

Voltas (VOLT) - SELL

Company Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.1402	Target Price Rs.1100
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Rationale:

- RAC industry decline in Q3 is likely to be lower than Q2.
- Primary sales could partly benefit from pre-buying ahead of the BEE table change.
- Management is optimistic that the GST rate cut will help topline growth, contingent on summer demand.
- Pricing support to liquidate old-rated channel inventory has continued in Q3TD.
- Management believes that the irrational pricing-led competition is likely to abate, as competitors are unlikely to be able to sustain losses for a long period of time.
- Voltas’ market share trends may surprise positively going ahead, given several initiatives underway.
- We estimate revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of ~11%/15%/17% over FY25-28E.

 Positives:

- Voltas gained market share qoq each quarter in CY25; aims to sustain this momentum.
- Data centers present a big opportunity in MEP/CAC, given group investments.
- In MEP, the domestic order book is strong with high-quality projects.

 Negatives:

- Voltas’ channel inventory in RAC is 45 days, about 15 days higher than usual.

(RAC: Room Air Conditioner; Bureau of Energy Efficiency; EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization; PAT: Profit After Tax; CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate; MEP: Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing; CAC: Commercial Air Conditioning)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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- ADD

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- SELL

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