

GREENLAM INDUSTRIES

RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Rating | REDUCE |
| Sector relative | Underperformer |
| Price (INR) | 254 |
| 12 month price target (INR) | 230 |
| 52 Week High/Low | 325/187 |
| Market cap (INR bn/USD bn) | 65/0.8 |
| Free float (%) | 43.3 |
| Avg. daily value traded (INR mn) | 22.1 |

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

| | Mar-25 | Dec-24 | Sep-24 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 50.98% | 50.98% | 50.98% |
| FII | 1.77% | 1.78% | 1.72% |
| DII | 15.73% | 15.72% | 15.63% |
| Pledge | 0% | 0% | 0% |

FINANCIALS

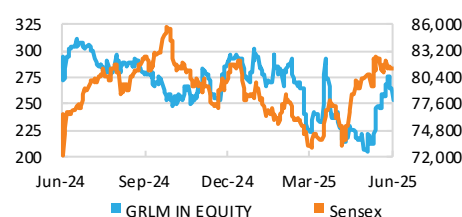
(INR mn)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 25,693 | 31,216 | 35,737 | 43,126 |
| EBITDA | 2,746 | 3,735 | 4,731 | 6,142 |
| Adjusted profit | 670 | 1,236 | 2,091 | 3,307 |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 2.6 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 13.0 |
| EPS growth (%) | (75.7) | 84.4 | 69.2 | 58.1 |
| RoAE (%) | 6.1 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 21.0 |
| P/E (x) | 98.2 | 53.3 | 31.5 | 19.9 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 14.9 | 10.9 | 8.1 | 5.9 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

| | Revised estimates | | % Revision | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Year to March | FY26E | FY27E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Revenue | 35,737 | 43,126 | -5% | -8% |
| EBITDA | 4,731 | 6,142 | -6% | -14% |
| Adjusted profit | 2,091 | 3,307 | -16% | -24% |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 4.8 | 8.2 | -16% | -24% |

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Weak showing; particle board costs pinch

Greenlam continued to post weak results in Q4FY25 with laminate volumes down 5.7% YoY, hurt by domestic/export decrease of 4%/8%. EBITDA margins came in at 9.4% (down 400bp YoY/117bp QoQ) affected by losses in particle board, plywood, continued losses in veneer and allied businesses along with an increase in employee and operating expenses. Higher depreciation, interest cost due to the new plant and tax provisions for prior period dragged PAT down 96% YoY.

Slower-than-expected ramp-up of the particle board and plywood division along with continued losses in the veneer and allied business compel us to slash FY26/27E EPS by 16%/24%; maintain 'REDUCE' with a revised TP of INR230 (earlier INR216) based on 28x FY27E EPS.

Laminate segment reports reduced volumes; realisations help

Laminates revenue increased ~7% YoY driven by realisation growth of ~13% as volumes fell 5.7%. The domestic market clocked slight growth QoQ (9%) with market share gains. In the exports market, the company has expanded into newer geographies and logged an improvement in realisation (17% YoY). While gross margin in its core laminates business slipped 450bp QoQ to 51%, EBITDA margins dipped 290bp YoY to 13.7%, hurt by higher employee expenses. Given stable raw material prices, Greenlam expects to maintain EBITDA margins in the 14–15% range.

Better-than-expected performance in veneers and allied products

The veneer and allied products segment clocked 2.6% revenue growth YoY in Q4FY25 (up 20.7% QoQ). During the quarter, the segment's gross margin/EBITDA margin slipped 10bp/120bp YoY. While the flooring business slowed down in H2, the doors business recorded traction. The engineered door segment delivered an operating profit during the quarter. Margins for the segment have fallen 120bp YoY to 2.1%. Management anticipates the segment to report a higher growth rate in FY26.

Plywood drags; particle board plant commences

The plywood segment reported INR386mn revenue and incurred EBIT losses of ~INR48mn. It expects to breakeven on a full year basis. Despite an improvement in capacity utilisation to 31% (from 24% in Q3FY25), realisation in the segment slipped 2.4%. The company commenced its particle board plant operations during the quarter and it has worked at 24% utilisation. It expects to breakeven only in FY27E, with ~50% utilisation. Given all the planned capacity expansion is behind, Greenlam expects to sweat its new assets and report a top line of INR40bn at full utilisation. The company guided that the FY26E top line shall grow 18–20%.

