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MCX riding the bullion wave

MCX continues to present a compelling growth story built on its earlier drivers—new product launches, a robust product pipeline, tech upgrades, and rising participation. As we had highlighted in our earlier report “[The new gold standard](#),” gold and silver were expected to emerge as major contributors to options premium, and this trend is firmly on track and gaining strength. Options premium ADTV has witnessed strong growth, jumping to ~INR 67bn in October 2025 vs INR 41bn in Q2FY25, led by surging gold and silver volumes, which now account for ~60% of total notional volume and ~30% of premium ADTV. The bullion contracts have scaled rapidly post the shift to monthly expiry, gaining traction and diversifying the revenue mix. We believe bullion could reach ~40% of total premium by Q4FY27E, materially reducing earlier concentration risk from crude and natural gas contracts (~85% share previously).

The upcoming launch of cash-settled index contracts such as Metldex and Bulldex is expected to generate growth thrust and attract higher participation from FPIs and institutions. Importantly, SEBI’s indication to allow FPI and domestic institutional participation in non-cash settled commodities is a positive step, especially given MCX’s current FPI volume share of only ~3% versus ~20% for equity exchanges. Additionally, the co-location facilities in commodities could pave the way for HFT activity, which has been a significant volume driver in equity markets. These developments amplify our earlier thesis of sustained options growth, supported by both product innovation and structural market reforms, and strengthen our conviction on MCX’s medium-term earnings trajectory. We expect notional/premium ADTV to register a +62/33% CAGR resulting in revenue/PAT CAGR of +27/33% over FY25-28E. We increase our revenue and EPS estimates by 7-9% and increase the multiple to 46x vs 45x earlier. We maintain BUY with a target price of INR 10,000, based on 46x Sep-27E core EPS and adding cash excluding SGF and trading margin.

- Options premium growth driven by bullion:** The options notional at INR 4.5trn has increased 2X YoY in Sep-25, led by 7x rise in gold and 37x rise in silver ADTV while the crude ADTV is down 18% YoY. MCX revamped its gold and silver options contracts by introducing monthly expiries and smaller-sized contracts. These changes combined with the rise in gold and silver prices and higher volatility has led to a surge in volumes. The gold notional ADTV clocked INR 1.7trn and premium ADTV of INR 8.28bn in Sep-25 vs notional/premium ADTV of INR 0.31trn/1.39bn, which is 37/18% of total notional/premium ADTV. Similarly, the silver notional/premium ADTV clocked INR 1.02trn/5.69bn in Sep-25. The gold and silver P/N is 0.5%/0.6% vs 1.6%/2.8% for crude and natural gas. The P/N of new contracts is generally low initially and gradually goes up when contracts mature. The bullion options’ notional/premium ADTV increased from 20/8% of total ADTV in Q3FY25 to ~60/30% in Sep-25. We expect the bullion premium ADTV to reach ~INR 25bn in FY27E exit, which is ~40% of the total premium. The increase mix of lower P/N bullion contracts will drag the aggregate P/N, and the blended P/N will fall to 0.90% in FY27E vs 1.63% in FY25.
- Q2FY26E – Soft quarter:** MCX is expected to report revenue of INR 3.75bn +0.4%/31.2% QoQ/YoY. The options and futures revenue will be INR 2.23/1.14bn -2.0%/+4.6% QoQ. The EBITDA will be at INR 2.43bn and margin of 64.8% flat QoQ. The PAT for the quarter is expected at INR 2.01bn, up 31% YoY but down 1.1% QoQ. The volume has surged significantly in Oct-25, but we have assumed options ADTV of INR 5.2trn and premium ADTV of INR ~50bn for Q3FY26E vs the Sep-25 notional ADTV of INR 4.5trn and premium ADTV of INR 47bn.

