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Results above expectations on gas marketing performance

- Revenue & EBITDA increased by 16.7%YoY and 93.5%YoY respectively primarily driven by improved gas marketing performance
- Gas marketing margins to come down as Brent price corrects. Overall, outlook is contingent on normalisation of LNG supply/prices
- Raise to HOLD from SELL; considering improved performance & rollover to June'28E, we raise TP to Rs174 from Rs147

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Performance above expectations: GAIL reported revenue at Rs412bn (+16.7% YoY, +15.8%QoQ) and was 23% above our estimates. EBITDA at Rs70bn (+93.5% YoY, +388.4% QoQ), was 199% above our estimates. Performance was strong due to strong recovery in gas marketing business as favourable movement in gas price indexes supported the elevated marketing spread during the quarter.

Gas transmission performance: Volumes performance showed a 0.8%YoY to 122mmscmd in Q1FY27 from 121mmscmd in Q1FY26. It was 119mmscmd in Q4FY26. The YoY increase is incremental offtake by CGD sector and fertiliser sectors, owing to the normalisation in spot LNG prices. Management expect volumes to improve gradually with normalization of LNG supply/prices and estimate volume of 123mmscmd for FY27E.

Petchem business continues to incur losses: Volumes fell 79.1%YoY to 37KT v/s 177KT in Q1FY26. Petchem business reported lower EBIT loss of Rs1,372mn in Q1FY27 vs a loss of Rs2,895mn in Q1FY26 due to feedstock gas supply shortage. Prices of polypropylene end products remain weak, which impacted profitability.

Outlook : Environment remains uncertain in terms of constraints on gas supply from the Middle East and the price volatility in spot LNG prices. LNG prices remains between USD17 and USD21/mmbtu. This will have a bearing on the gas marketing business as well as the profitability of the Petchem business. On positive side, demand for gas remains healthy, management expects demand to increase every year by CGD, refineries, fertilizer and power sector.

Capex: GAIL incurred a capex of Rs62bn in Q1FY27 and guided capex of Rs115bn for FY27E.

Raise to HOLD from SELL; revise TP upwards: Gas marketing business has shown strong recovery. Considering improved performance and rollover to June'28E, revise TP to Rs174 from Rs147; on SoTP-based EV/EBITDA of 6.0-6.5x for the business segments on June'28E EBITDA.

Key changes

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	GAIL IN/Rs 181
Market cap	US\$ 12.6bn
Free float	48%
3M ADV	US\$ 17.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 187/Rs 134
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/13%/21%

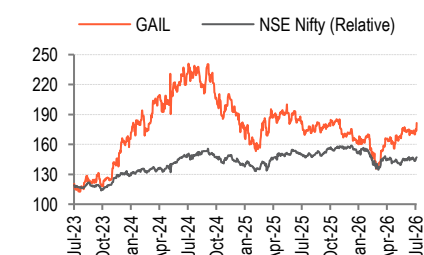
Source: NSE | Price as of 31 Jul 2026

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	1,415,977	1,520,462	1,598,736
EBITDA (Rs mn)	115,101	166,841	189,431
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	75,825	115,382	122,354
Adj. EPS (Rs)	11.5	17.5	18.6
Adj. ROAE (%)	8.7	12.5	12.5
Adj. P/E (x)	15.7	10.3	9.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.7	8.3	7.3
Adj. EPS growth (%)	25.8	(39.1)	52.2

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



Fig 1 – Quarterly performance

(Rs mn)	Q1FY27	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26	YOY (%)
Revenue	411,976	355,766	15.8	353,107	16.7
EBITDA	70,979	14,534	388.4	36,688	93.5
EBITDA margin (%)	17.23	4.09	1314bps	10.39	684bps
Depreciation	9,865	4,736	108.3	9,927	(0.6)
Interest	3,190	2,631	21.2	2,129	49.8
Other income	1,325	7,914	(83.3)	1,441	(8.1)
PBT	59,248	15,082	292.8	26,073	127.2
Tax	15,966	4,849	229.3	6,466	146.9
Reported PAT	46,710	14,815	215.3	23,823	96.1
PATM (%)	11.34	4.16	717bps	6.75	459bps
EPS (Rs)	7.10	2.25	215.3	3.62	96.1