Financials

| Year to March | Q4FY25 | Q4FY24 | % Change | Q3FY25 | % Change |
|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Net Revenue | 6,818 | 6,241 | 9.2 | 6,020 | 13.2 |
| EBITDA | 640 | 835 | (23.4) | 635 | 0.7 |
| Adjusted Profit | 15 | 408 | (96.4) | 125 | (88.3) |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 2.9 | 80.3 | (96.4) | 24.7 | (88.3) |

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total operating income | 25,693 | 31,216 | 35,737 | 43,126 |
| Gross profit | 13,428 | 15,296 | 17,154 | 20,700 |
| Employee costs | 5,111 | 5,673 | 6,354 | 7,116 |
| Other expenses | 5,570 | 5,887 | 6,069 | 7,442 |
| EBITDA | 2,746 | 3,735 | 4,731 | 6,142 |
| Depreciation | 1,137 | 1,382 | 1,413 | 1,469 |
| Less: Interest expense | 655 | 893 | 786 | 616 |
| Add: Other income | 110 | 121 | 133 | 146 |
| Profit before tax | 1,064 | 1,581 | 2,664 | 4,203 |
| Prov for tax | 380 | 332 | 559 | 883 |
| Less: Other adj | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported profit | 670 | 1,236 | 2,091 | 3,307 |
| Less: Excp.item (net) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted profit | 670 | 1,236 | 2,091 | 3,307 |
| Diluted shares o/s | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| Adjusted diluted EPS | 2.6 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 13.0 |
| DPS (INR) | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Tax rate (%) | 35.8 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.0 |

Important Ratios (%)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Laminate vol growth | 4.1 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 9.2 |
| Laminate real growth | 4.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | (0.2) |
| Laminate rev growth% | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 10.7 | 12.0 | 13.2 | 14.2 |
| Net profit margin (%) | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 7.7 |
| Revenue growth (% YoY) | 11.4 | 21.5 | 14.5 | 20.7 |
| EBITDA growth (% YoY) | (6.8) | 36.0 | 26.7 | 29.8 |
| Adj. profit growth (%) | (51.3) | 84.4 | 69.2 | 58.1 |

Assumptions (%)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| GDP (YoY %) | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Repo rate (%) | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| USD/INR (average) | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 |
| Wood floor growth % | 8.6 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 15.0 |
| Wood door growth % | 44.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 20.0 |
| Laminate margins | 13.9 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.5 |
| Veneer EBITDA margin | 2.7 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 |
| Wood flooring margin | (10.0) | 0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| Wood door margin | (2.0) | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |

Valuation Metrics

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Diluted P/E (x) | 98.2 | 53.3 | 31.5 | 19.9 |
| Price/BV (x) | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 14.9 | 10.9 | 8.1 | 5.9 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share capital | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| Reserves | 11,014 | 12,063 | 13,965 | 17,083 |
| Shareholders funds | 11,269 | 12,318 | 14,220 | 17,338 |
| Minority interest | (16) | (16) | (16) | (16) |
| Borrowings | 10,751 | 10,251 | 8,251 | 6,251 |
| Trade payables | 4,146 | 5,234 | 6,110 | 7,373 |
| Other liabs & prov | 1,810 | 2,033 | 2,247 | 2,414 |
| Total liabilities | 29,093 | 30,952 | 31,944 | 34,492 |
| Net block | 17,369 | 16,987 | 16,573 | 16,104 |
| Intangible assets | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
| Capital WIP | 281 | 281 | 281 | 281 |
| Total fixed assets | 17,779 | 17,396 | 16,983 | 16,514 |
| Non current inv | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash/cash equivalent | 986 | 855 | 1,050 | 1,021 |
| Sundry debtors | 1,573 | 1,882 | 2,154 | 2,599 |
| Loans & advances | 379 | 379 | 379 | 379 |
| Other assets | 8,376 | 10,439 | 11,375 | 13,976 |
| Total assets | 29,093 | 30,952 | 31,944 | 34,492 |

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Reported profit | 670 | 1,236 | 2,091 | 3,307 |
| Add: Depreciation | 1,137 | 1,382 | 1,413 | 1,469 |
| Interest (net of tax) | 439 | 598 | 527 | 413 |
| Others | (501) | (1,841) | 6 | (3,042) |
| Less: Changes in WC | (304) | (1,074) | (133) | (1,630) |
| Operating cash flow | 2,049 | 2,450 | 4,171 | 3,776 |
| Less: Capex | (2,676) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| Free cash flow | (627) | 1,450 | 3,171 | 2,776 |

