

TeamLease Services (TEAM) - ADD

Q1FY27 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs.1294	Fair Value (FV) Rs.1600
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Rationale:

- Tepid growth in the core staffing segment.
- Muted revenue growth, driven by headcount decline in Q1FY27.
- Specialized staffing steady; meaningful recovery some time away.
- HR services remain volatile on a quarterly basis.
- We model a recovery in the core segment headcount in H2FY27, as the BFSI segment impact normalizes.
- FV, as a result, declines to Rs1,600 (from Rs1,800).
- We see value in the stock, although the stock price performance is contingent on a more sustained volume recovery in the general staffing segment.

👍 Positives:

- TEAM posted revenue growth of 5.8% yoy, 2.0% higher than our estimates.
- Revenue growth was driven by an 11.4% yoy increase in specialized staffing headcount.

👎 Negatives:

- EBITDA of Rs31.5 cr was lower than estimates on account of lower margins across general staffing and specialized staffing segments.
- 1.6% yoy decline in general staffing headcount (ex-NETAP).
- TEAM’s EBITDA margin of 1.0% was lower than our estimate of 1.2%.
- Segmentally, both general staffing and specialized staffing margins were lower than estimates.

(EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization, BFSI: Banking, Financial Services and Insurance, NETAP: National Employability through Apprenticeship Program)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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