

BSE SENSEX

76,330

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23,086


Stock Info

Bloomberg	BSE IN
Equity Shares (m)	135
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USD\$)	698.1 / 8.1
52-Week Range (INR)	5838 / 1941
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-2/124/125
12M Avg Val (INR M)	6783

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

Y/E March	2025E	2026E	2027E
Net Sales	28.4	35.0	41.8
EBITDA	15.0	20.5	25.3
PAT	13.4	17.5	21.4
Adj PAT	13.4	17.5	21.4
EPS (INR)	98.9	129.0	158.2
EPS Gr (%)	231.3	30.4	22.7
BV / Sh (INR)	274	312	360

Ratios (%)

RoE	36.2	41.3	44.0
Payout ratio	70.0	70.0	70.0

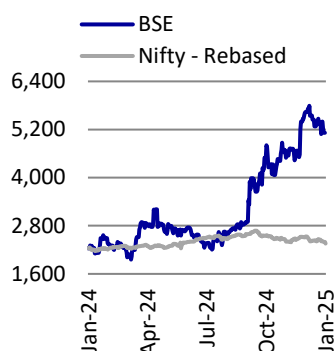
Valuations

P/E (x)	52.1	40.0	32.6
P / BV (x)	18.8	16.5	14.3

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-24	Jun-24	Sep-23
Promoter	0.0	0.0	0.0
DII	11.7	11.6	8.1
FII	35.9	33.9	33.0
Others	52.4	54.5	58.9

FII Includes depository receipts

Stock performance (one-year)

CMP: INR5,157
TP: INR6,500 (+26%)
Buy
Resilient growth in spite of tough regulations
F&O market share on the rise!

- BSE has successfully captured over ~29% of the notional options turnover (Dec'24), achieving a significant milestone in its competitive positioning against NSE, aided by product innovation, an increase in member participation, and lesser impact of regulatory changes compared to NSE.
- While the restriction on weekly expiry contracts per exchange w.e.f. Nov'24 has impacted industry volumes, BSE has witnessed improvement in premium ADTO (9% absolute growth in Dec'24), premium turnover market share (at 15% in Dec'24), and the premium-to-notional turnover ratio (at 10bp in Dec'24 vs. average of 7.3bp in the previous three months).
- Additionally, the decline in notional turnover will lower regulatory charges and clearing & settlement costs, boosting the company's profitability. The change in Sensex expiry day from Friday to Tuesday will also boost BSE's market share.
- The scale-up of co-location servers will bring in high-frequency traders and other institutions, leading to higher volumes in long-dated expiry products. This bodes well for realizations as well as costs.
- Star MF has delivered a stellar performance and BSE continues to invest in growing this business, as it sees humongous opportunities to increase the revenue contribution from Star MF.
- We expect BSE to register a CAGR of 44%/74%/74% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT during FY24-27E, as we believe the improvement in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio will offset the decline in volumes. We reiterate BUY with a TP of INR6,500, based on 45x Sep'26E EPS.

BSE gaining from reduction in number of weekly expiries to one

- The significant part of the partial implementation of the new F&O regulation from Nov'24 was the reduction of weekly expiry contracts to one per exchange.
- The effect of this regulation is reflected in a 15%/33% decline in F&O notional ADTO and a 12%/11% decline in F&O premium ADTO for the industry (NSE+ BSE).
- BSE, being an emerging player in the derivatives space, had only two weekly expiry products – Sensex and Bankex, as compared to NSE's four. After the regulation, BSE has continued with Sensex derivatives as its only weekly expiry contract, while Bankex and Sensex 50 contracts have been moved to a monthly expiry cycle.
- Compared to the decline in premium volumes for the industry, BSE witnessed 9% growth in premium ADTO in Dec'24, despite a 19% decline in notional ADTO, driven by an increase in trading of options on non-expiry days. Since revenue is linked to the premium turnover, the improvement in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio will boost revenue.
- We expect the notional turnover to decline 10% in FY26 and grow 16% in FY27. However, improvements in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio to 12bp/13bp (8bp in FY25E) will lead to 30%/26% growth in premium turnover and 34%/26% growth in transaction revenue from equity derivatives in FY26/FY27.

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- Apart from revenue growth, the reduction in notional volumes and an increase in the lot size will also result in lower regulatory charges and clearing & settlement fees, improving the profitability.

