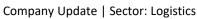
Buy





BSE SENSEX S&P CNX 81,467 24,982

Blue Dart Express

CMP: INR8,545 TP: INR9,900 (+16%)

Price hikes to support margins

Demand improvement & network expansion to drive long-term growth

- Blue Dart Express Ltd. (BDE) has announced price hikes ranging from 9% to 12%, effective Jan'25. This would help cover several inflationary costs and maintain its margin profile. With improved demand, BDE expects the price hike to be comfortably passed on to its customers.
- As the festival season kicks in, capacity utilization of its new aircraft is anticipated to pick up. As the aircraft reach optimal utilization levels, efficiency will improve, leading to higher margins. New routes, such as Guwahati, are starting to ramp up and should pick up pace in the coming quarters.
- BDE continues to expand in the surface express segment, which forms 30% of its total revenues. The surface express segment is likely to be a key growth driver for BDE as it is expected to grow faster than the air segment.
- Volumes are projected to improve with the onset of the festive season as the new aircraft are stabilizing and routes like Guwahati have been added to the network. EBITDA margin has started to expand as capacity utilization has improved and BDE has shifted some volumes from the third-party cargo to its own aircraft. We reiterate our BUY rating with a revised TP of INR9,900 (based on 21x FY27E EV/EBITDA).

New routes ramping up; segments like surface/ecommerce witnessing strong growth; network expansion to support growth

- Following slow growth in 1HFY25, demand for the express logistics segment is anticipated to rebound. Long-term growth in the industry will likely be driven by factors such as increasing urbanization, rising consumer demand, and shifting preferences towards faster deliveries.
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- BDE continues to expand in the surface express segment, which forms 30% of its total revenues. The surface express segment is expected to be a key growth driver for BDE as it is expected to grow faster than the air segment.

BLUE DART

Stock Info

| Bloomberg | BDE IN |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Equity Shares (m) | 24 |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb) | 205.1 / 2.4 |
| 52-Week Range (INR) | 9489 / 5487 |
| 1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%) | 6/35/2 |
| 12M Avg Val (INR M) | 262 |
| Free float (%) | 25.0 |

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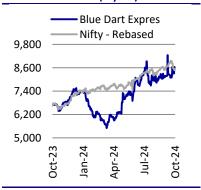
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|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| Y/E March | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| Net Sales | 59.7 | 72.0 | 83.1 |
| EBITDA | 6.0 | 9.0 | 10.8 |
| Adj. PAT | 3.3 | 5.3 | 6.5 |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 10.1 | 12.5 | 13.0 |
| Adj. EPS (INR) | 137.1 | 223.5 | 271.8 |
| EPS Gr. (%) | 12.7 | 63.0 | 21.6 |
| BV/Sh. (INR) | 683.4 | 846.9 | 1058.7 |
| Ratios | | | |
| Net D/E (x) | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| RoE (%) | 21.3 | 29.2 | 28.5 |
| RoCE (%) | 23.1 | 30.8 | 29.7 |
| Payout (%) | 43.8 | 26.8 | 22.1 |
| Valuations | | | |
| P/E (x) | 62.3 | 38.2 | 31.4 |
| P/BV (x) | 12.5 | 10.1 | 8.1 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 32.5 | 21.4 | 17.5 |
| Div. Yield (%) | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| FCF Yield (%) | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| | | | |

Shareholding pattern (%)

| As On | Sep-24 | Jun-24 | Sep-23 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 62.9 | 62.9 | 62.9 |
| DII | 11.7 | 11.2 | 14.9 |
| FII | 11.3 | 11.9 | 10.2 |
| Others | 14.2 | 14.0 | 11.9 |

FII Includes depository receipts

Stock Performance (1-year)



Valuation and view

- BDE's price hikes to aid margins and place it in a comfortable position to offset the cost escalations.
- Volumes are improving as the new aircraft are stabilizing and routes like Guwahati have been added to the network. As overall demand improves, a further pickup in volumes is anticipated from 2HFY25. BDE's standalone EBITDA margin has started to expand as capacity utilization has improved and the company has shifted some volumes from third-party cargo to its own aircraft. We reiterate our BUY rating with a revised TP of INR9,900 (based on 21x FY27E EV/EBITDA).

