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RESULT UPDATE



KEY DATA

BUY
Outperformer
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8,200
7,545/5,691
1,014/11.9
70.7
2,760.3

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Mar-25	Dec-24	Sep-24
Promoter	29.34%	29.33%	29.33%
FII	42.74%	45.27%	45.37%
DII	22.29%	19.98%	20.18%
Pledge	13.47%	13.47%	13.99%

FINANCIALS	FINANCIALS (INR mn)				
Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	
Revenue	1,90,592	2,17,940	2,54,002	2,98,345	
EBITDA	23,907	30,218	37,319	45,282	
Adjusted profit	8,973	14,459	18,677	24,889	
Diluted EPS (INR)	62.4	100.6	129.9	173.1	
EPS growth (%)	25.0	61.1	29.2	33.3	
RoAE (%)	13.7	19.1	20.4	22.0	
P/E (x)	113.0	70.1	54.3	40.7	
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.9	35.2	28.1	22.7	
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0	0	0	

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised e	estimates	% Revi	sion
Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	254,002	298,345	-0.6	0.4
EBITDA	37,319	45,282	-0.2	0.9
Adjusted profit	18,677	24,889	-3.5	-0.4
Diluted EPS (INR)	129.9	173.1	-3.5	-0.4

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Pulse steady; horizons expanding

Apollo Hospitals missed consensus Q4FY25E revenue/EBITDA by 1%/2%. Hospital revenue, affected by Bangladesh patient flow, grew 10% YoY. Occupancy: 67%; margin at 24.3%. HealthCo revenue rose 17% YoY; margin contracted 100bp QoQ due to a higher ESOP charge.

APHS is poised to deliver ~16% hospital sales growth (FY25–27E) driven by bed additions (~20% in FY26) and low teens growth in existing hospitals. While margins may compress in near term, management has identified cost control measures to minimise the impact. 24/7 breakeven in Q3/Q4 remains intact and insurance business uptick and Keimed merger stay on the cards. Our estimates are largely unchanged; retain 'BUY' with an unchanged TP of INR8,200.

Q4FY25: Hospitals in-line with muted expectations; margin steady

Hospital revenue grew 10% YoY affected by Bangladesh patient flow. Occupancy at 67% moderated 100bp QoQ. ARPOB growth was at 7% YoY. Hospital margin is stable at 24.3%. HealthCo revenue grew 17% YoY with 24/7 GMV going up 17% YoY; however, margins contracted 100bp QoQ due to accelerated ESOP charge.

Bed additions and existing hospitals' ramp-up to drive growth

Given the plan for 1,500-plus beds in FY26 (i.e. 20% addition) coupled with low-teens growth expectations from existing beds, we believe hospital revenue can expand at a ~16% CAGR over FY25–27E. In addition, incremental 2,400 beds are planned over the next three-four years, which should keep the growth engine running. While ~140bp margin impact is expected (largely in Q4FY26), management has plans in place to protect margin by undertaking cost control and improving payor and case mix. That said, execution would be key, and we have built in 80bp margin impact in FY27. Uncertainty around Bangladesh patients persists, but we appreciate APHS's pivot to other markets and focus on improved specialty mix to offset this.

24/7 guidance intact; insurance business plans optimistic

While Q4FY25 marked accelerated ESOP charges, management remains confident of the digital business segment breaking even by Q3FY26E/Q4FY26E, backed by 25-30% GMV growth and a markedly higher revenue conversion ratio of 45–47%. The nascent insurance business is also seeing a notable uptick with FY26 anticipated to touch the INR750mn revenue mark. With four large insurance players already operationalised and eight others signed up, INR80–100mn/month run-rate appears achievable, and FY26 itself could see a breakeven. The diagnostics business is gearing up for expansion and volume growth in FY26. We value APHS on an SotP basis assigning 26x FY27E hospital EBITDA and 22x pharmacy EBITDA (exhibit 1).