Increasing derivatives market share; cash segment under pressure

- As of Dec'24, BSE's options notional/premium market share has improved to 29.4%/14.6% (13.8%/4.8% in Dec'23), driven by: 1) NSE's weekly expiry products reducing from four to one, 2) the launch of innovative monthly expiry products, 3) lower transaction fees vs. competition, and 4) aggressive outreach to brokers to enroll for BSE derivatives.
- BSE has shifted weekly expiry day of Sensex option contracts from Friday to Tuesday. This may boost BSE's market share due to the gap between the existing weekly expiry day of Nifty contracts (Thursday) and the new expiry day of Sensex contracts.
- In the cash segment, BSE's market share has been declining and was at 6% in Dec'24 (8.5% in Dec'23). Higher institutional participation will likely boost BSE's market share in this segment.

Star MF platform to keep thriving

- Star MF, the mutual fund business of BSE, has seen phenomenal growth in the past couple of years and has delivered a stellar performance. On an average, Star MF processed ~50.6m transactions per month in 1HFY25 vs. ~30m in FY24.
- The platform will gain scale benefits and will contribute meaningfully to BSE's total revenue and margin growth.
- To further strengthen its position, BSE will be launching Star MF 2.0 with improved scalability, functionality and order processing.

Co-location could be the next big revenue and profit driver

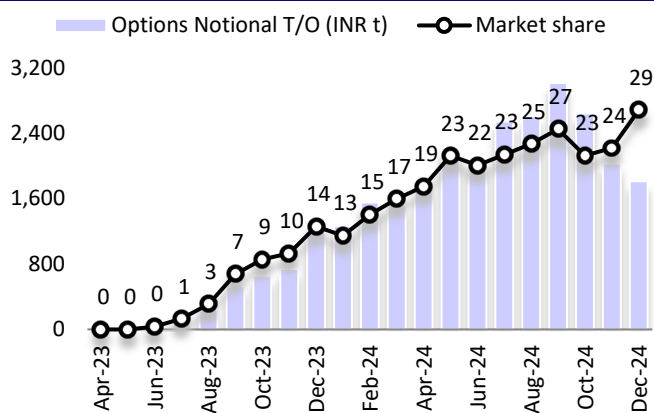
- When BSE relaunched its derivatives segment, it had 100 racks, which had been consumed. Management mentioned that as and when demand arises, BSE will build more colocation racks.
- The co-location facility attracts institutional investors, which will in turn drive volumes for long-dated options, leading to higher realizations as well as lower clearing and settlement costs.
- Earlier BSE was incurring in-house pocket expenses. After introducing new racks in the Phase I, it has started levying charges to recover the cost of racks and raised the rental in line with the industry.
- Currently, BSE is not charging for orders but may levy charges once volumes grow and utilization of the expanded co-location capacity surpasses optimal levels.

Valuation and View

- We expect the premium-to-notional turnover ratio to improve to 12bp/13bp in FY26/FY27, boosting BSE's revenue. Lower regulatory and clearing costs will be profitability drivers. Additionally, stable momentum in Star MF platform and the scale-up of co-location services will help BSE sustain growth.
- We expect BSE to register a CAGR of 44%/74%/74% of revenue/EBITDA/PAT during FY24-27E, as we believe the improvement in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio will offset the volume decline. Reiterate BUY with a TP of INR6,500 (45x Sep'26E EPS).

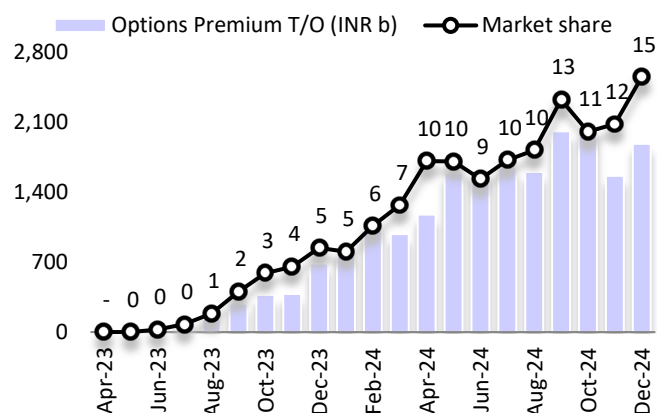
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Exhibit 1: BSE's option notional turnover declined after the implementation of F&O regulations in Nov'24...



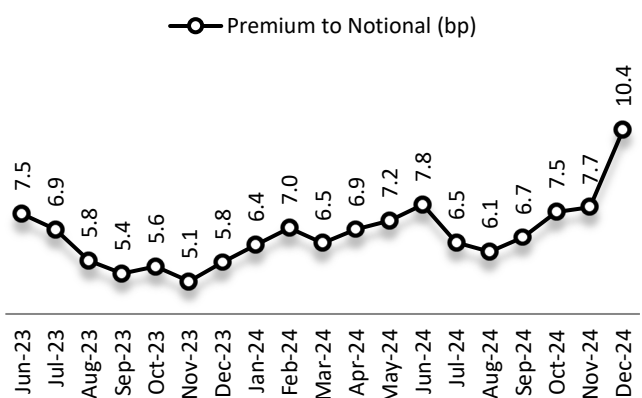
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Exhibit 2: ...but premium turnover and market share increased...