Source: Company

Fig 2 – Standalone performance

(Rs mn)	Q1FY27	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26	YOY (%)
Revenue	389,527	347,725	12.0	347,689	12.0
EBITDA	63,758	38,482	65.7	33,337	91.3
PAT	42,923	12,622	240.1	18,863	127.5
EPS	6.5	1.9	240.1	2.9	127.5

Source: Company

Fig 3 – Q1FY27 Actual v/s Estimates

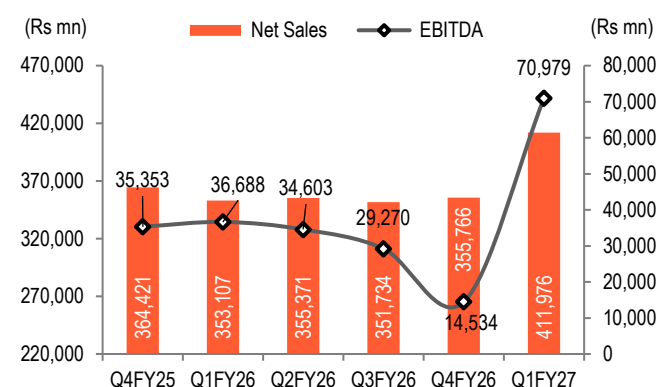
Particulars	Q4Actual	Estimates	VAR (%)
Revenue (Rs mn)	347,725	347,846	(0.0)
EBITDA (Rs mn)	18,271	28,503	(35.9)
EBITDA margin (%)	5.3	8.2	(294bps)
PAT (Rs mn)	12,622	17,327	(27.2)
EPS (Rs)	1.9	2.6	(27.2)

Source: Company, Bloomberg

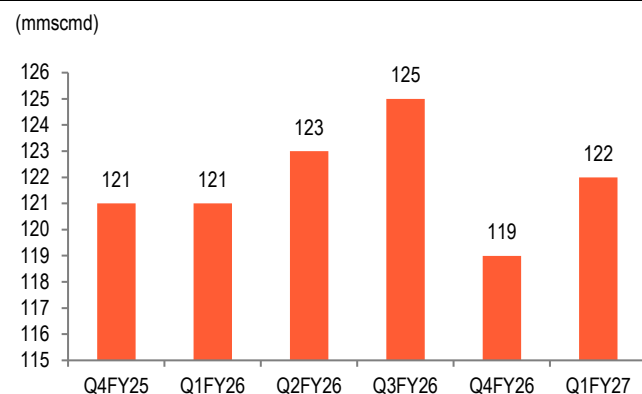
Fig 4 – Business performance

Particulars	Q1FY27	Q4FY26	QoQ (%)	Q1FY26	YoY (%)
Natural gas transmission(mmscmd)	122.0	119.0	2.5	121.0	0.8
LPG transmission (Kt)	1,077.0	1,114.0	(3.3)	1,131.0	(4.8)
Natural gas marketing (mmscmd)	94.0	101.9	(7.7)	105.0	(10.5)
Polymer sales (Kt)	37.0	180.0	(79.4)	177.0	(79.1)

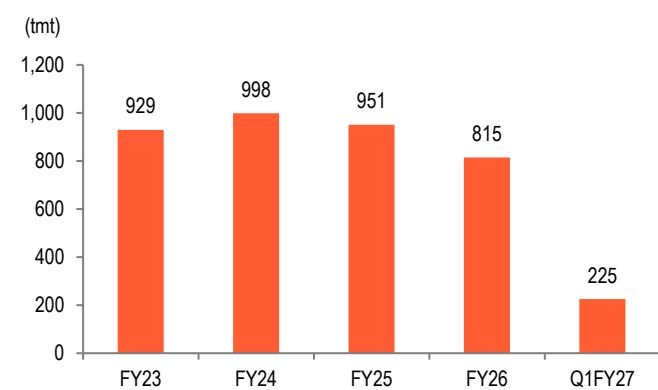
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Fig 5 – EBITDA rebounds as sales improve

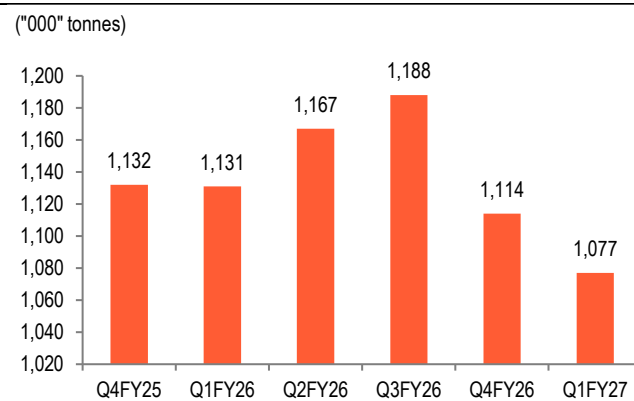
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Fig 6 – Natural gas transmission