Financials

Year to March	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	% Change	Q3FY25	% Change
Net Revenue	55,922	49,439	13.1	55,269	1.2
EBITDA	7,697	6,405	20.2	7,615	1.1
Adjusted Profit	3,896	2,618	48.8	3,723	4.6
Diluted EPS (INR)	27.1	18.2	48.8	25.9	4.6

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Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total operating income	1,90,592	2,17,940	2,54,002	2,98,345
Gross profit	92,537	1,04,840	1,23,191	1,44,698
Employee costs	24,937	27,692	31,430	35,768
Other expenses	43,693	46,930	54,441	63,647
EBITDA	23,907	30,218	37,319	45,282
Depreciation	6,870	7,575	8,230	8,443
Less: Interest expense	4,494	4,585	5,543	5,757
Add: Other income	1,063	2,003	2,487	3,469
Profit before tax	13,786	20,391	26,371	34,973
Prov for tax	4,455	5,340	6,930	9,197
Less: Other adj	19	0	0	0
Reported profit	8,986	14,459	18,677	24,889
Less: Excp.item (net)	13	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	8,973	14,459	18,677	24,889
Diluted shares o/s	144	144	144	144
Adjusted diluted EPS	62.4	100.6	129.9	173.1
DPS (INR)	15.0	0	0	0
Tax rate (%)	32.3	26.2	26.3	26.3

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Gross margin (%)	48.6	48.1	48.5	48.5
Net debt/EBITDA	0.6	0.8	0.3	(0.2)
Working cap (% of sales)	3.2	5.8	4.1	4.2
EBITDA margin (%)	12.5	13.9	14.7	15.2
Net profit margin (%)	4.7	6.6	7.4	8.3
Revenue growth (% YoY)	14.7	14.3	16.5	17.5
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	16.6	26.4	23.5	21.3
Adj. profit growth (%)	25.0	61.1	29.2	33.3

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
GDP (YoY %)	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.5
Repo rate (%)	6.5	5.3	5.3	5.3
USD/INR (average)	84.0	82.0	81.0	81.0
Hospitals Sales growth	13.7	13.0	15.1	17.9
ARPOB Growth	11.3	5.4	3.0	5.5
No. of operating beds	7,945	8,025	9,397	9,702
Occupancy rate	65.0	68.0	72.8	68.0
Offline Pharmacy gth.	15.5	15.7	16.6	16.6
AHLL sales growth	10.9	13.8	14.5	14.3

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Diluted P/E (x)	113.0	70.1	54.3	40.7
Price/BV (x)	14.6	12.3	10.1	8.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.9	35.2	28.1	22.7
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0	0	0

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Share capital	719	719	719	719
Reserves	68,635	81,404	1,00,081	1,24,970
Shareholders funds	69,354	82,123	1,00,800	1,25,689
Minority interest	3,851	4,406	5,170	6,058
Borrowings	31,619	52,752	52,752	52,752
Trade payables	23,686	22,405	27,596	32,413
Other liabs & prov	18,194	19,382	21,187	24,086
Total liabilities	1,67,531	2,06,574	2,33,011	2,66,504
Net block	65,662	73,504	80,774	87,831
Intangible assets	11,481	13,197	13,197	13,197
Capital WIP	8,447	7,710	7,710	7,710
Total fixed assets	85,590	94,411	1,01,681	1,08,738
Non current inv	3,087	10,817	10,817	10,817
Cash/cash equivalent	16,178	27,925	43,268	61,546
Sundry debtors	25,149	30,161	32,231	37,858
Loans & advances	1,708	1,873	1,873	1,873
Other assets	9,871	10,461	12,215	14,746
Total assets	1,67,531	2,06,574	2,33,011	2,66,504

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Reported profit	8,986	14,459	18,677	24,889
Add: Depreciation	6,870	7,575	8,230	8,443
Interest (net of tax)	4,494	4,585	5,543	5,757
Others	5,447	(822)	7,694	10,085
Less: Changes in WC	(1,928)	427	3,171	(441)
Operating cash flow	19,202	21,364	36,385	39,536
Less: Capex	(11,368)	(17,127)	(15,500)	(15,500)
Free cash flow	7,834	4,237	20,885	24,036

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
RoE (%)	13.7	19.1	20.4	22.0
RoCE (%)	18.4	20.2	21.2	23.5
Inventory days	16	15	15	15
Receivable days	45	46	45	43
Payable days	80	74	70	71
Working cap (% sales)	(0.4)	2.4	0.8	0.8
Gross debt/equity (x)	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4
Net debt/equity (x)	0.2	0.3	0.1	(0.1)
Interest coverage (x)	3.8	4.9	5.2	6.4

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
EPS growth (%)	25.0	61.1	29.2	33.3
RoE (%)	13.7	19.1	20.4	22.0
EBITDA growth (%)	16.6	26.4	23.5	21.3
Payout ratio (%)	24.0	0	0	0