Key Ratios

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| RoE (%) | 6.1 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 21.0 |
| RoCE (%) | 8.0 | 11.1 | 15.3 | 20.9 |
| Inventory days | 190 | 176 | 181 | 179 |
| Receivable days | 22 | 20 | 21 | 20 |
| Payable days | 113 | 108 | 111 | 110 |
| Working cap (% sales) | 17.3 | 17.6 | 15.7 | 16.8 |
| Gross debt/equity (x) | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Net debt/equity (x) | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Interest coverage (x) | 2.5 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 7.6 |

Valuation Drivers

| Year to March | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS growth (%) | (75.7) | 84.4 | 69.2 | 58.1 |
| RoE (%) | 6.1 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 21.0 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | (6.8) | 36.0 | 26.7 | 29.8 |
| Payout ratio (%) | 22.8 | 12.4 | 7.3 | 4.6 |

Q4FY25 conference call: Key highlights

Opening remarks

- FY25: Top line: INR25.69bn.
- Revenue growth guidance for FY26: 18–20%.
- NWC reduced by seven days.
- Profitability was hurt largely due to increase in cost: due to three new plants.
- Capex incurred for the new plants: INR13bn.
- Salaries for sales and marketing also done.
- Ramp-up of utilisation to improve.
- Revenue potential from existing capacities: INR40–45bn
- Domestic: slight growth.
- Won market share on the domestic and export front.
- Export market: Significant expansion in new geographies.
- Veneer business:
 - H2 was slow in flooring business
 - H2 was good in door business
- Plywood: INR1.2bn in second year of operations
- Particle board: January 2025- machineries have been tested
- Demand environment promising : 40–50% utilisation.
- Most of the announced capex is over: Balance to be done in FY26E.
- Focus on execution.
- Debt has peaked out in FY25E- plans to reduce it using cash flows.
- Net debt: INR9.89bn at year-end.

Laminates

- Raw material prices are stable.
- Export realisations improve: Italian warehouse expansion.
- Freight rates are in general softening.
- Margin guidance: 14–15%.
- Both domestic and export should grow.

Plywood

- Breakeven on a full year basis.
- Premium over mid/mass market
- Few more states added; the company has not expanded pan-India.
- It does not plan to go to mid/mass market in the next two years.

Particle board

- Capex: INR 8.75bn planned. INR 7bn has already been incurred in FY25E.
- Ramp-up plans: 30–40%, slowly improve in next year. The company should reach optimum utilisation in three years.
- Breakeven shall not happen in FY26; FY27E should post breakeven at 45–50%
- Margins will depend on product mix and raw materials. Product quality feedback is very good.
- BIS: QCO has been implemented in the particle board business.
- Another capacity shall hurt competition.
- Engineered doors and floors: execution is key; the losses in these verticals have reduced.

Guidance

- FY26 top line shall grow at 18–20%.

Margins

- Affected by a mix of price in some segments and extra costs.
- Deco paper: Do not expect any fluctuation in constant currency terms.
- Craft paper should be stable in the current quarter.

Export

- Production cost in the US and Europe will be higher in laminates segment.
- Competition is with regional producers in those markets.
- Chinese producers are in the lower end of the market.

Miscellaneous

- Some softening in wood prices currently.
- RM costs are coming down.
- Peak debt reducing only in FY27E.
- Distribution channel: 12 RDCs- has not changed much.
- Implemented DMS three years ago.

Exhibit 1: Financial snapshot (INR mn)