BUY

CMP (as on 10 Oct 25)	INR 8,689
Target Price	INR 10,000
NIFTY	25,285

KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW
Rating	BUY	BUY
Price Target	INR 9,040	INR 10,000
EPS %	FY26E +5.9	FY27E +8.9

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	MCX IN
No. of Shares (mn)	51
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	443/4,995
6m avg traded value (INR mn)	4,842
52 Week high / low	INR 9,115/4,408

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	4.3	66.4	40.3
Relative (%)	5.1	54.7	39.2

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Mar-25	Jun-25
Promoters	0.00	0.00
FIs & Local MFs	58.10	59.09
FPIs	21.81	21.69
Public & Others	20.09	19.22
Pledged Shares	0.00	0.00

Source : BSE

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- **Valuation and view:** MCX is up ~14/40% in the last 1M/1Y and is trading at a P/E of 42x FY27E, which is a ~10% premium to BSE. Historically, MCX has traded at a ~15% premium to equity exchanges based on the optionality and lower regulatory risk related to weekly options. The rising volumes, stable tech platform, regulatory tailwinds, and the option value linked to the launch of new products have resulted in outperformance, which we believe will continue. The stock has traded at an average one-year forward P/E of ~45x and is currently trading at a P/E of 51/42x FY26/27E EPS. We have assigned core P/E multiple of 46x and the implied P/E multiple on Sep-27 EPS is ~43x.

Financial highlights (Consolidated)

YE March (INR mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	3,906	3,668	5,135	6,836	11,127	15,847	19,020	22,906
EBITDA	1,852	1,622	1,497	643	6,653	10,450	12,895	15,952
APAT	2,252	1,639	1,490	831	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036
APAT*	2,252	1,639	2,390*	3,306*	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036
Diluted EPS (INR)	44.3	32.2	46.9	64.8	109.8	169.3	206.4	255.6
P/E (x)					79.1	51.3	42.1	34.0
EV / EBITDA (x)					64.1	40.9	32.9	26.4
RoE (%)	16.2	11.6	10.3	5.8	34.3	43.2	46.7	50.7

Source: Company, HSIE research, *adjusted for additional technology cost paid to 63 moons

MCX SoTP

Core PAT Sep - 27E (INR mn)	10,748
46X Core PAT (INR mn)	4,94,464
Add: Net Cash ex SGF & Margin (INR mn)	15,517
Mcap (INR mn)	5,09,981
TP (INR)	10,000
Upside (%)	15%

Source: HSIE research

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (INR mn)

MCX Quarterly Snapshot (INR)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E	QoQ%	YoY%
Net Revenue	2,344	2,856	3,014	2,913	3,732	3,748	4,203	4,163	0%	31%
Product License Fees	132	174	201	187	220	201	191	200	-9%	15%
Employee Expenses	321	327	332	463	448	457	467	476	2%	40%
Information Technology expenses	226	209	195	300	239	246	253	261	3%	18%
Other Operating Expenses + SGF	294	352	354	362	408	417	457	458	2%	18%
EBITDA	1,371	1,794	1,931	1,602	2,417	2,427	2,836	2,770	0%	35%
Depreciation	134	140	146	217	173	182	187	205	5%	29%
EBIT	1,236	1,654	1,785	1,385	2,244	2,246	2,649	2,564	0%	36%
Other Income (including ex-ordinary)	188	252	230	292	326	277	280	264	-15%	10%
PBT	1,424	1,906	2,013	1,675	2,569	2,522	2,928	2,826	-2%	32%
Tax	273	374	418	328	532	518	601	583	-3%	39%
Share of profit from Associates	4	4	5	8	-5	4	5	16	-188%	0%
RPAT	1,154	1,536	1,600	1,355	2,032	2,009	2,332	2,259	-1%	31%
E/o gains (adj for tax) - SGF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
APAT	1,154	1,536	1,600	1,355	2,032	2,009	2,332	2,259	-1%	31%

