

Kfin Technologies (KFINTECH) - ADD

Company Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.1,056	Fair Value (FV) Rs.1,150
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Rationale:

- The company offers an attractive mix of higher-margin, domestic focused Rights and Transfer Agent (“RTA”) businesses expected to deliver mid-teens Earnings Before Interest and Tax (“EBIT”) growth over the next 2-3 years, alongside faster-growing international and domestic alternates businesses with margin improvement levers.
- The valuation multiples have moderated while still reflecting expectations of strong execution on growth strategies in the next 3-5 years, particularly in international markets and the Ascent integration.
- We upgrade KFin to ADD (from SELL) following share price underperformance in the past year with fair value of Rs. 1,150.

 Positives:

- The business is growing at 30-35% with presence across 13 countries with clients in 18 jurisdictions.
- We expect earnings to see about 20% Compounded Annual Growth over FY2026-28E.
- We expect Mutual Fund segment to deliver low-to-mid teens revenue growth in the next 3-5 years, supported by attractive EBIT margins of 40-45%.
- The Ascent acquisition is expected to contribute from Q3FY26, with the expanded base projected to grow at about 25% CAGR in the coming years.
- In the medium term, a profitable scale-up of non-RTA businesses, along with lower client concentration, can potentially lead to RTAs trading at a premium.

 Negatives:

- RTAs offer stronger operating leverage but come with elevated fee pressure, given revenue concentration from large clients.



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Holding Period: 12 months

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