,262  | 41,226  |
| Minority interests          | 32     | 26      | 26      | 26      | 26      |
| Non-current liab. & prov.   | (79)   | (3)     | 46      | 46      | 46      |
| Total debt                  | 5,776  | 1,666   | 1,994   | 2,255   | 2,612   |
| Total liabilities & equity  | 19,879 | 28,553  | 34,532  | 39,404  | 45,726  |
| Net tangible fixed assets   | 7,163  | 9,897   | 12,413  | 14,314  | 16,070  |
| Net intangible assets       | 814    | 1,122   | 1,631   | 1,370   | 1,650   |
| Net ROU assets              | 836    | 816     | 1,811   | 3,547   | 6,576   |
| Capital WIP                 | 833    | 1,271   | 1,232   | 1,537   | 1,937   |
| Goodwill                    | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Investments [JV/Associates] | 1,497  | 2,668   | 4,321   | 4,321   | 4,321   |
| Cash & equivalents          | 2,433  | 3,774   | 4,319   | 1,343   | 211     |
| Current assets (ex-cash)    | 41,041 | 46,752  | 57,257  | 67,977  | 78,550  |
| Current Liab. & Prov.       | 34,515 | 37,557  | 47,954  | 55,006  | 63,588  |
| NWC (ex-cash)               | 6,526  | 9,195   | 9,303   | 12,971  | 14,961  |
| Total assets                | 19,879 | 28,553  | 34,532  | 39,404  | 45,726  |
| Net debt                    | 2,028  | (4,597) | (6,467) | (3,229) | (1,740) |
| Capital employed            | 19,879 | 28,553  | 34,532  | 39,404  | 45,726  |
| Invested capital            | 14,279 | 20,024  | 22,849  | 28,656  | 32,681  |
| BVPS (Rs)                   | 64.7   | 126.9   | 149.1   | 171.5   | 200.5   |
| Net Debt/Equity (x)         | 0.2    | (0.2)   | (0.2)   | (0.1)   | -       |
| Net Debt/EBITDA (x)         | 0.4    | (0.7)   | (0.7)   | (0.3)   | (0.1)   |
| Interest coverage (x)       | 8.0    | 10.6    | 16.9    | 17.1    | 18.1    |
| RoCE (%)                    | 25.7   | 26.2    | 27.2    | 26.8    | 28.4    |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Cash flows                   |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)              | FY23    | FY24    | FY25    | FY26E   | FY27E   |
| PBT (ex-other income)        | 3,537   | 5,097   | 6,974   | 7,997   | 10,197  |
| Others (non-cash items)      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Taxes paid                   | (1,547) | (1,429) | (1,937) | (2,183) | (2,692) |
| Change in NWC                | (1,093) | (2,592) | (60)    | (3,668) | (1,990) |
| Operating cash flow          | 2,432   | 2,892   | 6,881   | 4,375   | 8,351   |
| Capital expenditure          | (4,328) | (4,491) | (3,961) | (4,122) | (4,632) |
| Acquisition of business      | 185     | (1,171) | (1,653) | 0       | 0       |
| Interest & dividend income   | 87      | 93      | 127     | 854     | 722     |
| Investing cash flow          | (1,817) | (5,246) | (4,640) | (5,004) | (6,939) |
| Equity raised/(repaid)       | 0       | 9,834   | (5)     | 0       | 0       |
| Debt raised/(repaid)         | 1,132   | (4,157) | 432     | 261     | 357     |
| Payment of lease liabilities | (264)   | (235)   | (281)   | 0       | 0       |
| Interest paid                | (664)   | (636)   | (329)   | (552)   | (639)   |
| Dividend paid (incl tax)     | (964)   | (1,158) | (1,439) | (2,056) | (2,262) |
| Others                       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Financing cash flow          | (759)   | 3,648   | (1,622) | (2,347) | (2,544) |
| Net chg in Cash              | (144)   | 1,294   | 619     | (2,976) | (1,132) |
| OCF                          | 2,432   | 2,892   | 6,881   | 4,375   | 8,351   |
| Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)      | 3,526   | 5,484   | 6,940   | 8,043   | 10,341  |
| FCFF                         | (1,896) | (1,598) | 2,920   | 253     | 3,718   |
| FCFE                         | (2,356) | (2,086) | 2,559   | 555     | 3,801   |
| OCF/EBITDA (%)               | 49.4    | 43.5    | 78.6    | 42.7    | 64.0    |
| FCFE/PAT (%)                 | (58.8)  | (50.3)  | 43.3    | 8.3     | 46.2    |
| FCFF/NOPLAT (%)              | (77.8)  | (37.9)  | 52.1    | 3.9     | 45.5    |

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| Y/E Mar                  | FY23  | FY24  | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| P/E (x)                  | 144.0 | 79.7  | 57.1 | 49.6  | 40.2  |
| EV/CE(x)                 | 17.4  | 11.7  | 9.9  | 8.7   | 7.5   |
| P/B (x)                  | 24.8  | 12.7  | 10.8 | 9.4   | 8.0   |
| EV/Sales (x)             | 4.2   | 3.4   | 2.7  | 2.4   | 2.1   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)            | 67.5  | 49.0  | 37.0 | 32.0  | 25.2  |
| EV/EBIT(x)               | 81.5  | 57.5  | 43.4 | 38.2  | 30.3  |
| EV/IC (x)                | 23.3  | 16.3  | 14.2 | 11.4  | 10.1  |
| FCFF yield (%)           | (0.6) | (0.5) | 0.9  | 0.1   | 1.1   |
| FCFE yield (%)           | (0.7) | (0.6) | 0.8  | 0.2   | 1.1   |
| Dividend yield (%)       | 0.3   | 0.4   | 0.4  | 0.6   | 0.7   |
| DuPont-RoE split         |       |       |      |       |       |
| Net profit margin (%)    | 2.9   | 4.3   | 4.8  | 4.9   | 5.2   |
| Total asset turnover (x) | 4.7   | 4.1   | 4.0  | 3.9   | 4.2   |
| Assets/Equity (x)        | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.1  | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| RoE (%)                  | 19.6  | 21.1  | 20.4 | 20.2  | 21.5  |
| DuPont-RoIC              |       |       |      |       |       |
| NOPLAT margin (%)        | 3.1   | 4.4   | 4.7  | 4.8   | 5.2   |
| IC turnover (x)          | 6.9   | 5.6   | 5.6  | 5.3   | 5.1   |
| RoIC (%)                 | 21.1  | 24.6  | 26.1 | 25.1  | 26.7  |
| Operating metrics        |       |       |      |       |       |
| Core NWC days            | 29.9  | 34.7  | 28.4 | 35.0  | 34.8  |
| Total NWC days           | 29.9  | 34.7  | 28.4 | 35.0  | 34.8  |
| Fixed asset turnover     | 7.8   | 6.6   | 6.4  | 6.0   | 5.9   |
| Opex-to-revenue (%)      | 16.3  | 16.8  | 16.9 | 16.6  | 15.9  |

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