

Focus Investment Ideas

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Large Cap	Mid Cap
Bharti Airtel	Swiggy
Hindustan Unilever	Vishal Mega Mart
Bharat Electronics	Dalmia Bharat
Canara Bank	Radico Khaitan
Hero MotoCorp	Acme Solar



Valuation Snapshot

Preferred Large/Mid Cap Stocks	M. Cap (₹ b)	CMP (₹)	Target (₹)	Upside (%)	EPS CAGR FY26- FY27E (%)	PE (x)		PB (x)		RoE (%)	
						FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Large Cap											
Bharti Airtel	11,577	1,939	2,285	18%	45%	64.0	30.3	9.5	6.4	18.0	25.8
HUL	5,911	2,496	3,050	22%	9%	56.3	47.5	11.9	11.2	20.7	24.1
BEL	3,001	404	490	21%	17%	55.8	41.1	14.9	9.4	26.8	22.9
Canara Bank	1,163	126	140	11%	9%	6.7	5.7	1.2	1.0	19.9	18.2
Hero MotoCorp	1,124	5,520	6,168	12%	10%	24.4	20.2	5.6	4.8	23.9	24.7
Mid/Small Cap											
Swiggy	1,049	420	560	33%	NA	NA	NA	9.4	15.3	-34.6	-25.1
VMM	699	150	170	13%	28%	109.1	66.3	10.8	8.4	10.5	13.5
Dalmia Bharat	420	2,230	2,660	19%	37%	60.2	32.1	2.4	2.1	4.1	6.9
Radico Khaitan	401	2,982	3,250	9%	41%	115.6	58.0	14.8	10.9	12.8	18.7
Acme Solar	175	284	370	30%	51%	62.9	27.7	3.8	3.1	7.7	11.8

CMP as on 8th October 2025



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Bharti Airtel

Our preferred pick in the telecom sector

Key Rationales

- Bharti Airtel is well-positioned for long-term value creation, supported by its strong premiumization strategy, Airtel Africa's digital & financial services growth and margin expansions.
- With capex intensity expected to decline in FY26 (following lower FY25 India capex of ~₹300b), Bharti is likely to generate robust free cash flows of ~₹1t over FY26-27E, enabling balance sheet strength and improved shareholder returns.
- We model a 14%/17% CAGR in Bharti's consolidated revenue/EBITDA (FY25–28E) driven by an expected ~15% India wireless tariff hike (Dec'25), faster home broadband growth, & continued strong double-digit growth in Africa.



Hindustan Unilever

Growth aspirations falling in place; more to come!

Key Rationales

- Hindustan Unilever (HUVR) remains a structurally strong play in India's FMCG sector, supported by its deep distribution, robust brand portfolio, and focus on volume-led growth. GST reduction on personal care (18%→5%) and packaged foods (18%→5%) is set to enhance category growth and consumer demand.
- The company has appointed Priya Nair as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective August 1, 2025. The market views this leadership transition as a positive signal of renewed focus and intent from parent firm Unilever to accelerate growth in its second-largest market.
- With macro tailwinds from lower inflation, supportive policy measures, and benign commodities, operating performance is set to strengthen. We model a revenue/EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 7%/7%/8% over FY25–28E.

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Bharat Electronics Strong Multi-Year Growth Visibility

Key Rationales

- The Indian Army has issued the much-awaited ₹300b tender to Bharat Electronics for the DRDO-developed QRSAM 'Anant Shastra' project (5–6 regiments), with BEL as lead integrator, lifting its order book past ₹1t.
- BEL is well positioned under the TPCR 2025 roadmap to capture opportunities across Army, Navy, & Air Force, spanning EW systems, radars, communication networks, & drone-countermeasures solutions, ensuring multi-year growth visibility.
- We expect BEL to benefit from orders for next-generation corvettes, electronic warfare, follow-on orders for electronics for 97 Tejas Mk1A, loitering munition programs, and export opportunities. We anticipate Sales/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 18%/17%/17% over FY25–28.



Canara Bank Strong Fundamentals Driving Sustainable Growth

Key Rationales

- Canara Bank (CBK) will see value unlocking through the planned IPOs of Canara Robeco Asset Management Company and Canara HSBC Life Insurance, allowing the bank to divest its stake and generate returns from its investments in these ventures.
- With contained opex, stable cost of funds, and a gradual recovery in NIMs expected to be 2.75–2.8% in 2HFY26, CBK is likely to generate healthy returns, while maintaining robust provisions for stressed assets, ensuring balance sheet strength and improved shareholder value.
- We model a strong earnings trajectory for CBK, factoring in better other income and lower provisions, with expected FY25–27E RoA/RoE of 1.1%/19% and an upward revision in earnings by 11–13%, reflecting sustainable revenue and profit growth.