MARGIN ANALYSIS	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E		
EBITDA Margin (%)	58.5	62.8	64.1	55.0	64.8	64.8	67.5	66.5		
EBIT Margin (%)	52.7	57.9	59.2	47.5	60.1	59.9	63.0	61.6		
Tax Rate (%)	19.2	19.6	20.8	19.6	20.7	20.5	20.5	20.6		
APAT Margin (%)	49.2	53.8	53.1	46.5	54.4	53.6	55.5	54.3		

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Futures ADTV (INR bn)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E	QoQ%	YoY%
Bullion	178.00	177.21	172.23	171.24	302.95	323.35	328.41	311.99	7%	82%
Energy	49.57	58.45	73.37	76.54	75.31	71.25	72.36	71.25	-5%	22%
Metals	31.90	33.51	33.94	25.29	27.14	22.86	24.38	25.20	-16%	-32%
Agri & others	0.15	0.15	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.09	173%	-40%
Total	259.62	269.32	279.61	273.11	405.43	417.55	425.24	408.53	3%	55%

Options ADTV (INR bn)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E	QoQ%	YoY%
Crude	1,063.91	1,505.44	1,387.15	1,279.90	1,259.97	1,330.92	1,264.38	1,327.60	6%	-12%
Natural Gas	181.15	174.41	238.12	375.05	376.67	348.85	357.84	367.07	-7%	100%
Bullion (Gold + Silver)	221.85	251.43	393.16	551.44	1,062.86	2,011.83	3,621.29	3,518.09	89%	700%
Others	0.80	1.80	20.12	2.97	2.78	3.52	3.61	3.70	27%	95%
Total	1,467.71	1,933.08	2,038.55	2,209.36	2,702.28	3,695.12	5,247.13	5,216.46	37%	91%

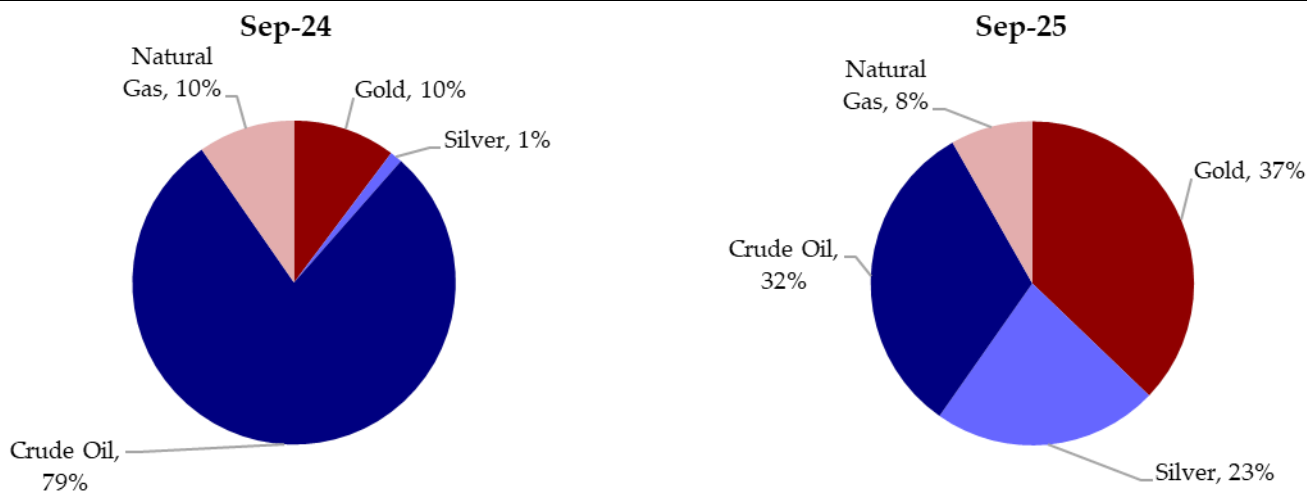
Options Premium ADTV (INR bn)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E	QoQ%	YoY%
Crude	16.04	25.11	24.97	18.95	24.77	21.57	20.23	21.24	-13%	-14%
Natural Gas	5.68	5.43	7.78	10.89	11.07	9.86	9.66	9.91	-11%	82%
Bullion (Gold + Silver)	1.98	2.08	2.79	3.02	6.58	9.50	19.92	17.59	44%	356%
Others	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	11%	42%
Total	23.71	32.64	35.57	32.89	42.45	40.96	49.84	48.78	-4%	25%