| Financial snapshot | | | | | | (INR mn) |
|--|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Year to March | Q4FY25 | Q4FY24 | % change | Q3FY25 | % change | FY26E |
| Revenues | 6,818 | 6,241 | 9.2 | 6,020 | 13.2 | 31,216 |
| Raw material | 3,363 | 2,935 | 14.6 | 2,710 | 24.1 | 15,920 |
| Staff costs | 1,305 | 1,133 | 15.1 | 1,264 | 3.2 | 5,673 |
| Others | 1,510 | 1,338 | 12.9 | 1,411 | 7.1 | 5,887 |
| Total expenditure | 6,178 | 5,406 | 14.3 | 5,385 | 14.7 | 27,481 |
| EBITDA | 640 | 835 | (23.4) | 635 | 0.7 | 3,735 |
| Depreciation | 333 | 258 | 29.4 | 273 | 22.2 | 1,382 |
| EBIT | 307 | 578 | (46.9) | 363 | (15.4) | 2,353 |
| Less: Interest Expense | 199 | 134 | 48.8 | 163 | 22.5 | 893 |
| Add: Other income | 0 | 87 | (100.0) | 13 | (100.0) | 121 |
| Add: Prior period items | | | | | | 0 |
| Add: Exceptional items | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Profit Before Tax | 108 | 531 | (79.8) | 213 | (49.5) | 1,581 |
| Less: Provision for Tax | 93 | 124 | (24.8) | 88 | 5.7 | 332 |
| Less: Minority Interest | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 13 |
| Add: Share of profit from associates | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Add: Exceptional items (net of tax) | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Reported Profit | 15 | 408 | (96.4) | 125 | (88.3) | 1,236 |
| Adjusted net profit | 15 | 408 | (96.4) | 125 | (88.3) | 1,236 |
| No. of Diluted shares outstanding (mn) | 127 | 127 | | 127 | | 255 |
| Adjusted Diluted EPS | 0.1 | 3.2 | (96.4) | 1.0 | (88.3) | 4.8 |
| P/E (x) | | | | | | 53.3 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | | | | | | 20.1 |
| As % of net revenues | | | | | | |
| Raw material | 49.3 | 47.0 | | 45.0 | | 51.0 |
| Staff expenses | 19.1 | 18.2 | | 21.0 | | 18.2 |
| Other expenses | 22.2 | 21.4 | | 23.4 | | 18.9 |
| EBITDA | 9.4 | 13.4 | (4.00) | 10.6 | (1.17) | 12.0 |
| Net profit | 0.2 | 6.5 | | 2.1 | | 4.0 |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Segmental snapshot

| Segmental snapshot | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Year to Date | Q4FY25 | Q4FY24 | % change | Q3FY25 | % change |
| Revenues (INR mn) | | | | | |
| Laminates and allied products | 5,754 | 5,368 | 7.2 | 5,197 | 10.7 |
| Veneer and allied products | 626 | 610 | 2.6 | 519 | 20.7 |
| Plywood and allied products | 386 | 262 | 47.4 | 304 | 26.9 |
| Chipboard and allied products | 51 | 0 | NA | 0 | NA |
| Total | 6,818 | 6,240 | 9.3 | 6,020 | 13.2 |
| EBIT (INR mn) | | | | | |
| Laminates and allied products | 944 | 1,061 | (11.1) | 822 | 14.8 |
| Veneer and allied products | 24 | 21 | 14.6 | 29 | (15.7) |
| Plywood and allied products | (48) | (85) | (43.5) | (68) | (29.8) |
| Chipboard and allied products | -179 | 0 | NA | 0 | NA |
| Total | 741 | 997 | (25.7) | 782 | (5.3) |
| EBIT Margins (%) | | | | | |
| Laminates and allied products | 16.4 | 19.8 | (336.7) | 15.8 | 57.9 |
| Veneer and allied products | 3.8 | 3.4 | 40.2 | 5.5 | (166.4) |
| Plywood and allied products | (12.4) | (32.4) | 2,000.0 | (22.5) | 1,004.5 |
| Chipboard and allied products | -349 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Total | 11 | 16 | (511) | 13 | (213) |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

GRLM's history can be traced to the de-merger of its decorative business division from Greenply Industries in 2014 and subsequent listing of its equity shares on the BSE and NSE in 2015. After establishing strong presence in the domestic market, GRLM ventured into overseas market in 1993. The company's exports have grown at healthy 6% CAGR in past 5 years ending FY23 along with its domestic business which has seen a growth of 5% CAGR over the same period. It not only boasts of one of the largest distribution networks but has pan-India presence - 5 manufacturing units, 9 self-owned large regional distribution centers, 21 branch offices and 23,000 plus distributors, dealers and retailers.

Investment Theme

Greenlam Industries (GRLM) is the numero uno player in the INR57bn laminates industry with 18% market share, including exports. It not only has domestic presence, but is also the world's third largest manufacturer of decorative laminates and largest in Asia with exports accounting for ~50% of revenue in FY23 on consolidated basis. Favourable GST rate is expected to drive market share gain for large organised player like GRLM, and being the largest player in exports market will benefit from strong growth opportunity in exports market, brown-field capacity expansion is likely to aid higher profitable growth. GRLM is well placed to leverage its vast distribution network and strong brand equity to successfully expand product offerings in associate categories like engineered wood flooring and doors.