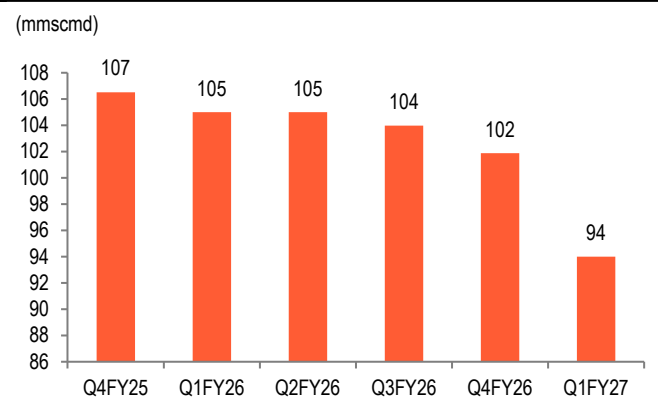
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Fig 7 – Liquid hydrocarbon

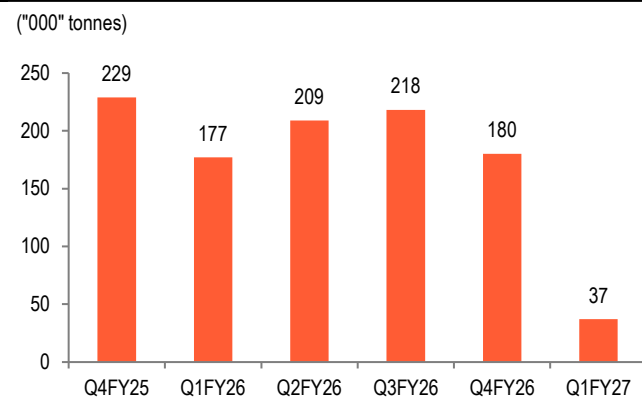
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Fig 8 – LPG transmission

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Fig 9 – Natural gas marketing

Source: Company

Fig 10 – Polymer sales

Source: Company

Call Highlights

- **Gas transmission business:** Transmission volume in Q1 stood at 122.4mmscmd v/s 118.9mmscmd in Q4FY26. Management indicated FY27 transmission volume guidance at ~123mmscmd referring to PNGRB's 2030 demand estimate of 297mmscmd driven by CGD, fertilizer, power, industrial demand and LNG long-haul trucking.
- **Gas marketing business:** Gas marketing volume stood at 93.82mmscmd, including 8.76mmscmd overseas sales, impacted by Qatar force majeure and disruptions in other contracts. GAIL sourced 8 spot cargoes during the quarter to bridge the demand gap. Out of the ~21mmscmd Henry Hub-linked LNG portfolio, around half is back-to-back contracted, ~20% is used internally at Pata petchem, and the balance 25-30% is available for cross-index sales. Expect elevated marketing spread reported in Q1 to normalize as Brent prices corrects.
- **Petchem business:** Petchem remained weak due to lower production. Polymer sales declined sharply to 37kt, while polymer production was 51kt as gas was diverted to priority sectors under government notification. The petchem segment reported a loss of Rs1.3bn in Q1FY27. Q1 landed gas cost for petchem was US\$10.54/mmbtu, and breakeven would require polymer price of around Rs130,000/t at landed gas cost of US\$13-14/mmbtu. Management expects the plant to operate at breakeven level during FY27.
- **Pipeline projects:** The 1,707km Mumbai-Nagpur-Jharsuguda pipeline became operational on 31 May 2026, strengthening GAIL's gas transmission network. Key pipeline projects scheduled for completion in FY27 include JHBDPL remaining section, KKMBPL Phase 2, Gurdaspur-Jammu pipeline and C2/C3 pipeline.
- **Gas business:** GAIL operates 6 GAs under its CGD business. GAIL gas (own and through JVs) targets to add 275 new CNG stations in next 2 years.
- **Capex:** GAIL incurred Q1FY27 capex of Rs62bn, against FY27 planned capex of Rs115bn. Key projects include pipelines, petrochemicals, renewables, CGD and E&P. Standalone long-term loan outstanding stood at Rs138bn, while debt/equity was 0.32x as of Q1FY27.