Revenue Mix (INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26E	Q3FY26E	Q4FY26E	QoQ%	YoY%
Futures revenue	710	770	752	746	1,090	1,140	1,143	1,115	5%	48%
Options revenue	1,270	1,796	1,903	1,787	2,271	2,226	2,667	2,650	-2%	24%
Other Operating	364	290	359	381	371	382	394	398	3%	32%
Total revenue	2,344	2,856	3,014	2,913	3,732	3,748	4,203	4,163	0%	31%

Source: Company, HSIE research

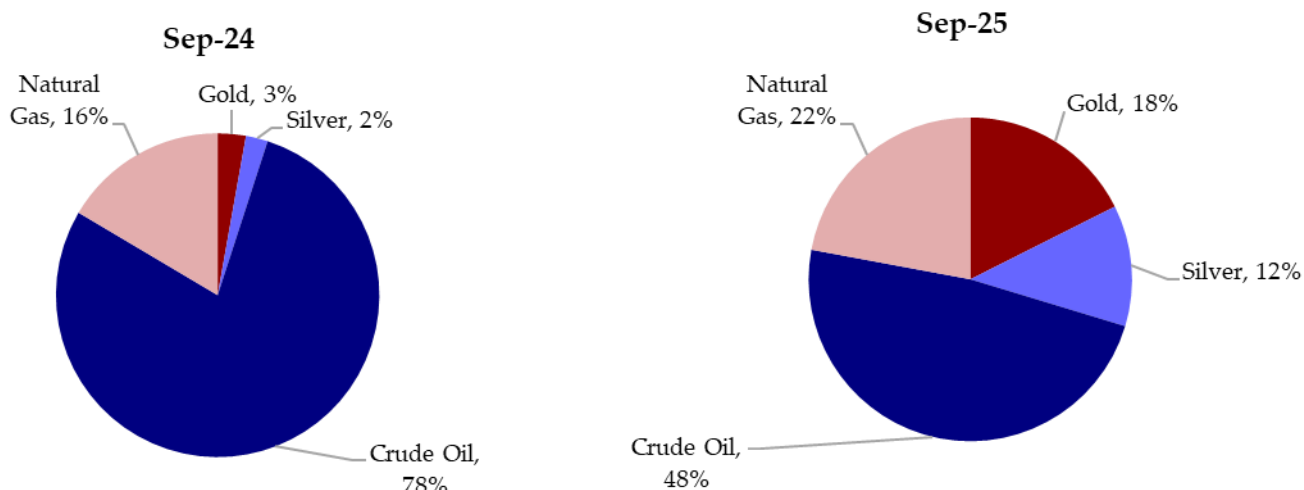
Pick up in gold and silver volume better vs expectations

Options Notional ADTV Mix – Gold and Silver contribute ~60% of the Options Notional ADTV



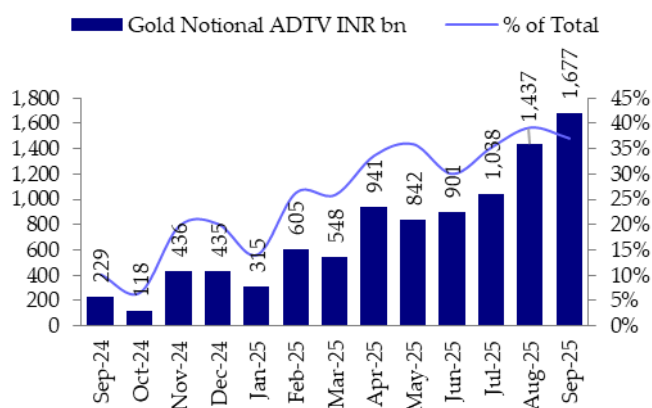
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Options Premium Mix – Gold and Silver contribute ~30% of the Options Premium ADTV



