5 August 2025

# TBO Tek

Resilient performance despite industry headwinds; retaining a Buy

ANANDRATHI

Amid broader macro headwinds (incl. Indo-Pak border tension, the Air India crash and Israel-Iran conflict) affecting travel sentiment, TBO Tek's Q1 GTV grew ~2.3% y/y to ~Rs81.2bn and its blended take-rate expanded ~100bps v/v to ~6.3% due to the increasing tilt toward highmargin hotels & ancillaries. This resulted in revenue growing ~22.2% y/y to Rs5.1bn (~2.7% above ARe). With continued SG&A investments, EBITDA was Rs779m (largely flat y/y) with margins down ~356bps y/y to ~15.2% (in line with ARe). Ahead, as the company nears the end of a relentless hiring spree (to be completed by Q3 FY26), it is on track for a 22-23% revenue CAGR over 2-3 years with a steady margin expansion from FY27. We cut our FY27e earnings ~1.5%, introduce FY28e and retain a Buy rating with a higher TP of Rs1,725, ~46x Sep'27 EPS.

Q1 performance. Airline GTV declined ~11.2% y/y to ~Rs30.6bn, resulting in revenue falling  $\sim 13.5\%$  y/y to  $\sim Rs782$ m ( $\sim 15.3\%$  of revenue). The take rate was flat y/y at ~2.56%. Hotel & ancillary GTV grew ~12.5% y/y to ~Rs50.6bn resulting in the segment revenue growing ~31.8% y/y to ~Rs4.2bn (~82.7% of revenue). The take rate expanded from ~7.13% in Q1 FY25 to ~8.35% for the quarter. Regionwise, India's GTV fell ~9.2% v/v to ~Rs35.9bn (~44.2% of overall GTV), while international GTV grew ~13.6% y/y to ~Rs45.3bn (~55.8% of overall GTV). Cash & equivalents were ~Rs14.2bn (vs ~Rs12.8bn in FY25).

Outlook. Over FY25-28, we expect overall revenue to register a 22.4% CAGR, largely led by 27.5% growth in hotels and ancillary revenue, whereas the airline segment would fall ~7.8%. Further, we expect the EBITDA margin to increase ~170bps (from 17.3% in FY25 to 19% by FY28), leading to a 26.6% EPS CAGR over FY25-28.

Risks. Inability to retain buyers, dis-continuing supply of inventory; external factors curbing travel.

Key financials (YE Mar)	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Sales (Rs m)	13,928	17,375	21,385	26,083	31,825
Net profit (Rs m)	2,021	2,299	2,399	3,440	4,663
EPS (Rs)	19.4	21.2	22.1	31.7	42.9
P/E (x)	74.4	65.4	62.7	43.7	32.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	53.1	45.6	41.4	30.1	22.7
P / BV (x)	27.6	12.6	10.5	8.5	6.7
RoE (%)	45.3	26.4	18.2	21.4	23.2
RoCE (%)	32.3	18.7	14.9	18.2	20.2
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt / equity (x)	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Res	earch				

Rating: Buy Target price (12-mth): Rs.1,725 Share price: Rs.1,395

Key data	TBOTEK IN / TBOT.BO
52-week high / low	Rs.2,001 / 996
Sensex / Nifty	81,019 / 24,723
Market cap	Rs.151bn
Shares outstanding	106m

Shareholding pattern (%)	Jun'25	Mar'25	Dec'24
Promoters	44.4	44.4	44.4
- of which, Pledged	-	-	-
Free float	55.6	55.6	55.6
- Foreign institutions	30.1	31.6	38.1
- Domestic institutions	19.2	17.9	11.8
- Public	6.3	6.1	5.7

Estimates revision (%)	FY26e	FY27e
Revenue	(0.5)	(1.2)
EBITDA	(15.4)	(6.7)
PAT	(14.0)	(1.5)



Source: Bloomberg

**Shobit Singhal** Research Analyst

Sagarika Chetty Research Associate

Anand Rathi Share and Stock Brokers Limited (hereinafter "ARSSBL") is a full-service brokerage and equities research firm and the views expressed therein are solely of ARSSBL and not of the companies which have been covered in the Research Report. This report is intended for the sole use of the Recipient. Disclosures and analyst certifications are present in the Appendix.