Valuation Methodology

The environment has been challenging, in terms of LNG gas supply as well as the volatility in LNG prices.

We revise our EBITDA numbers upwards primarily on gas transmission volumes and gas marketing business margins.

- Transmission volumes: We estimate transmission gas volumes at 123mmscmd vs the earlier 119mmscmd for FY27E; at 128mmscmd vs the earlier 125mmscmd for FY28E; at 136mmscmd vs earlier 135mmscmd for FY29E.
- Gas marketing business margins are revised up marginally due to strong performance.
- USD-INR assumption revised to Rs97.0 vs the earlier Rs91.0 for FY27E and FY28E.

Fig 11 – Revision in Estimates

(Rs mn)	Actual	New			Old			Change (%)		
	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Revenue	1,415,977	1,520,462	1,598,736	1,686,033	1,474,501	1,556,104	1,640,586	3.1	2.7	2.8
EBITDA	115,101	166,841	189,431	223,246	151,098	176,256	209,115	10.4	7.5	6.8
EBITDA % margin	8.1	11.0	11.8	13.2	10.2	11.3	13			
PAT	75,825	115,198	122,001	145,902	102,839	111,659	134,809	12.0	9.3	8.2
EPS (Rs)	11.5	17.5	18.6	22.2	15.6	17.0	21	12.0	9.3	8.2

Source: Company

Fig 12 – Key assumptions

	FY25	FY26	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Transmission and Trading					
Transmission volumes (mmscmd)	127	122.0	123.0	128.0	136.0
% growth		-4.2	0.8	4.1	6.3
Transmission tariff (Rs/scm)	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
% growth		3.0	8.9	0.0	0.0
Rs/mmbtu	58.6	60.3	65.7	65.7	65.7
Gas Trading					
Blended realization (USD/mmbtu)	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.6
Margin (Rs/'000scm)	800	900	1,500	1,350	1,300
Petrochemicals					
Utilization (%)	90.0	94.0	97.0	98.0	98.0
Volumes (mn MT)	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
HDPE price (USD/MT)	1,200	1,080	1,150	1,275	1,300
Spot LNG price (USD/mmbtu)	12.5	12.5	14.0	12.5	12.5
LPG/OLHC					
LPG price (USD/MT)	710	710	750	750	750
USD-INR	87.0	90.0	97.0	97.0	97.0

Source: Company

EV/EBITDA-based Valuation Rationale

Gas marketing business has shown strong recovery. Raise to HOLD from SELL ; considering improved performance and rollover to June'28E, revise TP to Rs174 from Rs147 on SoTP-based EV/EBITDA of 6.0-6.5x for the business segments on June'28E EBITDA.:

- Multiple of 6.5x for Gas and LPG transmission businesses – in line with commodity cycle
- Multiple of 6.0x for the Petrochemical business
- Multiple of 6.0x for the LPG business

Fig 13 – Valuation summary

Business	June.28 EBITDA (Rs mn)	Multiple (x)	Holding co. discount (%)	Rs mn	Value (Rs/share)
Pipeline (Gas + LPG transmission)	100,016	6.5	NA	654,103	99
Natural Gas Trading	28,986	6.5	NA	188,406	29
Petchem	12,849	6.0	NA	77,479	12
LPG	63,564	6.0	NA	383,927	58
Sub-total	205,414			1,303,916	198
CGD investments	2xBV/25% Holding co discount		25	10,776	2
Investment in other PSUs	40% discount to CMP		40	7,407	1
Investment in Konkan LNG	1.5xBV, 20% discount		20	882	0
Other investments	BV/CMP at discount		25	682	0
Total EV				1,323,664	201
Less - Net Debt				178,376	27
Target price (Rs)				1145,288	174

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Key Risks

Key risks to our estimates:

- **Petchem business performance relies on LNG prices and end products:** GAIL has been using imported LNG as a feedstock for the petchem plant. This business continues to report EBIT losses due to the weak end-product prices and higher LNG cost. We expect this risk to increase. The company is looking to use Ethane as a feedstock, where the price volatility is relatively lesser and thus would bring stability in the business EBITDA.
- **Offtake in Gas transmission business:** Volume offtake depends on favourable pricing vs alternate fuels. Therefore, if LNG pricing gets favourable, we may see a faster offtake from various sectors. This would ramp up GAIL's revenue as well as EBITDA growth.