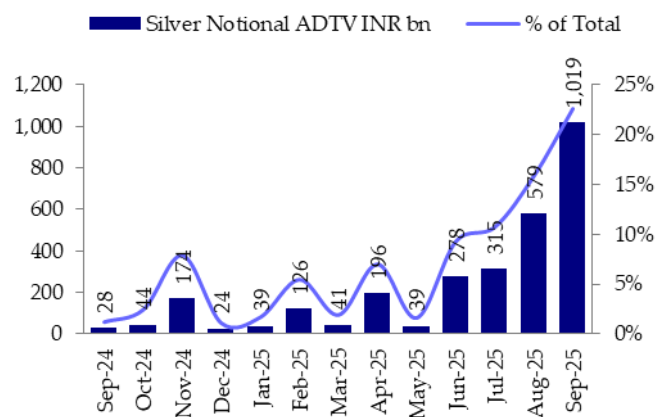
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Gold Notional ADTV has increased post the change to monthly expiry in Dec-24, now 37% of total notional



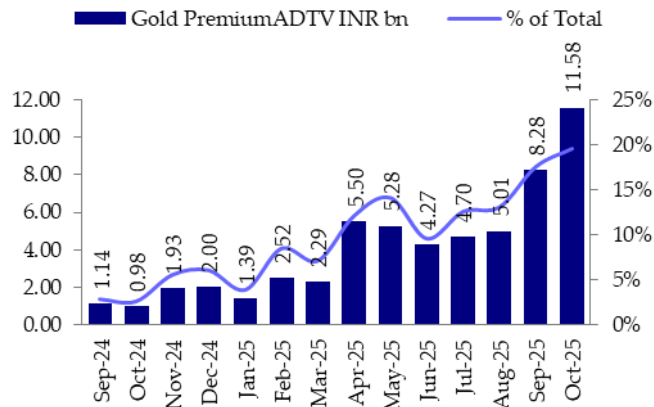
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Silver Notional ADTV spiked post the change to monthly expiry in July-25, now 23% of total notional



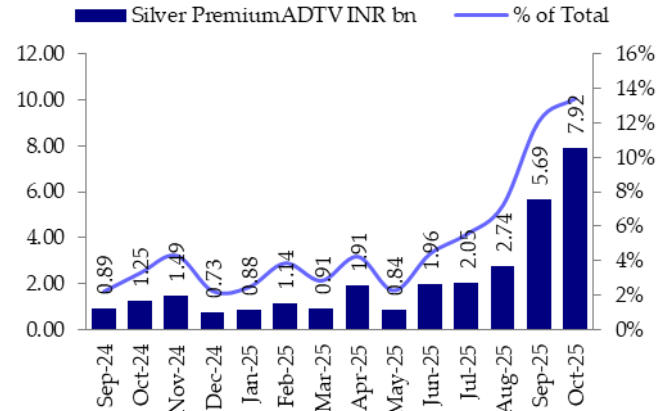
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Gold premium is ~20% of total premium, the P/N is lower at 0.5% vs 1.7% for crude and ~3% for NG