Q4FY25 conference call takeaways

Hospitals

- On track in Pune, Hyderabad, Gurugram and Kolkata. 700 beds will be added in Sarjapur (stage 1—acquisition of an existing 200-bed hospital (leased facility); stage 2—500-bed greenfield hospital, for which land has been purchased already); 1,500 beds in Bengaluru post this.
- 160 beds to be added in Secunderabad and Jubilee Hills in FY26. Along with the upcoming facility in Gachibowli, total bed strength in Hyderabad will become 1,400–1,500 beds. Secunderabad expansion will cost ~INR545mn.
- The existing units will continue to generate strong margins and cash flows. 140bps margin hit (mainly in Q4FY26) would come from new hospitals, but will look to offset it by 80bp improvement via cost control (technology investments led workforce productivity improvement) and 60bp from improved revenues due to better payor and case mix, increasing ARPOBs and higher occupancy. Pune could see some losses as it is a new hospital. The target is to maintain the margin at the same level despite expansion.
- Q3FY26 will see operationalisation of Pune, Sarjapur stage-1, Defence Colony and Kolkata hospitals.
- Low-to-mid teen organic growth is targeted. INR10bn+ revenue is expected to be added in FY27E from new hospitals itself.
- 2% impact of flow of patients from Bangladesh in Q4FY25 (1.5% for FY25). Bangladesh business had INR1bn impact (revenue). The company has pivoted to other international markets as well as focused on CONGO-T specialties to mitigate this issue. There has also been an improvement in the local markets. Q1FY26 will also see impact of Bangladesh patients, but it should go away after that.
- Gurugram Should be commissioned in Mar-26.
- Worli hospital Getting approvals and expected to start to dig the ground after the rains.
- Indraprastha Medical Capex is in progress. Submission of drawings will be done now. It is in process of getting approvals. FSI approval has been received. Capex will be done over two years from May-25.
- ARPOB growth key drivers increased surgical volumes, higher complexity case mix and incremental improvement in payor mix in select geographies.
- Metro cities' occupancy was at 70%.
- Revenue from cash + TPA saw 11% YoY increase.
- CONGO specialties recorded 8% YoY volume growth despite Bangladesh setback.
- Northern cluster revenue growth in Q4FY25 is usually subdued due to winter. Lucknow is cyclically low in Q4FY25 and this time, there was an impact due to Kumbh as well in the Northern cluster.

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AHLL/AHL/others

- Strategic priorities strengthening core healthcare services, building clinical differentiation, expanding digital retail footprint and enhancing patient outcomes.
- Apollo HealthCo has now delivered a third successive quarter of profitability after breakeven in Q2FY25.
- There was an accelerated ESOP charge in Q4FY25. For FY26, INR1bn overall ESOP cost is expected (in-line with FY25) but in FY27, it will become 1/3rd. Breakeven guidance remains Q3FY26/Q4FY26. INR4-4.25bn 24/7 expenses expected in FY26.
- After Q1FY26, ESOP plan will be announced for other verticals. The ESOP shares are of HealthCo.
- 24/7 No plans to work with quick commerce players. There is an alliance with Amazon for the past two-three years, which will continue. 24/7 has also launched a 19-min proposition, and it contributes ~30% to the GMV already. This has been rolled out in top six cities. The health essentials (OTC products) did see a drop two quarters ago, but it is now getting back. The company is in a very good position w.r.t. regulations as well. Bangalore is seeing newer initiatives from quick commerce players, but Apollo's numbers are holding up.
- 80:20 or 75:25 is the ratio for Rx + OTC : FMCG products. Rx is growing ~24% and the slowdown happened due to FMCG products.
- Digital business Insurance officially started from 01-Apr-2025. INR60-70mn revenue in Q1FY26 is expected and annualised basis INR750mn is expected. The business is driven by the number of insurance partners that can be added. Niva Bupa, Star Health, HDFC Ergo and ICICI Lombard are already operational for Apollo and eight others have also been signed. INR80-100mn revenue per month is expected going forward. Breakeven is likely in FY26 itself.
- Margin improvement Cost of delivery (9% of total operational expenses currently) is coming down; AOV is stabilising; Discount structure is stabilising at 13–14%. Q1FY26 should see an upward trajectory due to these three things.
- 25–30% GMV increase is being targeted in FY26 on a digital side. INR10bn is when breakeven is expected. GMV to revenue conversion ratio should be 45–47% in FY26. Partnership with banks and financial institutions helps in keeping discounts under check while growing GMV.
- **Online pharmacies** remain a fragmented industry. Focus for Apollo is to move from 15% contribution to pharmacy revenue now to 30%.
- Online Pharmacy Distribution and Apollo 24/7 margin of 13.1% in FY25 should be in the 17-18% range in FY26 due to addition of insurance and other initiatives.
- Keimed saw slight margin dip because of one-time expenses for acquisition of various subsidiaries and legal fees. There was some mix change too. FY26 will see better margins aided by focus on different categories of products apart from no one-time expenses.
- FY27 should see INR250bn combined revenue [Keimed + HealthCo] (~24% CAGR). Q3/Q4FY27 should see the INR250bn run-rate. Pharmacy front-end business saw slight dip due to general elections delaying approvals and most stores came in at fag end of the year instead of uniformly over the year. In FY26, front-end should