Anand Rathi Research **India Equities** 

Fig 2 - Balance sheet (Rs m)

# **Quick Glance – Financials and Valuations**

Fig 1 – Income statement (Rs m)								
Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e			
Net revenues	13,928	17,375	21,385	26,083	31,825			
Growth (%)	30.8	24.7	23.1	22.0	22.0			
Direct costs	4,707	5,440	7,378	8,738	10,343			
Gross profit	9,221	11,935	14,007	17,345	21,482			
Gross margins (%)	66.2	68.7	65.5	66.5	67.5			
SG&A	6,638	8,926	10,692	12,781	15,435			
EBITDA	2,583	3,009	3,315	4,565	6,047			
EBITDA margins (%)	18.5	17.3	15.5	17.5	19.0			
Depreciation	-362	-519	-599	-678	-827			
Other income	155	488	364	417	509			
Interest expenses	-106	-233	-214	-196	-159			
PBT	2,269	2,746	2,866	4,108	5,569			
Effective tax rates (%)	11.6	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.3			
+Associates / (Minorities)	16	-	-	-	-			
Net income	2,021	2,299	2,399	3,440	4,663			
WANS	104.2	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6			
FDFPS (Rs)	19.4	21.2	22.1	31.7	42.9			

Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
Share capital	104	109	109	109	109
Net worth	5,448	11,951	14,350	17,789	22,452
Debt	1,351	1,364	1,364	1,364	1,364
Deferred tax liability	138	176	176	176	176
Lease & long-term liabilities	1,074	749	454	159	-136
Capital employed	8,010	14,239	16,343	19,488	23,856
Net tangible assets	130	128	130	133	138
Net intangible assets	1,944	2,152	2,207	2,323	2,465
Goodwill	886	912	912	912	912
Right of use assets	669	650	650	650	650
CWIP (tang. & intang)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (strategic)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (financial)	186	308	308	308	308
Current assets (excl. cash)	36,219	45,141	48,473	54,736	62,760
Cash	8,541	12,851	15,112	18,537	23,272
Current liabilities	40,564	47,904	51,450	58,113	66,650
Working capital	-4,345	-2,763	-2,976	-3,377	-3,890
Capital deployed	8,010	14,239	16,343	19,488	23,856

Fig 3 – Cash-flow statement (Rs m)									
Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e				
PBT	2,269	2,746	2,866	4,108	5,569				
+ Non-cash items	413	578	449	456	477				
Oper. prof. before WC	2,682	3,323	3,315	4,565	6,047				
- Incr. / (decr.) in WC	152	123	-213	-401	-513				
Others incl. taxes	-265	-312	-466	-669	-906				
Operating cash-flow	2,265	2,888	3,062	4,297	5,654				
- Capex (tangible + intangible)	387	532	655	798	974				
Free cash-flow	1,878	2,356	2,407	3,499	4,680				
- Acquisitions	-1,278	-363	-295	-295	-295				
- Div. (incl. buyback & taxes)	-	-	-	-	-				
+ Equity raised	-	3,891	-	-	-				
+ Debt raised	1,301	-	-	-	-				
- Fin investments	28	3,856	-	-	-				
- Misc. (CFI + CFF)	-56	-2,282	-150	-222	-350				
Net cash-flow	1,928	4,310	2,262	3,425	4,735				
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Rese	earch								