Fig 14 – EV/EBITDA 1YF

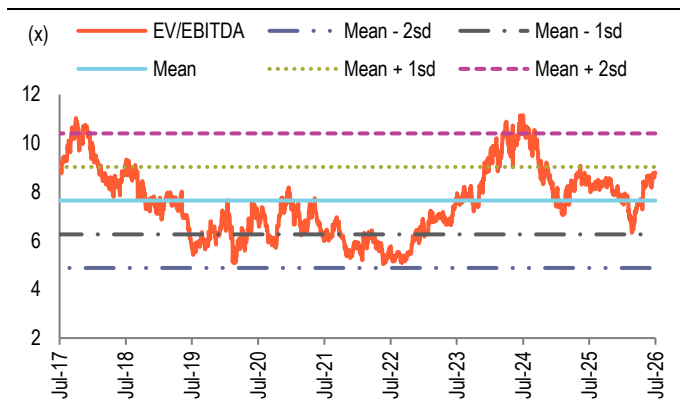
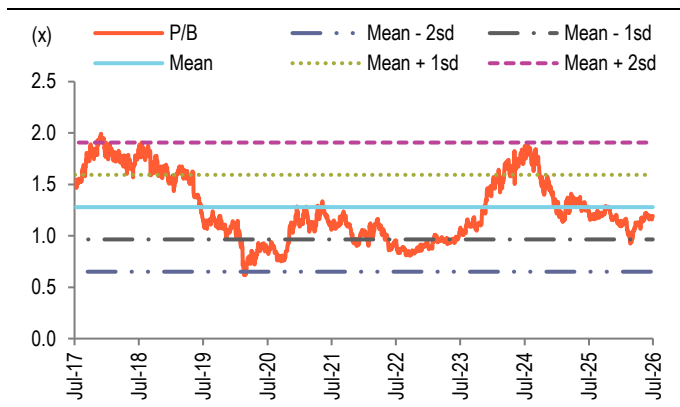


Fig 15 – P/B 1YF



Financials

Income Statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Total revenue	1,419,017	1,415,977	1,520,462	1,598,736	1,686,033
EBITDA	154,224	115,101	166,841	189,431	223,246
Depreciation	(37,992)	(38,351)	(44,267)	(58,428)	(63,928)
EBIT	128,926	91,852	137,903	146,561	175,109
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(7,404)	(9,642)	(10,464)	(10,632)	(9,132)
Other inc./(exp.)	12,694	15,101	15,328	15,558	15,791
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
EBT	145,923	82,210	127,438	135,929	165,977
Income taxes	(36,326)	(21,437)	(27,399)	(29,225)	(35,685)
Extraordinary items	24,400	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	14,902	15,052	15,343	15,650	15,963
Reported net profit	124,498	75,825	115,382	122,354	146,255
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	124,498	75,825	115,382	122,354	146,255

Balance Sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Accounts payables	77,599	61,042	66,588	71,110	76,148
Other current liabilities	76,337	99,180	99,180	99,180	99,180
Provisions	9,797	9,235	9,235	9,235	9,235
Debt funds	163,074	199,642	222,642	212,642	182,642
Other liabilities	152,277	143,351	143,351	143,351	143,351
Equity capital	65,751	65,751	65,751	65,751	65,751
Reserves & surplus	784,225	824,745	884,239	947,417	1,031,208
Shareholders' fund	849,976	890,496	949,990	1,013,168	1,096,959
Total liab. and equities	1,331,487	1,405,366	1,493,405	1,551,106	1,609,936
Cash and cash eq.	27,205	21,267	23,419	31,942	46,215
Accounts receivables	104,293	86,051	92,401	97,158	102,463
Inventories	62,499	51,549	55,353	58,203	61,381
Other current assets	30,744	38,001	38,001	38,001	38,001
Investments	227,646	262,332	262,332	262,332	262,332
Net fixed assets	493,529	594,243	669,976	711,548	747,620
CWIP	274,211	240,722	240,722	240,722	240,722
Intangible assets	94,826	92,429	92,429	92,429	92,429
Deferred tax assets, net	0	0	0	0	0
Other assets	181,889	178,608	204,622	238,783	244,283
Total assets	1,331,487	1,405,366	1,493,405	1,551,106	1,609,936