grow 20%-plus. Digital business should grow 25–30%. Margin targeted at 7–8%. Currently it stands at 3.2%, but ESOP costs will taper down and digital business will also break even. This will already take it to 6.5–7% range. Also, businesses are improving their gross margins and cost control.

- Keimed merger will be over in 15 months from May/Jun 2025.
- Offline pharmacy is seeing consolidation happening. Apollo will continue to add 600 stores every year. Apollo is at 8% of the market and aim is to go to 20%.
- Diagnostics business has seen slowdown due to reset of franchisee business due to rejig of commission model. The new model is more sustainable for the future. High-teens growth is expected in FY26. Good volume growth has been seen in FY25. 20% plus margin is expected in couple of years. 200–300bp margin expansion in expected in FY26. Focus is on lab expansion and volume growth.
- AHLL Doubling down on clinics and diagnostics is the focus. High-teens growth is expected.
- **Cradle business** OBGY and women gynaecology is the main focus as of now and paediatrics mix is low as of now. Cradle Royale has been launched in Electronic City, Bangalore couple of weeks back and it has a PICU setup. Paediatric mix will go up in coming year. 28–30% is the doctor pay put in this segment on a weighted average basis.

Valuation	FY27	USD bn
Healthcare services business		
Multiple (EV/EBITDA)	26	
EBITDA post Ind AS 116	35,647	
EV	9,30,395	11.1
Apollo HealthCo business		-
Multiple (EV/EBITDA)	22	
EBITDA post 24/7 (incl Keimed) (proforma)	13,331	
EV	2,95,954	3.4
60% stake	1,77,573	2.1
AHLL (67% stake) (30x EBITDA)	58,357	1
Other JVs and associates	6,000	0
Total EV	11,72,324	14
Less: net debt	(1,333)	
Market Cap	11,73,657	
No. of shares	144	
Value per share	8,200	

Exhibit 1: SotP valuation

Exhibit 2: Segmental details (INR mn)

Segmental Revenues	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	YoY (%)	Q3FY25	QoQ (%)
Healthcare services	28,220	25,626	10.1	27,850	1.3
Offline pharmacy	20,844	17,880	16.6	20,786	0.3
Online 24/7 sales	2,919	2,387	22.3	2,738	6.6
GMV 24/7	7,954	6,806	16.9	7,599	4.7
Clinics	3,940	3,547	11.1	3,895	1.2
Segmental EBITDA (post Ind AS- 116)	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	Y-o-Y (%)	Q3FY25	QoQ (%)
Healthcare services	6,863	5,931	15.7	6,706	2.3
Pharmacy	363	117	210.3	566	(35.9)
24/7 costs	1,603	1,508	6.3	1,405	14.1
Clinics	472	357	32.2	342	38.0
Segmental EBITDA margin	Q4FY25	Q4FY24		Q3FY25	
Healthcare services	24.3	23.1		24.1	
Pharmacy	1.7	0.7		2.7	
Clinics	12.0	10.1		8.8	

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: Actuals versus estimates (INR mn)

