

Leela Palaces Hotels & Resorts (THELEELA) - ADD

Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.441	Fair Value Rs.510
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Rationale:

- Company is consistently clocking strong room rate growth.
- Healthy earnings growth on the back of 20% yoy RevPAR growth.
- Dubai business to add scale; execution on new hotels is key.
- We expect Leela to deliver a 22% CAGR in attributable EBITDA over FY26-30E.
- We expect EPS (earnings per share) growth of 22.7% in FY27E and 32.4% in FY28E.
- We incorporate Dubai acquisition; maintain ADD with a revised FV of Rs510 (from Rs485).

 Positives:

- Leela reported Q3FY26 revenue of Rs457 cr (+21% yoy, +47% qoq).
- EBITDA: Rs238 cr (+22% yoy, +72% qoq); PAT: Rs157 cr (+177% yoy, +103% qoq).
- Earnings growth was aided by 17% yoy increase in ARR to Rs30,337/day, 160 bps yoy improvement in occupancy to 71%, leading to a 20% yoy rise in RevPAR.

 Negatives:

- Moderated growth in management fees (+7.4% yoy).

(EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization; RevPar: Revenue Per Available Room; CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate; ARR: Average Room Rate)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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- ADD

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