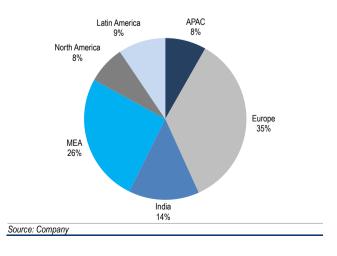
Fig 4 – Ratio analysis					
Year-end: Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e
P/E (x)	74.4	65.4	62.7	43.7	32.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	53.1	45.6	41.4	30.1	22.7
EV / Sales (x)	9.9	7.9	6.4	5.3	4.3
P/B (x)	27.6	12.6	10.5	8.5	6.7
RoE (%)	45.3	26.4	18.2	21.4	23.2
RoCE (%) - after tax	32.3	18.7	14.9	18.2	20.2
DPS (Rs)	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt / equity (x)	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Receivables (days)	45	48	48	48	48
Inventory (days)	-	-	-	-	-
Payables (days)	50	51	51	51	51
CFO: PAT (%)	112.0	125.6	127.6	124.9	121.2
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Resea	rch				

2,500	
2,000	M. I. J. N.
1,500	and and an way way have
1,000	

Fig 5 – Price movement

Fig 6 - Region-wise GTV mix - Q1 FY26





Fia	7 –	ດ	uar	terl	lν	res	ш	lts
1 14		v	uui				u	

(Rs m)	Q1 FY26	Q1 FY25	% Change	Q4 FY25	% Change
Revenues	55,113	4,185	22.2	4,461	14.6
EBITDA	779	786	(0.9)	716	8.8
EBITDA margins %	15.2	18.8	-356bps	16.0	-81bps
EBIT	639	663	(3.5)	577	10.8
EBIT margins %	12.5	15.8	-333bps	12.9	-43bps
PBT	753	755	(0.3)	708	6.3
Net profit	630	609	3.4	589	6.9

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 8 – India continues to be a key market (44.2% of GTV, as of Q1FY26)

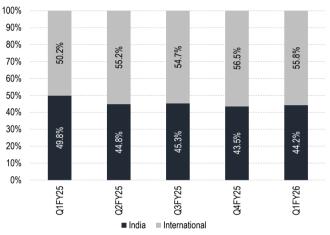
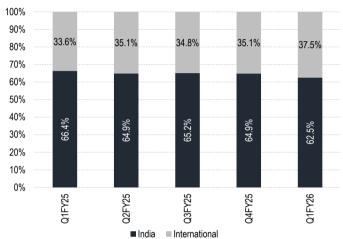
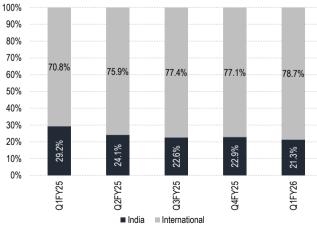


Fig 9 – Monthly transacting buyers gradually increasing in international markets



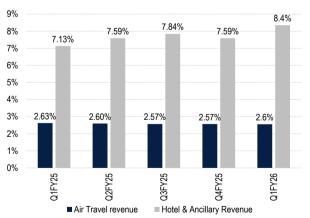
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 10 – International segment having a higher take rate of ~8.9% (region-wise revenue contribution – Q1FY26)



Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Fig 11 – Segment-wise take-rate (Q1FY26) – while airline take rate remains stable, hotel & ancs. take rate continues to expand



Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research

# **Con Call – Key Highlights**

Hotels take-rate expanded to ~8.35% from ~7.13% a year aback as the company took part of its technology in-house (instead of outsourcing to vendors). The gross profit margin, however, did not expand at the same pace as the company wanted to pass on higher commission to agents (segment GP margin as % of GTV at ~5.56% this quarter vs. 5.06% in Q1FY25)

**Europe** GTV grew ~9% y/y owing to some impact from the Iran-Israel conflict (~20 days impact); since the company considers Israel as part of its Europe market, the contribution from this country was minimal.