	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	Y-o-Y (%)	Q3FY25	QoQ (%)	Nuvama estimates	Deviation (%)	Consensus	Deviation (%)
Net Revenue	55,922	49,439	13.1	55,269	1.2	56,698	(1.4)	56,199	(0.5)
Raw material costs	29,286	25,457	15.0	29,007	1.0	29,153	0.5		
Gross profit	26,636	23,982	11.1	26,262	1.4	27,545	(3.3)		
Gross margin(%)	47.6	48.5	(87.8)	47.5	11.4	48.6			
Employee costs	7,246	6,449	12.4	6,864	5.6	7,159	1.2		
Administrative costs	11,693	11,128	5.1	11,783	(0.8)	12,607	(7.2)		
EBITDA	7,697	6,405	20.2	7,615	1.1	7,779	(1.1)	7,845	(1.9)
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	13.0	81	13.8	(1)	13.7		14.0	
Net finance expense (Jncome)	1,148	1,193	(3.8)	1,098	4.6	1,065	7.8		
Depreciation	2,110	1,897	11.2	1,846	14.3	1,912	10.3		
Other income	611	281	117.4	638	(4.2)	279	119.2		
РВТ	5,050	3,596	40.4	5,309	(4.9)	5,080	(0.6)		
Income tax expense	1,010	1,098	(8.0)	1,568	(35.6)	1,296	(22.0)		
РАТ	3,896	2,538	53.5	3,723	4.6	3,667	6.3		
Extraordinaries (loss)/gain	0	0	-	0	-	0			
Adjusted PAT	3,896	2,618	48.8	3,723	4.6	3,667	6.3	3,742	4.1
Adjusted EPS	27.1	18.2	49	26	5	26	6.3		

Exhibit 4: Segmental breakdown (INR mn)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue breakup	1,12,468	1,06,581	1,39,609	1,66,125	1,90,592	2,17,940	2,54,002	2,98,345	3,45,210
Growth	17%	-5%	31%	19%	15%	14%	17%	17%	16%
Healthcare services	57,298	51,003	74,783	86,769	98,670	1,11,475	1,28,347	1,51,294	1,73,988
Growth	11%	-11%	47%	16%	14%	13%	15%	18%	15%
Apollo HealthCo	48,206	48,760	53,451	67,045	78,269	90,930	1,07,864	1,26,719	1,47,979
Pharmacy -offline	48,206	48,760	53,451	59,951	69,268	80,143	93,428	1,08,916	1,26,971
Growth	24%	1%	10%	12%	16%	16%	17%	17%	17%
Online pharma/24/7				7,094	9,001	10,787	14,435	17,803	21,008
AHLL	6,964	6,818	11,375	12,311	13,653	15,535	17,792	20,332	23,242
Vaccines			4,910						
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EBITDA breakup	15,873	11,374	21,851	20,496	23,907	30,218	37,319	45,282	54,566
Growth	49%	-28%	92%	-6%	17%	26%	24%	21%	21%
Healthcare services	10,751	6,926	17,599	21,332	23,559	27,006	30,893	35,647	41,597
Apollo HealthCo	4,452	3,932	4,089	(1,954)	(815)	1,675	4,061	6,966	9,872
Offline pharmacy	4,452	3,932	4,089	4,742	5,231	6,124	7,415	8,793	10,111
Online pharma/24/7	-	-	-	(6,696)	(6,046)	(4,449)	(3,354)	(1,827)	(238)
AHLL	671	768	1,621	1,181	1,167	1,537	2,181	2,861	3,735
Vaccines			706						
EBITDA margin	14.1%	10.7%	15.7%	12.3%	12.5%	13.9%	14.7%	15.2%	15.8%
Healthcare services	18.8%	13.6%	23.5%	24.6%	23.9%	24.2%	24.1%	23.6%	23.9%
Apollo HealthCo	2010/0	2010/0	2010/10	-2.9%	-1.0%	1.8%	3.8%	5.5%	6.7%
Offline pharmacy	9.2%	8.1%	7.6%	7.9%	7.6%	7.6%	7.9%	8.1%	8.0%
Online pharma/24/7	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-11.2%	-8.7%	-5.6%	-3.6%	-1.7%	-0.2%
AHLL	9.6%	11.3%	14.3%	9.6%	8.5%	9.9%	12.3%	14.1%	16.1%
	15,874	11,626	24,015	20,559	23,911	30,218	37,135	45,474	55,205
PAT	3,243	1,130	8,497	6,914	9,047	14,459	18,677	24,889	31,835
EPS	23	8	59	48	62.9	100.6	130	173	221

Exhibit 5: Quarterly snapshot (INR mn)