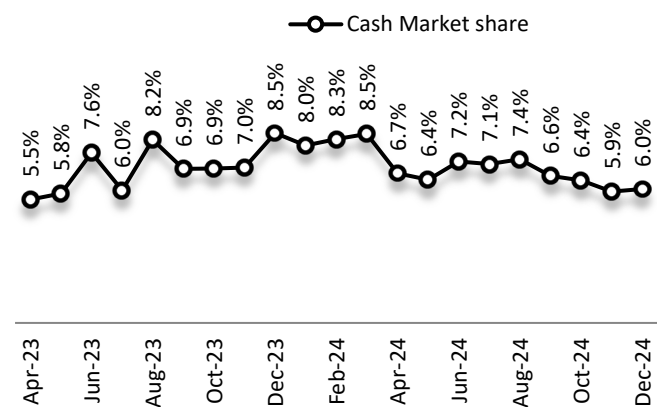
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Exhibit 3: ...driven by improvement in premium to notional



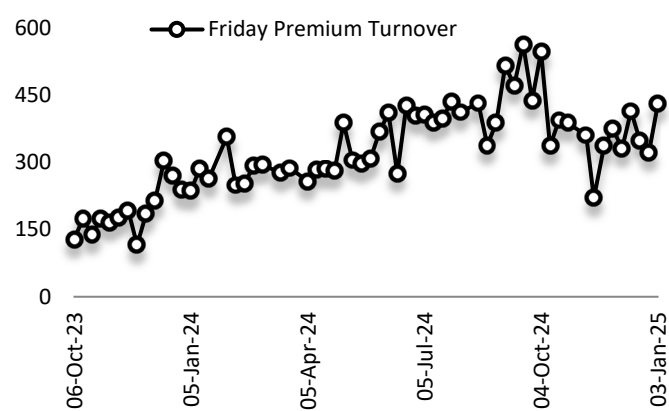
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Exhibit 4: Cash market share on a declining trajectory



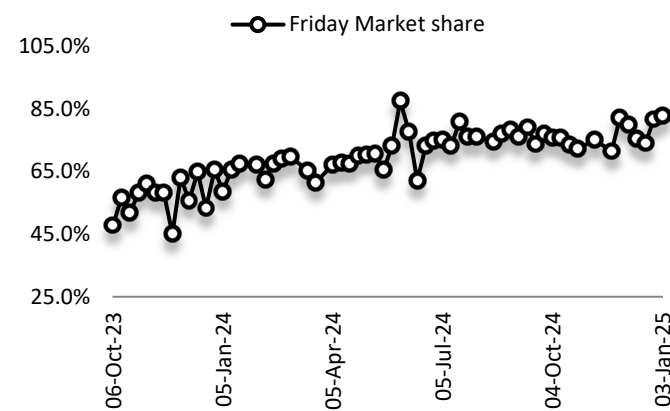
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Exhibit 5: BSE option premium turnover on weekly expiry day (INRt)



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 6: BSE notional turnover market share on weekly expiry day



Source: MOFSL, Company

Regulatory tightening continues but impact likely to be transient

■ F&O Regulations

- ❖ The partial implementation of the new regulations from Nov'24 included the rationalization of weekly index products to one per exchange. BSE has decided to continue with Sensex as a weekly expiry product and scaled up its derivatives market share to 29.4%/14.6% in terms of notional/premium turnover in Dec'24.
- ❖ Since NSE earlier had an expiry on all days, except Friday, BSE found it difficult to grow volumes. BSE will now have three more days to compete against NSE.
- ❖ Since BSE saw large volumes on expiry day, its premium-to-notional turnover ratio was at 8bp vs. 18bp for NSE (Nov'24). With volumes increasing on non-expiry days, this ratio has increased for BSE to 10bp in Dec'24. This will not only boost revenues but also reduce regulatory and clearing & settlement costs.
- ❖ For FY26, if we assume a 20% decline in notional ADTO with all other factors being the same, BSE's earnings will decline by 9%. If the premium-to-notional turnover ratio for the options segment improves to 9bp, the impact will be nullified for BSE.
- ❖ Additionally, BSE has increased the minimum lot size for Sensex contracts from 10 to 20, for Bankex contracts from 15 to 30 and for Sensex 50 contracts from 30 to 60, to adhere to the minimum contract size regulation. NSE has also increased the minimum lot size for all contracts (25 to 75 for Nifty 50, 15 to 30 for Bank Nifty etc.). **Margin for BSE's contracts will be lower than that for NSE's after the increase in the lot size, which can lead to market share gain for BSE.**
- ❖ The increase in the size of contracts would increase transaction revenue as the premium earned per contract will increase. However, this depends on how the markets react to such an increase in the lot sizes.