Cash Flows

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Cash flow from operations	149,188	135,076	150,162	172,681	199,906
Capital expenditures	(112,405)	(103,179)	(120,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Change in investments	(8,546)	(34,686)	0	0	0
Other investing cash flows	21,643	(2,113)	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(99,308)	(139,977)	(120,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Equities issued/Others	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	(23,006)	36,568	23,000	(10,000)	(30,000)
Interest expenses	(7,404)	(9,642)	(10,464)	(10,632)	(9,132)
Dividends paid	(49,313)	(36,163)	(55,888)	(59,176)	(62,463)
Other financing cash flows	82,958	39,927	8,199	15,343	15,650
Cash flow from financing	(39,796)	(1,037)	(28,010)	(64,158)	(85,633)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	10,084	(5,939)	2,153	8,522	14,274
Closing cash & cash eq.	27,205	21,266	23,419	31,942	46,215

Per Share

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Reported EPS	18.9	11.5	17.5	18.6	22.2
Adjusted EPS	18.9	11.5	17.5	18.6	22.2
Dividend per share	7.5	5.5	8.5	9.0	9.5
Book value per share	129.3	135.4	144.5	154.1	166.8

Valuations Ratios

Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
EV/Sales	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
EV/EBITDA	8.7	11.7	8.3	7.3	6.1
Adjusted P/E	9.6	15.7	10.3	9.8	8.2
P/BV	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1

DuPont Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	9.1	6.5	9.1	9.2	10.4
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
Adjusted ROAE	15.4	8.7	12.5	12.5	13.9

Ratio Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar	FY25A	FY26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	(8.5)	6.5	(0.2)	7.4	5.1
EBITDA	91.0	7.9	(25.4)	45.0	13.5
Adjusted EPS	76.3	25.8	(39.1)	52.2	6.0

Profitability & Return ratios (%)

EBITDA margin	10.9	8.1	11.0	11.8	13.2
EBIT margin	9.1	6.5	9.1	9.2	10.4
Adjusted profit margin	8.8	5.4	7.6	7.7	8.7
Adjusted ROAE	15.4	8.7	12.5	12.5	13.9
ROCE	11.4	7.6	10.8	10.9	12.5

Working capital days (days)

Receivables	27	22	22	22	22
Inventory	16	13	13	13	13
Payables	22	17	18	18	19

Ratios (x)

Gross asset turnover	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Current ratio	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Net interest coverage ratio	17.4	9.5	13.2	13.8	19.2
Adjusted debt/equity	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

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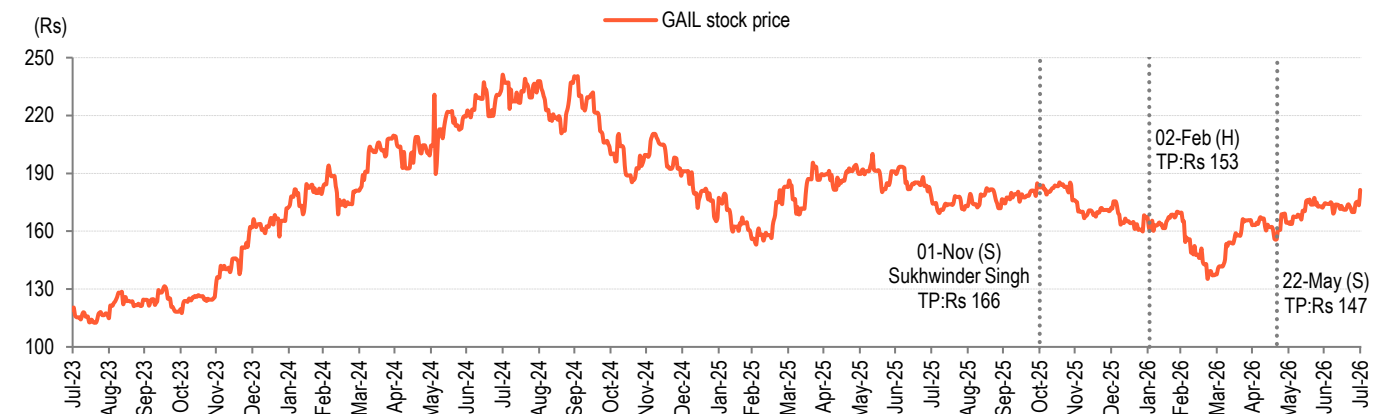
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