

Metro Brands (METROBRA) - REDUCE

Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs. 1005	Fair Value (FV) Rs. 1050
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Rationale:

- Metro Brands saw a deceleration in topline growth to ~15% in Q1 (from 20% in Q4FY26).
- Growth impacted by a shift in wedding dates due to Adhik Maas.
- The network expansion also moderated to 13/9 gross/net new stores.
- Whereas Sales per square feet (SPSF) was flat.
- Metro’s sports and value formats have significant headroom to grow.
- BIS-led supply chain disruption remains a key monitorable.
- We cut EPS by 3-5%, roll over and revise FV to Rs1,050 (implies 46X September 2028E P/E).
- We upgrade the rating by a notch to REDUCE (from SELL).

 Positives:

- Revenues grew 14.7% yoy to Rs720 cr (in-line).
- Sales per sq. ft remained flat yoy at Rs4,350.
- Average sales price (ASP) grew ~6% yoy to Rs1,675.
- GM expanded 15 bps yoy to 59.5% (KIE: 59%).
- Metro’s sports and value formats have significant headroom to grow.

 Negatives:

- Reported PAT declined 3.1% yoy to Rs94.9 cr (~6.2% miss).



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Holding Period: 12 months

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