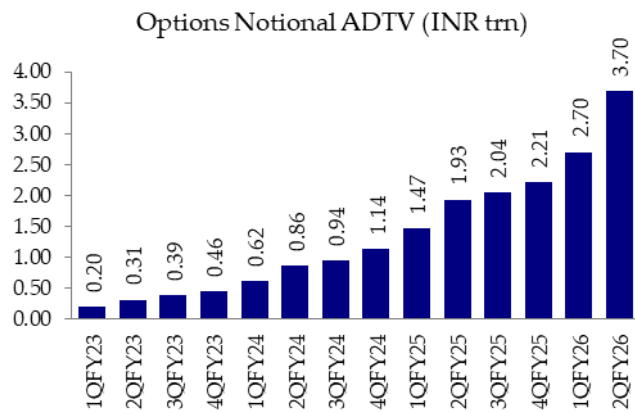
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Silver premium is 12% of total premium but the P/N% is low at 0.6% vs older contracts



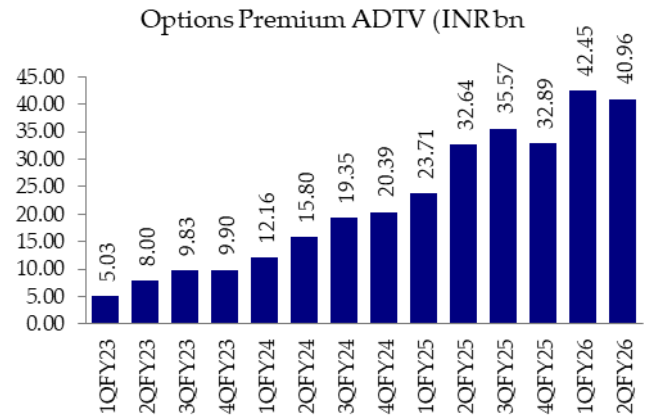
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Options Notional ADTV is scaling new highs every quarter, Notional ADTV has delivered 8 Qtr CQGR of 20% and premium ADTV has delivered 8 Qtr CQGR of 13%



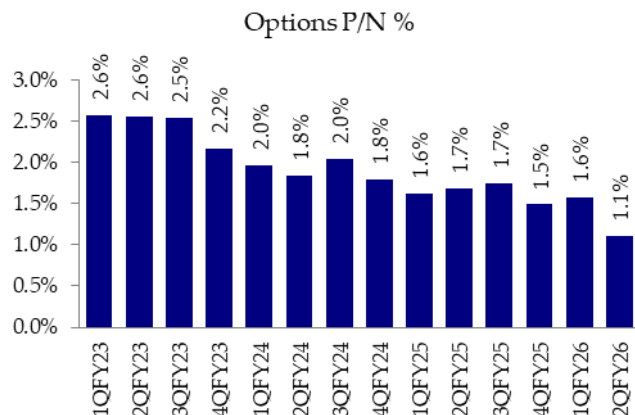
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Options Premium ADTV is down ~3.5% QoQ led by drop in crude offset by jump in gold and silver volume, however the ADTV is up 25% YoY



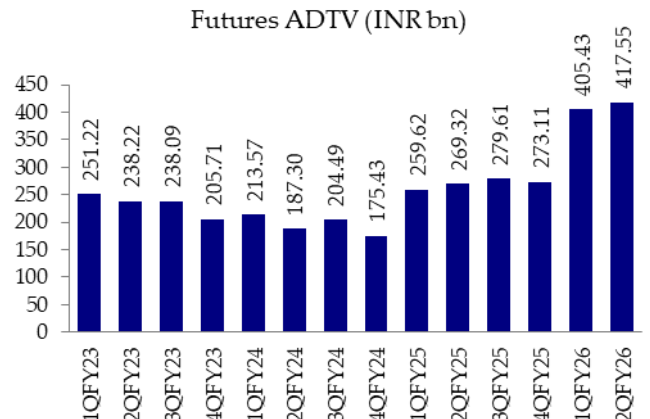
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P/N% is coming down due to increasing mix gold and silver contracts (lower P/N vs crude and natural gas)



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Futures ADTV has increased in the last two quarters led by rise in gold/silver prices and global volatility