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Hero Motocorp

Volumes to revive from the festive season!

Key Rationales

- Hero MotoCorp (HMCL) reported a strong start to the festive season with robust traction across dealerships and expects record festive sales. Nearly 95% of its product portfolio benefits from the GST rate cuts, which along with festive demand, should aid volume recovery.
- We expect HMCL to end FY26 with about 1% volume growth and post a much better 6% volume growth in domestic business in FY27E. We also factor in a marginal 30bp margin improvement in both years.
- HMCL will also benefit from a gradual rural recovery, given strong brand equity in the economy segments. We project a CAGR of ~7%/8%/9% in revenue/EBITDA/PAT over FY25-27.



Swiggy

Strategic Moves Fuel Growth and Profitability

Key Rationales

- Swiggy's board has approved the sale of its entire 11.8% stake in cab aggregator Rapido to Prosus and Westbridge Capital for ~₹2,400 crore, releasing cash from a non-core business to strengthen liquidity and reinvest into its core operations.
- With Instamart being moved to a subsidiary for sharper focus, Swiggy expects its Quick Commerce arm to achieve profitability sooner, aided by easing competition, moderated dark store expansion, and lower acquisition costs.
- Swiggy has strengthened its Food Delivery outlook, with growth estimates raised to 21–23% for FY26–FY27 (vs. 19–20% earlier). On the QC side, we expect contribution margins to recover meaningfully over the next few quarters.

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Vishal Mega Mart

Building blocks;
outperformance to sustain

Key Rationales

- Vishal Mega Mart (VMM), one of India's largest value retailers with 696 stores across 458 cities (72% in Tier 2+ India), plans to add 100+ stores annually across 1,250+ Tier 2+ towns and select Tier 1 cities, backed by strong store-level economics.
- VMM's revenue mix—Apparel (44%), FMCG (28%), and General Merchandise (28%)—along with 73% contribution from private brands, supports high footfall, strong wallet share, and consistent profitability. The company enjoys ~50% RoCE and double-digit SSSG, enabling self-funded expansion through its asset-light model.
- The recent GST cut on apparel and footwear (to 5%) is expected to boost value retail demand. VMM is projected to deliver a 19% revenue CAGR and 24% PAT CAGR over FY25–28, driven by steady store additions and margin improvements.



Dalmia Bharat

Building Strength for Sustainable
Growth

Key Rationales

- Dalmia Bharat is well-positioned for long-term value creation, supported by its resilient pricing in core markets, disciplined cost control, and strategic clinker-backed capacity expansion across South and Northeast India, which will increase grinding capacity to ~64mtpa by FY28.
- With strong operational efficiency and steady cement demand growth of ~6-7% YoY, aided by government spending and housing recovery, the company is likely to sustain healthy operating margins and remain competitive in its core markets.
- We model a revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 10%/22%/31% over FY25–28, driven by expanding volumes (~7% CAGR), improving EBITDA/t (INR1,130–1,210), and operational leverage from capacity expansion, supporting medium-to-long-term growth.

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Radico Khaitan Crafted for connoisseurs!

Key Rationales

- Radico Khaitan is well positioned for long-term growth through aggressive expansion in the premium and luxury spirits segment, leveraging strong brand equity with leading products like 8PM, Magic Moments, and Rampur Single Malt.
- It commands an 8% market share in the ₹200mn Prestige & Above (P&A) segment, with rising consumer premiumization. New launches like Morpheus Super Premium Whisky & Spirit of Kashmir support future growth.
- We estimate revenue/EBITDA/APAT CAGR of 16%/22%/30% over FY25-FY28, supported by margin expansion of 125-150bp annually for the next three years, led by premiumization & operating leverage.



Acme Solar Our top pick in the renewable power space

Key Rationales

- Acme Solar is well-positioned for long-term value creation, driven by its strong project execution capabilities, ability to secure power purchase agreements (PPAs), and disciplined financial management, which together support sustainable earnings growth.
- With an aggressive capacity expansion plan, Acme aims to grow installed capacity from 2.5GW at the end of FY25 to 5.5GW by FY28, while initiatives like battery storage provide additional avenues for incremental revenue and EBITDA growth, enhancing long-term shareholder value.
- Acme remains our top pick in the Power/Renewables space. We model an EBITDA CAGR of 74% over FY25–28E, supported by commissioning of new capacity, incremental project awards, and operational efficiencies.

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