Year to March	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	% change	Q3FY25	% change	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	55,922	49,439	13.1	55,269	1.2	2,17,940	2,54,002	2,98,345
Cost of revenue	29,286	25,457	15.0	29,007	1.0	1,13,100	1,30,811	1,53,648
Gross profit	26,636	23,982	11.1	26,262	1.4	1,04,840	1,23,191	1,44,698
Employee cost	7,246	6,449	12.4	6,864	5.6	27,692	31,430	35,768
Administrative cost	11,693	11,128	5.1	11,783	(0.8)			
EBITDA	7,697	6,405	20.2	7,615	1.1	30,218	37,319	45,282
EBITDA margin (%)	13.8	13.0		13.8	(1.4)	14	15	15
Depreciation	2,110	1,897	11.2	1,846	14.3	7,575	8,230	8,443
EBIT	5,587	4,508	23.9	5,769	(3.2)	22,643	29,089	36,839
Less: Interest Expense	1,148	1,193	(3.8)	1,098	4.6	4,585	5,543	5,757
Add: Other income	611	281	117.4	638	(4.2)	2,003	2,487	3,469
Add: Exceptional items	0	0		0		0	0	0
Profit before tax	5,050	3,596	40.4	5,309	(4.9)	20,061	26,034	34,551
Less: Provision for Tax	1,010	1,098	(8.0)	1,568	(35.6)	5,340	6,930	9,197
Reported Profit	3,896	2,538	53.5	3,723	4.6	14,459	18,677	24,889
Adjusted Profit	3,896	2,618	48.8	3,723	4.6	14,459	18,677	24,889
No. of Diluted shares outstanding	144	144		144		144	144	144
Adjusted Diluted EPS	27	18	48.8	26	4.6	101	130	173
as % of revenues								
Cost of revenue	52.4	51.5		52.5		51.9	51.5	51.5
Operating profit	10.0	9.1		10.4		10.4	11.5	12.3
Net profit	7.0	5.1		6.7		6.6	7.4	8.3
Tax rate	20.0	30.5		29.5		26.6	26.6	26.6

Company Description

Apollo Hospitals is widely recognised as the pioneer of private healthcare in India, and was the country's first corporate hospital. The Apollo Hospitals Group, which started as a 150-bed hospital in Chennai in 1983 and today operates 7,000-plus beds across 70 hospitals. The Group has emerged as the foremost integrated healthcare provider in Asia with mature group companies that specialise in insurance, pharmacy, consultancy, clinics and many such key touch points of the ecosystem.

The group includes hospitals, pharmacies, primary care and diagnostic clinics, and telemedicine centres panning the length and breadth of India. As an integrated healthcare services provider—health insurance services, global projects consultancy capability, medical education centres and a research foundation—with focus on global clinical trials, epidemiological studies, stem cell & genetic research, Apollo has been at the forefront of medical breakthroughs. Its most recent investment went towards commissioning the first Proton Therapy Center in Chennai, India.

Investment Theme

APHS hospital business is on a solid footing as it: i) focuses on high-end surgical work, optimises payor mix and reconfigures beds to drive ARPOB growth; ii) aims to sustain 70%-plus occupancy; and iii) has a detailed ~3,000 bed addition plan for the next five years, which offers visibility. This capex cycle is backed by a healthy balance sheet with a net cash position.

The pharmacy business should grow in double-digits given new stores and product mix. The equity-raise strengthens its balance sheet for bolt-ons and has resulted in a net cash position. APHS's focus on the 24x7 digital app not only puts it ahead of the competition, but also act as a feeder for existing businesses.

Key Risks

- Not able to garner share in newer geographies; specialist physicians could disassociate or unable to attract talent.
- Upcoming capex cycle to dilute margin and RoCE
- Pharmacy business may underperform vis-à-vis expectations
- Regulatory intervention
- Subsidiaries may be unable to sustain profitability ahead

Additional Data

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Vice Chairperson	Smt. Shobana Kamineni
Managing Director	Smt. Suneeta Reddy
Auditor	Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP

Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
11-Feb-25	Hospitals steady; 24/7 yet to pick up pa; <i>Result Update</i>	6,317	Buy
27-Jan-25	Expansion regimen: Profitable growth; Company Update	6,728	Buy
08-Nov-24	Visible progress; expansion on track; <i>Result Update</i>	7,425	Buy

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
Sands Capital	6.96	Mirae Asset	1.97
Schroders PLC	3.62	FundRock	1.88
Vanguard	2.95	Republic of Sin	1.76
Franklin	2.68	HDFC AMC	1.57
Blackrock	2.56	SBI Funds	1.53
*Latest public data			

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title		
28-May-25	MedPlus Health Services	Profits firm; gearing up for growth; Result Update		
27-May-25	Laxmi Dental	Short-term blip; in for long haul; Result Update		
21-May-25	Fortis Healthcare	Positive quarter; navigating profitabili; <i>Result Update</i>		

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution
Buy	15%	204
Hold	<15% and >-5%	63
Reduce	<-5%	34

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