Exhibit 7: New F&O regulations and impact on exchanges

Measures	Exchanges
Upfront collection of options premium	❖ Impact on volumes, if small brokers do not collect premium upfront
Intraday monitoring of position limits	❖ Compliance costs to increase a bit
Removal of calendar spread benefit on expiry day	❖ HNIs and institutions will have to bring more margins, which could hit volumes; we expect more hit for NSE than BSE
Minimum contract size	❖ Impact to the extent of retail volumes; HNI and institutional volumes should be relatively less impacted
Rationalization of weekly index products	❖ NSE has larger number of weekly expiries and hence a relatively larger hit; BSE could see lesser hit as the impact on Bankex volumes can be offset by higher volumes on other days
Increase in margin near contract expiry	❖ HNIs and institutions will have to bring more margins, which could dent volumes

Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 8: FY26 PAT sensitivity to decline in volumes and change in premium/notional turnover ratio

		Premium/Notional turnover ratio						
		0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.1	0.11	0.12
Change in notional turnover	17,457							
	-20.0	12,549	13,471	14,048	14,798	15,548	16,298	17,048
	-10.0	12,832	13,869	14,519	15,363	16,206	17,050	17,894
	-	13,115	14,268	14,990	15,927	16,865	17,802	18,739
	10.0	13,399	14,666	15,461	16,492	17,523	18,554	19,585
	22.1	13,742	15,149	16,031	17,175	18,320	19,464	20,609
	30.0	13,965	15,463	16,402	17,621	18,840	20,058	21,277
	40.0	14,249	15,862	16,873	18,186	19,498	20,810	22,123

Source: MOFSL, Company

■ True-to-Label regulations

- ❖ With respect to the True-to-Label circular, BSE revised its transaction charges for index options to INR3,250 per crores of premium turnover wef 1st Oct'24. Transaction charges for the equity cash segment remain unchanged as it has been following a flat rate structure since 1st Dec'22.
- ❖ This increase in transaction charges will offset the impact of a dip in volumes due to the F&O regulations. This price hike is still lower than what NSE charges, hence there is headroom for a price hike.

■ Consultation paper on Clearing Corporation's (CC) treasury income

Based on the recommendations of the Risk Management Review Committee of SEBI (RMRC) and subsequent deliberations, the following actions have been recommended:

- ❖ CCs' own funds and funds received from CMs as cash collateral & upstream client funds with the CC shall be segregated at all points of time.
- ❖ CCs can invest or deploy the cash collateral received from CMs and upstream client funds in highly liquid financial instruments with minimal market and credit risks in line with the investment norms specified by SEBI from time to time for investment in the Core Settlement Guarantee Fund (SGF) corpus.
- ❖ Interest or income, if any, by the CC out of cash collaterals received from CMs and upstream client funds shall periodically (at least on a quarterly basis) be distributed to CMs or added to CMs' collaterals, subject to adjustment of costs, taxes, and regulatory charges, if any, and the benefit of the same shall appropriately be passed on by CMs to their clients.
- ❖ The impact on BSE: BSE subsidiary Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL) earns treasury income on clearing and settlement funds. BSE earned INR1.8b (13% of its revenue) in FY24 and 8% of its revenue as of 2QFY25 for FY25. After the implementation of the regulation, earnings will be hit. The extent of the hit will be ascertained when the final regulations are announced and implemented.

Revenue growth to remain robust, with higher contribution from transaction revenues

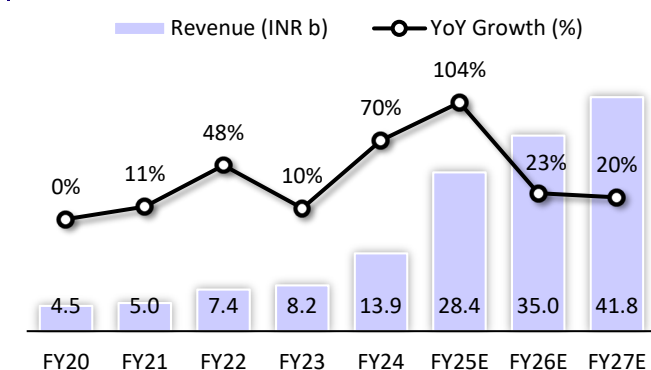
- With a higher share of transaction revenues due to significant traction in the derivatives segment, the revenue mix is skewed toward transaction charges. However, increasing cash market activity, continued momentum in BSE Star MF platform and scale-up of colocation infrastructure can help BSE diversify the mix. We expect a CAGR of 62% in transaction charges during FY24-27E.
- Furthermore, listing fees, treasury income, data services and index business will lend stability to revenues. We expect a CAGR of 19% in revenues from such securities services during FY24-27.
- Star MF platform has seen phenomenal growth in the past couple of years and has maintained its leadership position. This momentum is likely to sustain over the medium term. To further strengthen its position, BSE has invested INR210m to develop Star MF 2.0, which will be launched soon. We expect a CAGR of 42% in transaction charges from Star MF platform during FY24-27.