## Investments in international hiring:

- The company began hiring, mainly at the international business, in Feb'25, resulting in a sharp upswing in monthly transacting international buyers, up ~17.3% y/y to ~11,085 (vs. 9,449 a year back); this vigorous hiring would continue till Q2-Q3 FY26; y/y growth in SG&A expenses is likely to taper from Q4 FY26
- % GTV contribution from new buyers (added during the quarter) rose ~4.2% this quarter (vs. ~2.2% a year ago)
- Usually, stickiness of a new transacting buyer increases after they hit T10 level (ie, ~10 transactions on the platform)

**Hosting and bandwidth cost rose** ~94.6% y/y to Rs 244m on the increase in search traffic from wholesale travel buyers; the company aims to gradually reduce this cost by improving the "cost per search" efficiency

**ESOP cost.** With ~Rs 69m this quarter, the company expects ~Rs280m-290m ESOP cost for FY26 (costs are amortized over four years); expecting to increase in FY27 due to more employees

Working capital, a negative ~3-4 days on GTV.

# **Valuation**

An aggregator, Travel Boutique Online (TBO Tek) helps travel distribution between suppliers (eg, >750 airlines, ~1m hotels globally) and buyers (travel agencies, independent travel advisors, etc). Travel suppliers need a way to market their inventory efficiently to buyers, who in turn need access to these to meet their customers' travel requirements. Being modular (offering need-specific modules) and asset-light, this platform is scalable with the potential to launch new solutions, thereby creating a network effect.

Ahead, as the company nears the end of its vigorous hiring spree (to be completed by Q3 FY26), we believe it is on track for a 22-23% revenue CAGR over 2-3 years with steady margin expansion from FY27. We cut our FY27e earnings ~1.5%, introduce FY28e and maintain a Buy recommendation with a higher TP of Rs1,725, ~46x Sep'27 EPS.

Fig 12 – Change in estimates								
		FY26e			FY27e			
(Rs m)	New	Old	% change	New	Old	% change		
Revenues	21,385	21,498	(0.5)	26,083	26,392	(1.2)		
EBITDA	3,315	3,919	(15.4)	4,565	4,890	(6.7)		
EBITDA margins %	15.5	18.2	-273 bps	17.5	18.5	-103 bps		
EBIT	2,716	3,277	(17.1)	3,886	4,102	(5.3)		
EBIT margins %	12.7	15.2	-254 bps	14.9	15.5	-64 bps		
PBT	2,866	3,333	(14.0)	4,108	4,170	(1.5)		
Net profit	2,399	2,790	(14.0)	3,440	3,492	(1.5)		
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Rese	arch							

### **Key risks**

Inability to retain buyers and loss of agents.

Suppliers changing terms and dis-continuing supply of inventory.

External factors curbing travel.

### **Appendix**

#### **Analyst Certification**

The views expressed in this Research Report accurately reflect the personal views of the analyst(s) about the subject securities or issuers and no part of the compensation of the research analyst(s) was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views expressed by the research analyst(s) in this report. The research analysts are bound by stringent internal regulations and also legal and statutory requirements of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter "SEBI") and the analysts' compensation are completely delinked from all the other companies and/or entities of Anand Rathi, and have no bearing whatsoever on any recommendation that they have given in the Research Report.

Important Disclosures on subject companies Rating and Target Price History (as of 4 August 2025)



#### **Anand Rathi Ratings Definitions**

Analysts' ratings and the corresponding expected returns take into account our definitions of Large Caps, Mid Caps & Small Caps as described in the Ratings Table below:

Ratings Guide (12 months)				
	Buy	Hold	Sell	
Large Caps (Top 100 companies)	>15%	0-15%	<0%	
Mid Caps (101st-250th company)	>20%	0-20%	<0%	
Small Caps (251st company onwards)	>25%	0-25%	<0%	

### Research Disclaimer and Disclosure inter-alia as required under Securities and Exchange Board of India (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014

Anand Rathi Share and Stock Brokers Ltd. (hereinafter refer as ARSSBL) (Research Entity, SEBI Regn No. INH000000834, Date of Regn. 29/06/2015, BSE Enlistment Number – 5048 date of Regn 25 July 2024) is a subsidiary of the Anand Rathi Financial Services Ltd. ARSSBL is a corporate trading and clearing member of Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd (BSE), National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSEIL),Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX),National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), and also depository participant with National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) and Central Depository Services Ltd. (CDSL), ARSSBL is engaged into the business of Stock Broking, Depository Participant, Mutual Fund distributor.