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Options Notional ADTV INR bn					
Month	Total Notional ADTV	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural Gas
Sep-24	2,236.97	229.30	27.71	1,761.37	216.32
Oct-24	1,775.79	118.45	44.17	1,417.52	193.27
Nov-24	2,200.76	435.63	173.86	1,341.26	247.11
Dec-24	2,151.60	435.22	24.26	1,403.11	286.41
Jan-25	2,228.05	314.87	38.61	1,545.04	327.29
Feb-25	2,289.75	605.27	125.52	1,200.76	355.58
Mar-25	2,108.49	547.59	41.30	1,068.65	446.83
Apr-25	2,791.44	941.40	196.00	1,295.06	355.61
May-25	2,341.30	842.47	38.61	1,087.21	370.73
Jun-25	2,991.30	901.09	277.67	1,405.87	403.98
Jul-25	2,937.95	1,038.02	315.29	1,220.79	360.62
Aug-25	3,660.26	1,436.86	579.21	1,331.37	310.73
Sep-25	4,518.41	1,676.97	1,019.45	1,445.66	371.20
Oct-25	3,560.34	1,065.64	428.84	1,709.48	341.13

Source: Company, HSIE Research

MCX Notional Mix %				
Month	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural Gas
Sep-24	10%	1%	79%	10%
Oct-24	7%	2%	80%	11%
Nov-24	20%	8%	61%	11%
Dec-24	20%	1%	65%	13%
Jan-25	14%	2%	69%	15%
Feb-25	26%	5%	52%	16%
Mar-25	26%	2%	51%	21%
Apr-25	34%	7%	46%	13%
May-25	36%	2%	46%	16%
Jun-25	30%	9%	47%	14%
Jul-25	35%	11%	42%	12%
Aug-25	39%	16%	36%	8%
Sep-25	37%	23%	32%	8%
Oct-25	30%	12%	48%	10%

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Options Premium ADTV INR bn					
Month	Total Premium	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural Gas
Sep-24	40.79	1.14	0.89	32.00	6.72
Oct-24	38.39	0.98	1.25	30.31	5.82
Nov-24	34.94	1.93	1.49	23.50	7.99
Dec-24	33.23	2.00	0.73	20.84	9.63
Jan-25	36.23	1.39	0.88	22.85	11.09
Feb-25	29.87	2.52	1.14	17.32	8.86
Mar-25	32.23	2.29	0.91	16.31	12.70
Apr-25	45.45	5.50	1.91	26.73	11.26
May-25	37.49	5.28	0.84	20.24	11.10
Jun-25	44.64	4.27	1.96	27.55	10.84
Jul-25	37.39	4.70	2.05	20.35	10.26
Aug-25	38.31	5.01	2.74	21.72	8.82
Sep-25	47.11	8.28	5.69	22.71	10.38
Oct-25	66.62	14.23	10.17	29.82	12.12

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Month	P/N%				
	Total	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural Gas
Sep-24	1.8%	0.5%	3.2%	1.8%	3.1%
Oct-24	2.2%	0.8%	2.8%	2.1%	3.0%
Nov-24	1.6%	0.4%	0.9%	1.8%	3.2%
Dec-24	1.5%	0.5%	3.0%	1.5%	3.4%
Jan-25	1.6%	0.4%	2.3%	1.5%	3.4%
Feb-25	1.3%	0.4%	0.9%	1.4%	2.5%
Mar-25	1.5%	0.4%	2.2%	1.5%	2.8%
Apr-25	1.6%	0.6%	1.0%	2.1%	3.2%
May-25	1.6%	0.6%	2.2%	1.9%	3.0%
Jun-25	1.5%	0.5%	0.7%	2.0%	2.7%
Jul-25	1.3%	0.5%	0.7%	1.7%	2.8%
Aug-25	1.0%	0.3%	0.5%	1.6%	2.8%
Sep-25	1.0%	0.5%	0.6%	1.6%	2.8%
Oct-25	1.9%	1.3%	2.4%	1.7%	3.6%