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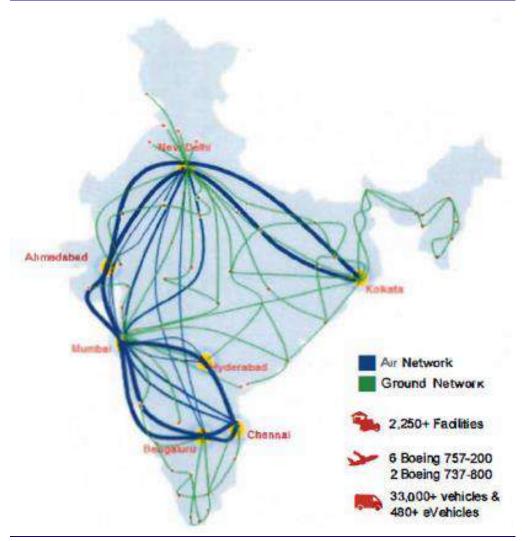
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Network presence

■ BDE boasts a strong parentage and an enviable network that serves more than 55,400 locations, backed by a fleet of eight aircraft and 12,500+ vehicles.

■ The company has 2,250+ facilities and hubs across India, which help BDE serve 99% of the pin codes. It plans to further strengthen and consolidate its air and ground infrastructure, expand its reach, and offer the best-in-class transit times.

Exhibit 1: Well-diversified reach



Source: Company, MOFSL

Embracing the e-commerce wave

- E-commerce is a key vertical for the company and constitutes roughly one-fourth of its revenue.
- The e-commerce market experienced significant growth, with consumers and businesses purchasing a wide range of products online, from groceries to consumer durables.
- BDE provides the most efficient solutions to the e-commerce industry, such as enabling digital payments through 16 digital wallets on courier handheld machines, apart from the acceptance of credit and debit cards.

Source: Company, MOFSL

Market leadership in the B2B Express business

Exhibit 2: Leadership of BDE in Air Express...

Market share in Organized Air express

55 - 65%

50 - 60%

FY21

FY22

Exhibit 3: ... and increasing share in Surface B2B Express

Market share in Organized Surface B2B Express

13 - 15%

12 - 14%

FY22

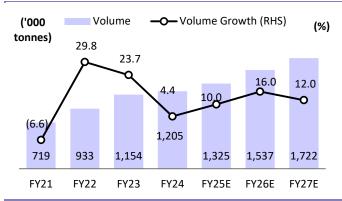
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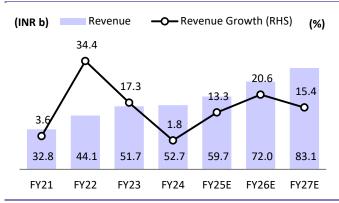
Financial story in charts

Exhibit 4: Volume growth to remain steady



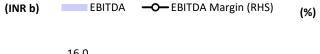
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Exhibit 5: Revenue to largely mirror volume growth



Source: Company, MOFSL

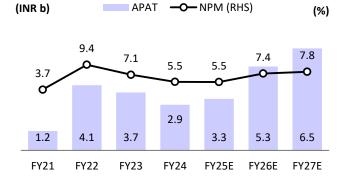
Exhibit 6: Margin to improve as costs stabilize





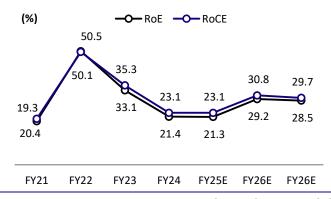
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Exhibit 7: PAT to experience healthy growth ahead



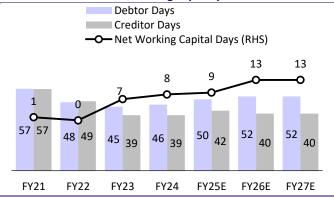
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Exhibit 8: Return ratios to remain healthy



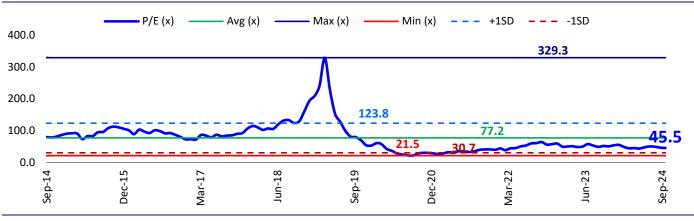
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Exhibit 9: Comfortable working capital position