The research analysts, strategists, or research associates principally responsible for the preparation of Anand Rathi research have received compensation based upon various factors, including quality of research, investor client feedback, stock picking, competitive factors and firm revenues.

General Disclaimer: This Research Report (hereinafter called "Report") is meant solely for use by the recipient and is not for circulation. This Report does not constitute a personal recommendation or take into account the particular investment objectives, financial situations, or needs of individual clients. The recommendations, if any, made herein are expression of views and/or opinions and should not be deemed or construed to be neither advice for the purpose of purchase or sale of any security, derivatives or any other security through ARSSBL nor any solicitation or offering of any investment /trading opportunity on behalf of the issuer(s) of the respective security (ies) referred to herein. These information / opinions / views are not meant to serve as a professional investment guide for the readers. No action is solicited based upon the information provided herein. Recipients of this Report should rely on information/data arising out of their own investigations. Readers are advised to seek independent professional advice and arrive at an informed trading/investment decision before executing any trades or making any investments. This Report has been prepared on the basis of publicly available information, internally developed data and other sources believed by ARSSBL to be reliable. ARSSBL or its directors, employees, affiliates or representatives do not assume any responsibility for, or warrant the accuracy, completeness, adequacy and reliability of such information / opinions / views. While due care has been taken to ensure that the disclosures and opinions given are fair and reasonable, none of the directors, employees, affiliates or representatives of ARSSBL shall be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages, including lost profits arising in any way whatsoever from the information / opinions / views contained in this Report. The price and value of the investments referred to in this Report and the income from them may go down as well as up, and

Opinions expressed are our current opinions as of the date appearing on this Research only. We do not undertake to advise you as to any change of our views expressed in this Report. Research Report may differ between ARSSBL's RAs and/ or ARSSBL's associate companies on account of differences in research methodology, personal judgment and difference in time horizons for which recommendations are made. User should keep this risk in mind and not hold ARSSBL, its employees and associates responsible for any losses, damages of any type whatsoever.

ARSSBL and its associates or employees may; (a) from time to time, have long or short positions in, and buy or sell the investments in/ security of company (ies) mentioned herein or (b) be engaged in any other transaction involving such investments/ securities of company (ies) discussed herein or act as advisor or lender / borrower to such company (ies) these and other activities of ARSSBL and its associates or employees may not be construed as potential conflict of interest with respect to any recommendation and related information and opinions. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall ARSSBL and its associates or employees or any third party involved in, or related to computing or compiling the information have any liability for any damages of any kind.

Details of Associates of ARSSBL and Brief History of Disciplinary action by regulatory authorities & its associates are available on our website i.e. www.rathionline.com

Disclaimers in respect of jurisdiction: This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation or which would subject ARSSBL to any registration or licensing requirement within such jurisdiction(s). No action has been or will be taken by ARSSBL in any jurisdiction (other than India), where any action for such purpose(s) is required. Accordingly, this Report shall not be possessed, circulated and/or distributed in any such country or jurisdiction unless such action is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of such country or jurisdiction. ARSSBL requires such recipient to inform himself about and to observe any restrictions at his own expense, without any liability to ARSSBL. Any dispute arising out of this Report shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts in India.