Exhibit 9: BSE 1HFY25 key highlights

 Market Capitalization of BSE Listed Companies USD 5.72 trillion	 Registered Investors 192 million+	 Equity Cash ADTV (H1 FY25) Rs. 93,963 million	 EQD - Highest Single Day T/o Rs. 564 trillion	 EQD – Total Contracts Traded 32 billion	 EQD – ADTV (H1 FY25) Rs. 112.9 trillion
 Mutual Funds Registered 43	 Funds Mobilized (H1 FY25) Rs. 13.7 Trillion	 Cities covered 721	 Mutual Fund Distributors 78,382	 Mutual Funds Orders (H1 FY25) 304 million	 Mutual Fund Order Value (H1 FY25) Rs. 5.03 Trillion
 Members Registered 1,234	 Consolidated EPS – H1 FY25 Rs. 44.55	 Cons. Net Worth – H1 FY25 Rs. 37,078 million	 Cons. Revenue – H1 FY25 Rs. 14,933 million	 Cons. EBITDA – H1 FY25 Rs. 8,121 million	 Cons. Net Margin – H1 FY25 41%

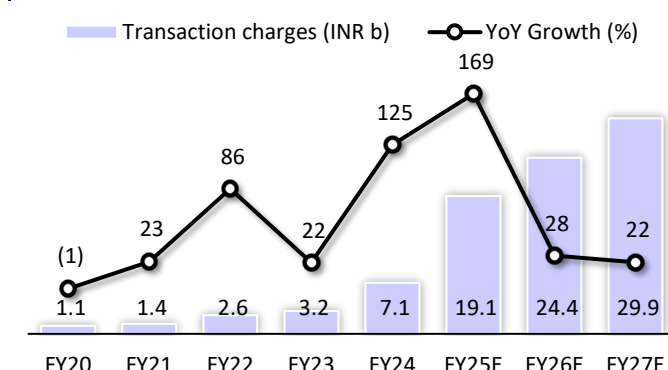
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Exhibit 10: Revenue growth to remain robust...



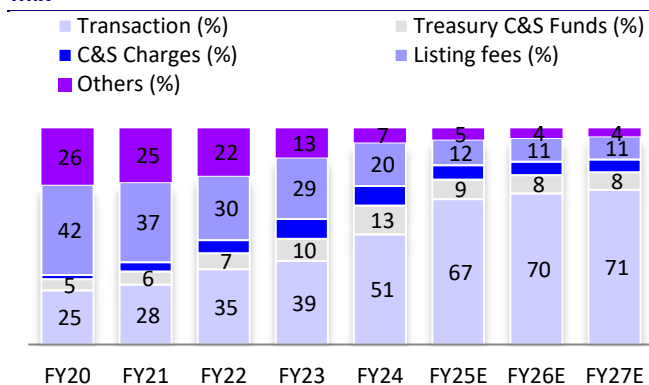
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Exhibit 11: ...driven by transaction revenue



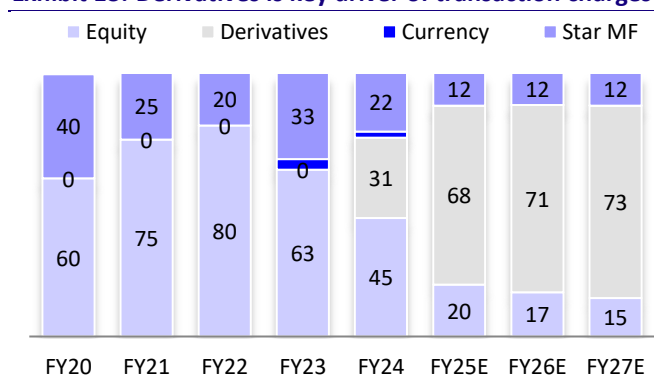
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Exhibit 12: Transaction charges to dominate the revenue mix



