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Trent Ltd. (CMP: 5515, Target 6075, SL 5235)

- Trent Ltd is engaged in retailing of apparels, footwear, accessories, toys, games, food, grocery & non food products through various of its retail formats/ concepts. The company operates 875+ stores as of FY24
- Trent's core strength lies in its diversified brand portfolio that caters to distinct consumer segments. The company has successfully scaled its presence through three primary formats. Westside (~39% revenue share) and has a footprint of 232 stores spread over 20,000-30,000 sq. ft. across 91 cities. Zudio (~55% revenue share) has a footprint of 545 stores across 164 cities, spread over 7,000-10,000 sq. ft, 203 stores were added in FY24.
- A key differentiator for Trent is its heavy focus on developing and promoting its own brands. This strategy allows for better inventory management, greater control over brand image, and improved operating performance across its formats.

Swiggy Ltd (CMP: 439, Target 485, SL 416)

- Swiggy Ltd is a new-age, consumer-first technology company offering users an easy-to-use convenience platform, accessible through a unified app.
 Swiggy operates a diversified hyperlocal commerce platform through its unified app "SWIGGY" The company, known for pioneering hyperlocal commerce in India
- Instamart GOV growth accelerated to 108% YoY. AOV (Average Order Value) saw a 16% QoQ and 26% YoY increase, outpacing prior guidance. Contribution margin improved by 100 bps QoQ despite full-quarter impact of a back-ended network expansion (316 stores added in March quarter). Continued "heightened" competitive intensity in both food and quick commerce; new entrants are not expected to disrupt top players but will keep promotional intensity high.
- Swiggy is executing a clear strategy to drive profitable growth in quick commerce, with strong AOV expansion.

Laurus Labs Ltd (CMP: 880, Target 970, SL 835)

- Laurus Labs is a research-driven pharmaceutical and biotechnology company having a global leadership position in select Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) including anti-retroviral, oncology drugs (incl High Potent APIs), Cardiovascular, and Gastro therapeutics.
- Laurus Labs reported a strong Q1 with revenue at INR 1,570 crore (+31% YoY), primarily led by robust growth in the CDMO segment and continued momentum in formulations. CDMO sales for Q1 stood at INR 493 crore, demonstrating sustained demand, especially from Big Pharma customers and mid-to-late stage NCE deliveries. Management highlighted increasing customer interest in advanced technology platforms: biocatalysis, flow chemistry, high-energy chemistry, continuous manufacturing, peptide manufacturing.
- Laurus Labs is executing a clear transformation towards a high-value, technology-led CDMO player with significant capacity additions, deepening Big Pharma relationships, and investments in new modalities



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Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (CMP: 215, Target 240, SL 203)

- Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd is primarily engaged in the business of financing housing and urban development activities in the country. The company is a public financial institution and primarily finances social housing and urban infrastructure projects.
- Management highlighted a sharp uptick in business momentum: Sanctions in FY23 were INR 25,000 Cr, FY24 at INR 83,000 Cr, and FY25 closed at INR 1.27 lakh Cr, reflecting a 55-60% CAGR in the last two years. Loan book has grown in tandem: FY23 at INR 80,000 Cr, FY24 at INR 92,000 Cr, FY25 at INR 1.24 lakh Cr, and Q1 FY26 at INR 1.34 lakh Cr, implying a robust ~30% YoY growth.
- HUDCO is actively diversifying beyond traditional housing into broader infrastructure: metros, rapid rail, road transport, e-mobility, water rejuvenation projects, and state HAM/EPC models. No new NPA in the last 10 quarters. Net NPA reduced to <0.1% ("best in the market" per management). Gross NPA improved from 1.67% to 1.34%.</p>

Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (CMP: 2056, Target 2275, SL 1950)

- Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd is a global research-led pharmaceutical company with presence across generics, Specialty and OTC business with operations in over 80 countries. Company offers a wide range of pharma products in the form of oral solids, liquids, topical products, respiratory MDI/DPI and complex injectables & biologics.
- RYALTRIS Its a key product for them marketed in 70+ countries. The product has been commercialized in 31 markets, including USA, Canada, Europe, Australia, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and Saudi Arabia.
- The company launched 7 products in Q3FY24. It commercialized 5 products in injectable portfolio. The company plans to re start the commercialization of further injectable products from the Monroe manufacturing site from FY25 onwards. Company witnessed a good growth in UK, Spain and Germany. Key brands such as RYALTRIS and Salmex / Asthmex continue to sustain their market share.

^{*} Time Horizon: All stock ideas to exhaust by end of the last trading day of the month or 10% upside or 5% downside, whichever is earlier.



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