Key Risks

- High concentration in laminates business
- Slow pick up in new businesses
- Sustained slowdown in realty sector

Additional Data

Management

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Non Exc Chairman | Shiv Mittal |
| MD & CEO | Saurabh Mittal |
| Whole-time Direc | Parul Mittal |
| CFO | Ashok Sharma |
| Auditor | S. S. Kothari Mehta |

Holdings – Top 10*

| % Holding | | % Holding | |
|----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| HDFC AMC | 8.15 | Nippon Life Ass | 1.73 |
| Hydra Trading | 7.40 | Canara Robecco | 0.66 |
| Blue Diamond | 6.84 | Dimensional Fun | 0.19 |
| Asiana fund | 2.62 | BlackRock Inc. | 0.07 |
| DSP Investment | 2.14 | State Street Co | 0.04 |

*Latest public data

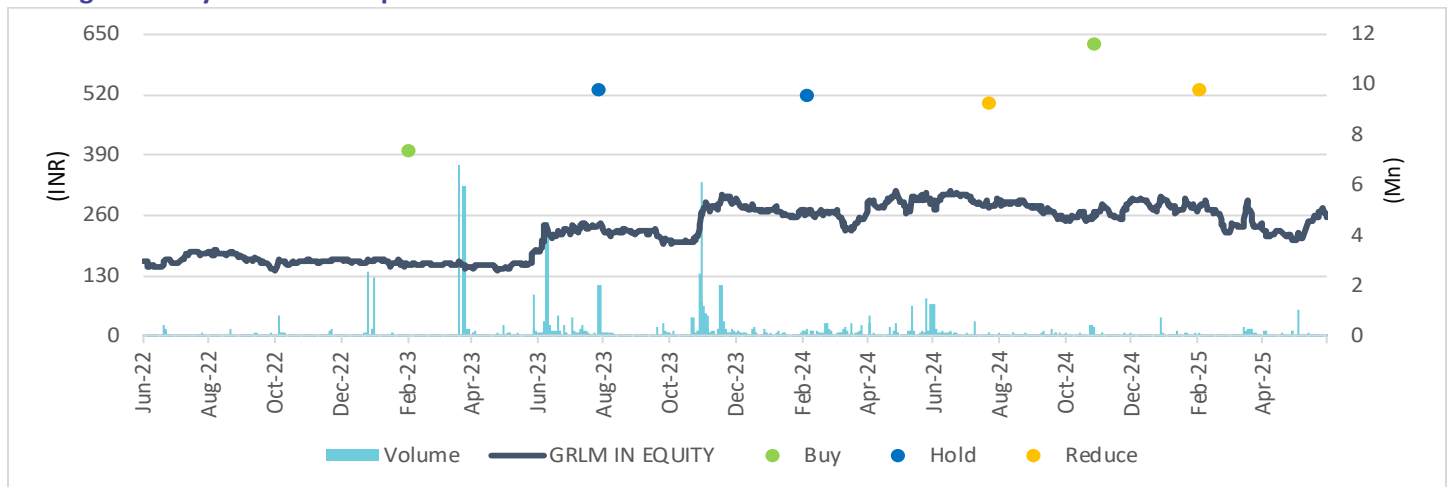
Recent Company Research

| Date | Title | Price | Reco |
|-----------|--|-------|--------|
| 03-Feb-25 | Demand soft; veneer, plywood drag ; <i>Result Update</i> | 567 | Reduce |
| 23-Dec-24 | Laminates strong; particle board start a; <i>Visit Note</i> | 537 | Buy |
| 29-Oct-24 | Market share gain; margin under pressure; <i>Result Update</i> | 511 | Buy |

Recent Sector Research

| Date | Name of Co./Sector | Title |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| 27-May-25 | JTL | Subdued year; hopeful outlook; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 26-May-25 | Venus Pipes | Demand picking up; exports resilient; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 26-May-25 | Finolex Industries | Volumes in line; margins surprise positi; <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% | 203 |
| Hold | <15% and >-5% | 62 |
| Reduce | <-5% | 37 |

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