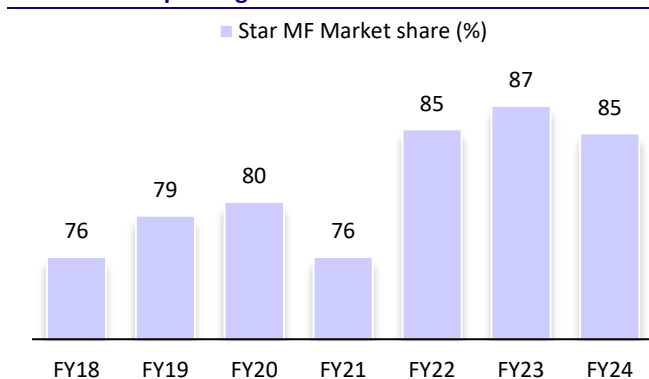
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Exhibit 13: Derivatives is key driver of transaction charges



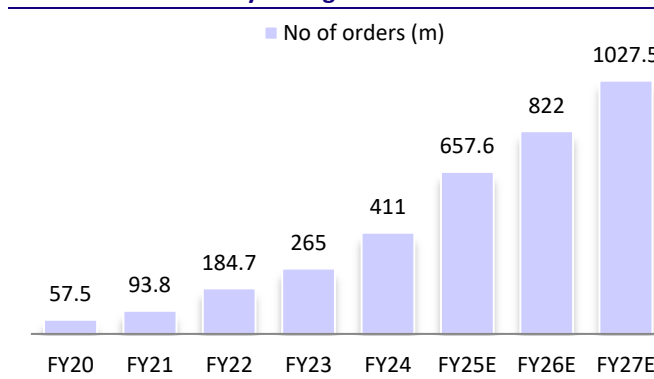
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Exhibit 14: Improving market share of Star MF...



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 15: ...driven by strong traction in Star MF orders



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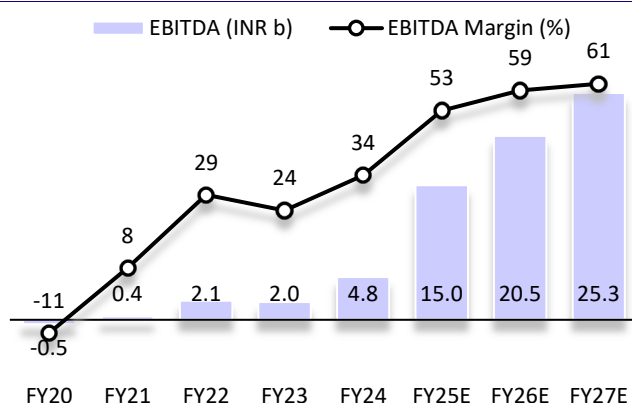
Volume decline will reduce regulatory cost pressure and boost profitability

- BSE's regulatory costs paid to SEBI and clearing & settlement costs paid to NSE are linked to notional turnover or number of contracts traded. Resultantly, the continuous decline in the option segment's notional turnover after the implementation of F&O regulations in Nov'24 and the increase in lot sizes will bode well for BSE's margins and profitability.
- We expect a CAGR of 22% in operating expenses for FY24-27, driven by 18%/13%/59%/18% growth in employee expenses/tech expenses/clearing house expenses/regulatory costs.
- EBITDA is expected to clock a CAGR of 74% during FY24-27, with margins almost doubling to 61% in FY27 (34% in FY24). PAT (excluding exceptional gain in FY24) is also expected to see a CAGR of 74% during FY24-27.

Valuation and view – Reiterate BUY; further improvement in premium turnover can lead to further upgrade in estimates

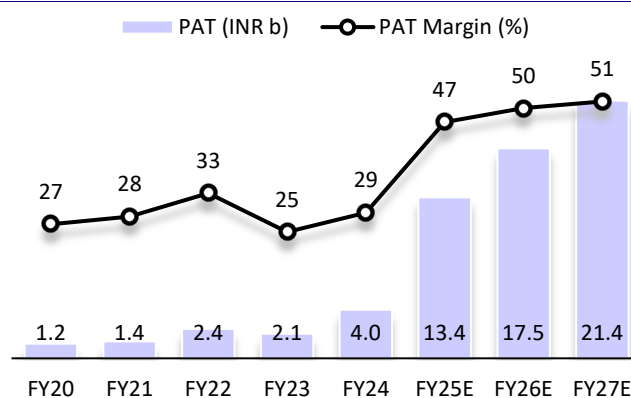
- The implementation of new F&O regulations can have a transitional impact on volumes. However, we note that BSE will be relatively less impacted than NSE, and other revenue drivers like colocation and new products (commodities and power) will boost earnings growth.
- We have estimated premium ADTO of INR83b/INR108b for FY25E/FY26E. Premium ADTO so far in Jan'25 is at INR 137b. If the run rate continues, we will have to upgrade our estimates to accommodate strong growth in premium turnover.
- We expect BSE to register a CAGR of 44%/74%/74% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT during FY24-27, as we believe the improvement in the premium-to-notional turnover ratio will offset the decline in volumes. Lower regulatory and clearing costs will also boost profitability. We reiterate BUY with TP of INR6,500, based on 45x Sep'26E EPS.