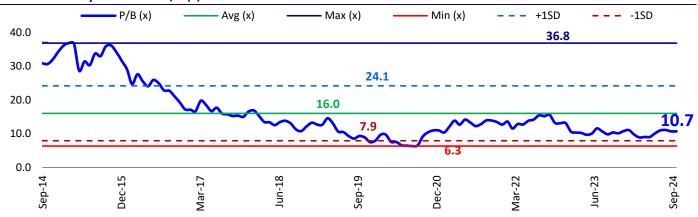
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: One-year forward P/E (x)



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 11: One-year forward P/B (x)



Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Application of Funds

| Y/E March (INR m) | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Net Sales | 32,797 | 44,090 | 51,722 | 52,678 | 59,685 | 72,003 | 83,063 |
| Change (%) | 3.6 | 34.4 | 17.3 | 1.8 | 13.3 | 20.6 | 15.4 |
| Gross Margin (%) | 36.2 | 36.4 | 31.1 | 31.0 | 30.0 | 31.2 | 31.0 |
| EBITDA | 3,766 | 7,038 | 6,323 | 5,175 | 6,012 | 9,015 | 10,769 |
| Margin (%) | 11.5 | 16.0 | 12.2 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 12.5 | 13.0 |
| Depreciation | 2,007 | 1,687 | 1,666 | 1,873 | 2,157 | 2,477 | 2,758 |
| EBIT | 1,760 | 5,351 | 4,656 | 3,302 | 3,855 | 6,538 | 8,011 |
| Int. and Finance Charges | 317 | 241 | 174 | 193 | 259 | 239 | 219 |
| Other Income | 127 | 285 | 505 | 718 | 754 | 792 | 832 |
| PBT | 1,569 | 5,395 | 4,987 | 3,828 | 4,351 | 7,091 | 8,624 |
| Tax | 347 | 1,271 | 1,323 | 942 | 1,096 | 1,787 | 2,173 |
| Effective Tax Rate (%) | 26.5 | 25.2 | 26.5 | 24.6 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 25.2 |
| PAT before EO. Items | 1,222 | 4,124 | 3,664 | 2,886 | 3,254 | 5,304 | 6,450 |
| Extraordinary Items | 259 | 360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported PAT | 963 | 3,764 | 3,664 | 2,886 | 3,254 | 5,304 | 6,450 |
| Adjusted PAT | 1,222 | 4,124 | 3,664 | 2,886 | 3,254 | 5,304 | 6,450 |
| Change (%) Margin (%) | 373.1 3.7 | 237.6 9.4 | -11.1 7.1 | -21.2 5.5 | 12.7 5.5 | 63.0 7.4 | 21.6 7.8 |
| Standalone – Balance Sheet | | | | | | | |
| Y/E March (INR m) | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Equity Share Capital | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 | 238 |
| Total Reserves | 6,554 | 9,311 | 12,366 | 14,149 | 15,979 | 19,859 | 24,886 |
| Net Worth | 6,792 | 9,549 | 12,604 | 14,386 | 16,217 | 20,097 | 25,124 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities | -284 | -310 | -336 | -377 | -377 | -377 | -377 |
| Total Loans | 1,425 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Employed | 7,933 | 9,239 | 12,268 | 14,010 | 15,840 | 19,720 | |
| Gross Block | 8,071 | 7,924 | 8,867 | 11 006 | | | 24,747 |
| Less: Accum. Deprn. | | | • | 11,086 | 13,826 | 15,326 | 24,747 17,126 |
| | 3,100 | 3,419 | 3,799 | 5,672 | 9,068 | 11,545 | 24,747 17,126 14,303 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 4,972 | 4,505 | 3,799 5,068 | 5,672 5,415 | 9,068 4,758 | 11,545 3,781 | 24,747 17,126 14,303 2,823 |
| Capital WIP | 4,972 5 | 4,505 | 3,799 5,068 17 | 5,672 5,415 21 | 9,068 4,758 21 | 11,545 3,781 21 | 24,747 17,126 14,303 2,823 |
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Financials and valuations