Statements on ownership and material conflicts of interest, compensation - ARSSBL and Associates

#### Answers to the Best of the knowledge and belief of ARSSBL/ its Associates/ Research Analyst who is preparing this report

Research analyst or research entity or his associate or his relative has any financial interest in the subject company and the nature of such financial interest.	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have actual/beneficial ownership of one per cent or more securities of the subject company, at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the research report?  ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have actual/beneficial ownership of one per cent or more securities of the subject company	No No
	NO
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have any other material conflict of interest at the time of publication of the research report?	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have received any compensation from the subject company in the past twelve months	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have managed or co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company in the past twelve months	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have received any compensation for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have received any compensation for products or services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have received any compensation or other benefits from the subject company or third party in connection with the research report	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative have served as an officer, director or employee of the subject company.	No
ARSSBL/its Associates/ Research Analyst/ his Relative has been engaged in market making activity for the subject company.	No

#### NOTICE TO US INVESTORS:

This research report is the product of Anand Rathi Share and Stock Brokers Limited, which is the employer of the research analyst(s) who has prepared the research report. The research analyst(s) preparing the research report is/are resident outside the United States (U.S.) and are not associated person(s) of any U.S. regulated broker-dealer and therefore the analyst(s) is/are not subject to supervision by a U.S. broker-dealer, and is/are not required to satisfy the regulatory licensing requirements of FINRA or required to otherwise comply with U.S. rules or regulations regarding, among other things, communications with a subject company, public appearances, and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

Research reports are intended for distribution only to Major U.S. Institutional Investors as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and interpretations thereof by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in reliance on Rule 15a-6(a)(2). If the recipient of this research report is not a Major U.S. Institutional Investor as specified above, then it should not act upon this report and return the same to the sender. Further, this report may not be copied, duplicated, and/or transmitted onward to any U.S. person which is not a Major U.S. Institutional Investor. In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by the SEC in order to conduct certain business with Major U.S. Institutional Investors, Anand Rathi Share and Stock Brokers Limited has entered into a Strategic Partnership and chaperoning agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer: Banc Trust Securities USA. Transactions in securities discussed in this research report should be affected through Banc Trust Securities USA.

- 1. ARSSBL or its Affiliates may or may not have been beneficial owners of the securities mentioned in this report.
- 2. ARSSBL or its affiliates may have or not managed or co-managed a public offering of the securities mentioned in the report in the past 12 months.
- 3. ARSSBL or its affiliates may have or not received compensation for investment banking services from the issuer of these securities in the past 12 months and do not expect to receive compensation for investment banking services from the issuer of these securities within the next three months.
- 4. However, one or more of ARSSBL or its Affiliates may, from time to time, have a long or short position in any of the securities mentioned herein and may buy or sell those securities or options thereon, either on their own account or on behalf of their clients.
- 5. As of the publication of this report, ARSSBL does not make a market in the subject securities.
- 6. ARSSBL or its Affiliates may or may not, to the extent permitted by law, act upon or use the above material or the conclusions stated above, or the research or analysis on which they are based before the material is published to recipients and from time to time, provide investment banking, investment management or other services for or solicit to seek to obtain investment banking, or other securities business from, any entity referred to in this report.
- © 2025. This report is strictly confidential and is being furnished to you solely for your information. All material presented in this report, unless specifically indicated otherwise, is under copyright to ARSSBL. None of the material, its content, or any copy of such material or content, may be altered in any way, transmitted, copied or reproduced (in whole or in part) or redistributed in any form to any other party, without the prior express written permission of ARSSBL. All trademarks, service marks and logos used in this report are trademarks or service marks or registered trademarks or service marks or ser

As of the publication of this report, ARSSBL does not make a market in the subject securities.

Registration granted by SEBI, Enlistment as RA and certification from NISM in no way guarantee performance of the intermediary or provide any assurance of returns to investors.

Additional information on recommended securities/instruments is available on request.

Compliance officer: Deepak Kedia, email id: deepakkedia@rathi.com, Contact no. +91 22 6281 7000
Grievance officer: Madhu Jain, email id: grievance@rathi.com, Contact no. +91 22 6281 7191

ARSSBL registered address: Express Zone, A Wing, 10th Floor, Western Express Highway, Diagonally Opposite Oberoi Mall, Malad (E), Mumbai – 400097.

Tel No: +91 22 6281 7000 | Fax No: +91 22 4001 3770 | CIN: U67120MH1991PLC064106.