Exhibit 16: Improving EBITDA margin



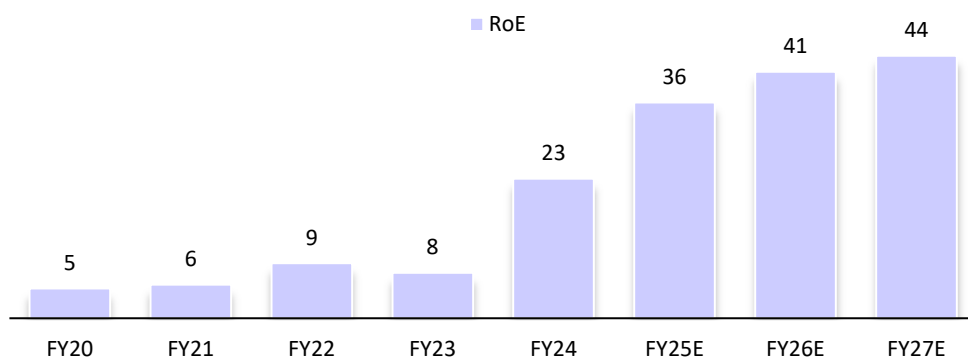
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Exhibit 17: Improving PAT margin



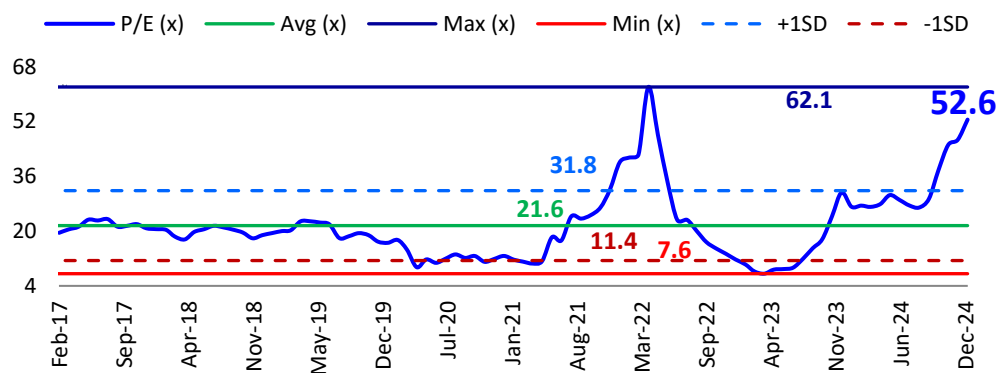
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Exhibit 18: Rising RoE trajectory (%)



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 19: One-year forward P/E chart trend



Source: MOFSL, Company

Financials and valuations

Income Statement

(INR m)

Y/E March	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	4,505	5,014	7,432	8,155	13,901	28,392	34,957	41,779
Change (%)	0.0	11.3	48.2	9.7	70.5	104.2	23.1	19.5
Employee expenses	1,512	1,487	1,773	1,802	2,047	2,334	2,684	2,952
Technology expenses	1,176	948	969	1,239	1,374	1,621	1,816	1,997
Admin & Others	2,132	1,854	2,209	2,777	5,715	9,421	9,942	11,521
Liquidity enhancement expenses	178	337	350	363	0	0	0	0
EBITDA	-493	388	2,131	1,974	4,765	15,015	20,515	25,308
EBITDA %	-10.9	7.7	28.7	24.2	34.3	52.9	58.7	60.6
Depreciation / Amortization	510	579	483	603	954	1,122	1,302	1,482
EBIT	-1,003	-190	1,649	1,371	3,810	13,893	19,213	23,826
EBIT %	-22.3	-3.8	22.2	16.8	27.4	48.9	55.0	57.0
Finance costs	24	103	222	275	0	0	0	0
Other Income	1,795	1,533	1,204	1,384	2,279	2,668	2,447	2,713
PBT	768	1,240	2,631	2,480	5,172	16,561	21,660	26,539
Tax	149	109	823	916	1,848	4,140	5,415	6,635
ETR %	19.4	8.8	31.3	36.9	35.7	25.0	25.0	25.0
PAT before associate profits	619	1,131	1,808	1,564	3,324	12,421	16,245	19,904
Share of Associates profit	267	432	642	492	718	970	1,212	1,515
PAT after Associate profits	886	1,562	2,449	2,056	4,042	13,391	17,457	21,419
Change (%)	-54.5	76.4	56.8	-16.0	96.6	231.3	30.4	22.7
PAT margin %	19.7	31.2	33.0	25.2	29.1	47.2	49.9	51.3
Exceptional items	320	-145	0	0	3,675	0	0	0
PAT after exceptional items	1,206	1,417	2,449	2,056	7,717	13,391	17,457	21,419