| Y/E March | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Basic (INR) | | | | | | | |
| EPS | 51.5 | 173.8 | 154.4 | 121.6 | 137.1 | 223.5 | 271.8 |
| EPS growth (%) | 373.1 | 237.6 | -11.1 | -21.2 | 12.7 | 63.0 | 21.6 |
| Cash EPS | 136.0 | 244.9 | 224.6 | 200.5 | 228.0 | 327.9 | 388.0 |
| BV/Share | 286.2 | 402.4 | 531.1 | 606.2 | 683.4 | 846.9 | 1,058.7 |
| DPS | 15.0 | 60.0 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.0 |
| Payout (Incl. Div. Tax, %) | 0.0 | 37.8 | 19.4 | 20.6 | 43.8 | 26.8 | 22.1 |
| Valuation (x) | | | | | | | |
| P/E | 166.0 | 49.2 | 55.3 | 70.3 | 62.3 | 38.2 | 31.4 |
| Cash P/E | 62.8 | 34.9 | 38.0 | 42.6 | 37.5 | 26.1 | 22.0 |
| EV/EBITDA | 52.6 | 28.1 | 31.4 | 38.0 | 32.5 | 21.4 | 17.5 |
| EV/Sales | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| P/BV | 29.9 | 21.2 | 16.1 | 14.1 | 12.5 | 10.1 | 8.1 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Return Ratios (%) | | | | | | | |
| RoE | 19.3 | 50.5 | 33.1 | 21.4 | 21.3 | 29.2 | 28.5 |
| RoCE | 20.4 | 50.1 | 35.3 | 23.1 | 23.1 | 30.8 | 29.7 |
| RoIC | 44.8 | 137.9 | 56.8 | 31.2 | 35.8 | 53.9 | 58.8 |
| Working Capital Ratios | | | | | | | |
| Fixed Asset Turnover (x) | 4.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| Asset Turnover (x) | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| Inventory (Days) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Debtors (Days) | 57 | 48 | 45 | 46 | 50 | 52 | 52 |
| Creditors (Days) | 57 | 49 | 39 | 39 | 42 | 40 | 40 |
| Leverage Ratio (x) | | | | | | | |
| Net Debt/Equity | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Standalone – Cash Flow Statement | | | | | | | |
| Y/E March (INR m) | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| OP/(Loss) before Tax | 1,311 | 5,035 | 4,987 | 3,828 | 4,351 | 7,091 | 8,624 |
| Depreciation | 2,007 | 1,687 | 1,666 | 1,873 | 2,157 | 2,477 | 2,758 |
| Direct Taxes Paid | -276 | -1,261 | -1,388 | -636 | -1,096 | -1,787 | -2,173 |
| (Inc.)/Dec. in WC | 1,219 | 360 | -1,849 | -224 | -944 | -2,303 | -1,481 |
| Other Items | 229 | 6 | -225 | -378 | -495 | -553 | -613 |
| CF from Operations | 4,489 | 5,827 | 3,193 | 4,463 | 3,972 | 4,925 | 7,115 |
| (Inc.)/Dec. in FA | -258 | -517 | -918 | -767 | -1,500 | -1,500 | -1,800 |
| Free Cash Flow | 4,230 | 5,310 | 2,275 | 3,695 | 2,472 | 3,425 | 5,315 |
| Change in Investments | -3,710 | -759 | -1,467 | -1,209 | -1,700 | -1,500 | -1,500 |
| Others | 25 | 160 | 211 | 643 | 754 | 792 | 832 |
| CF from Investments | -3,944 | -1,115 | -2,173 | -1,334 | -2,446 | -2,208 | -2,468 |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Debt | 675 | -1,425 | 0 | -1,438 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends Paid | 0 | -949 | -563 | -979 | -1,424 | -1,424 | -1,424 |
| Others | -1,373 | -1,334 | -1,338 | 0 | -459 | -439 | -419 |
| CF from Fin. Activity | -698 | -3,708 | -1,901 | -2,417 | -1,883 | -1,863 | -1,843 |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Cash | -153 | 1,004 | -881 | 712 | -357 | 854 | 2,804 |
| Opening Balance (includes Bank Bal.) | 985 | 3,077 | 1,829 | 946 | 1,658 | 1,301 | 2,155 |
| Inc/(Dec) in Bank Bal. | 2,245 | -2,252 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Closing Balance (includes Bank Bal.) | 3,077 | 1,829 | 948 | 1,658 | 1,301 | 2,155 | 4,959 |

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NOTES

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| Explanation of Investment Rating | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Investment Rating | Expected return (over 12-month) |
| BUY | >=15% |
| SELL | <-10% |
| NEUTRAL | < - 10 % to 15% |
| UNDER REVIEW | Rating may undergo a change |
| NOT RATED | We have forward looking estimates for the stock but we refrain from assigning recommendation |

*In case the recommendation given by the Research Analyst is inconsistent with the investment rating legend for a continuous period of 30 days, the Research Analyst shall be within following 30 days take appropriate measures to make the recommendation consistent with the investment rating legend.

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