Balance Sheet

(INR m)

Y/E March	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2025E	2025E
Total fixed assets	2,085	1,843	1,681	2,535	2,991	3,491	3,991	4,491
Non-current investments	9,252	8,005	6,298	8,961	11,529	12,106	12,711	13,347
Other non-current assets	4,207	4,914	4,339	9,871	20,283	20,689	21,102	21,524
Total non-current assets	15,543	14,762	12,318	21,367	34,803	36,285	37,804	39,362
Cash & Current investments	16,092	19,269	35,117	30,496	44,629	46,950	53,984	62,714
Trade receivables	700	876	634	909	2,109	4,543	5,593	6,685
Other current assets	12,425	11,364	13,785	7,166	12,962	13,592	14,254	14,949
Total current assets	29,216	31,509	49,535	38,571	59,699	65,085	73,831	84,347
TOTAL ASSETS	44,759	46,271	61,854	59,938	94,502	1,01,370	1,11,636	1,23,709
Share Capital	270	270	271	271	271	270	270	270
R&S	23,981	24,796	26,275	26,741	32,752	36,769	42,006	48,432
Shareholders equity	24,251	25,066	26,545	27,012	33,023	37,039	42,276	48,702
Core SGF	4,354	5,391	6,409	7,576	9,550	9,550	9,550	9,550
Minority Interest	186	235	1,352	1,278	1,524	1,524	1,524	1,524
Other LT liabilities	111	124	109	145	136	136	136	136
Total non-current liabilities	113	124	109	145	136	136	136	136
Outstanding dues to creditors	758	982	729	804	3,603	2,018	2,178	2,483
Other current liabilities	15,098	14,473	26,711	23,123	46,667	51,103	55,971	61,315
Total current liabilities	15,856	15,455	27,439	23,927	50,270	53,121	58,150	63,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES	44,759	46,271	61,854	59,938	94,502	1,01,370	1,11,636	1,23,709

Financials and valuations

Cash Flow						(INR m)		
Y/E March	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
PAT	1,206	1,417	2,449	2,056	7,717	13,391	17,457	21,419
Dep	510	579	483	603	954	1,122	1,302	1,482
Changes in working capital	3,755	(1,329)	13,007	(4,649)	26,401	394	3,954	4,532
Op Cash flow	5,471	666	15,940	(1,990)	35,072	14,907	22,713	27,433
Capex	-414	-337	-321	-1,457	-1,410	-1,622.05	-1,802.05	-1,982.05
Investments	1,274	2,351	-920	-714	-20,033	(1,589)	(1,657)	(1,728)
Changes in equity	-5,348	409	1,974	-44	570	(1)	-	-
Debt	407	1,050	1,002	1,204	1,965	-	-	-
Dividend	-779	-962	-1,827	-1,620	-2,030	(9,373)	(12,220)	(14,993)
Cash generation	-10,331	1,845	-16,032	-642	-56,011	(27,492)	(38,392)	(46,135)
Op Cash	15480.8	16091.8	19268.7	35116.6	30495.7	44,629	46,950	53,984
CI Cash	16,092	19,269	35,117	30,496	44,629	46,950	53,984	62,714
FCF	5,057	329	15,619	-3,447	33,662	13,285	20,911	25,451

Ratios								
Y/E March	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	8.9	10.5	18.1	15.2	57.0	98.9	129.0	158.2
EPS (excl EOI)	6.5	11.5	18.1	15.2	29.9	98.9	129.0	158.2
Cash EPS	9.9	11.5	19.0	16.3	58.8	101.0	131.4	161.0
Book Value	179.2	185.2	196.1	199.6	244.0	273.7	312.3	359.8
DPS	5.8	7.1	13.5	12.0	15.0	69.3	90.3	110.8
Payout %	64.6	67.9	74.6	78.8	26.3	70.0	70.0	70.0
Valuation (x)								
P/E	788.1	446.8	285.0	339.4	172.7	52.1	40.0	32.6
Cash P/E	523.4	447.0	271.6	316.2	87.7	51.1	39.3	32.0
Price/Book Value	28.8	27.8	26.3	25.8	21.1	18.8	16.5	14.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.3	1.8	2.1
Profitability Ratios (%)								
RoE	5.0	5.7	9.2	7.6	23.4	36.2	41.3	44.0
RoCE	3.3	5.4	10.7	10.2	18.4	44.7	51.2	54.5

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