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Month	MCX Premium Mix %			
	Gold	Silver	Crude Oil	Natural Gas
Sep-24	3%	2%	78%	16%
Oct-24	3%	3%	79%	15%
Nov-24	6%	4%	67%	23%
Dec-24	6%	2%	63%	29%
Jan-25	4%	2%	63%	31%
Feb-25	8%	4%	58%	30%
Mar-25	7%	3%	51%	39%
Apr-25	12%	4%	59%	25%
May-25	14%	2%	54%	30%
Jun-25	10%	4%	62%	24%
Jul-25	13%	5%	54%	27%
Aug-25	13%	7%	57%	23%
Sep-25	18%	12%	48%	22%
Oct-25	21%	15%	45%	18%

Source: Company, HSIE Research

MCX: Company Update

Product launch timeline

Product	Instrument Type	Date	Remark
Steel Rebar	Futures	Jan-24	New Product
Crude Oil Mini	Options	Apr-24	New Product
Natural Gas Mini	Options	Apr-24	New Product
Cotton Seed Wash Oil	Futures	Oct-24	New Product
Gold 1KG Monthly Series	Options	Nov-24	Existing contract but expiry changed from bi-monthly to monthly expiry
Gold 10 G	Futures	Apr-25	New Product
Silver 30 KG Monthly Series	Options	Jun-25	Existing contract but expiry changed from bi-monthly to monthly expiry
Silver 5 KG Monthly Series	Options	Jun-25	Existing contract but expiry changed from bi-monthly to monthly expiry
Electricity Futures	Futures	Jun-25	Approved by regulator, product yet to be launched
Cardamom	Futures	Aug-25	New Product
Nickel	Futures	Sep-25	Existing contract but Contract Size changed from 1,500 Kgs to 250 Kgs and expiry changed from last day of Expiry month to Third Wednesday

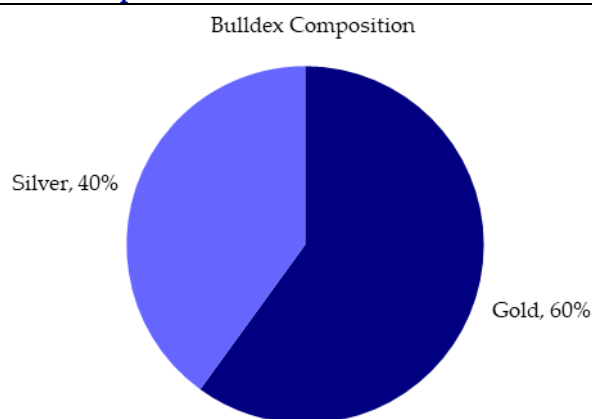
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Products yet to be launched

Product	Instrument Type	Date	Remark
Index Options	Options	NA	Index options will be introduced on bullion and metals.
Weekly Options	Options	NA	The weekly options will be launched on Index options and crude/NG. The contract will be cash settled.
Silver Micro 1KG	Options	NA	Shorter time frame product with monthly expiry.

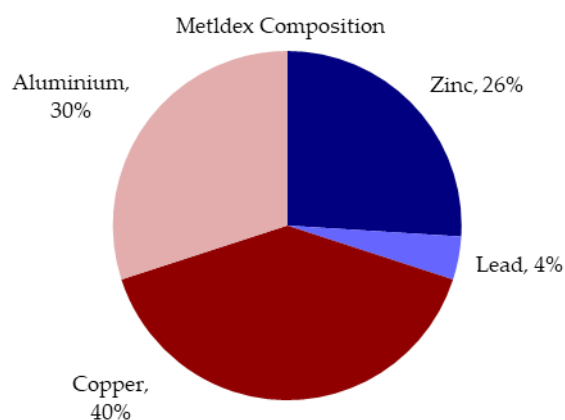
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Bulldex Composition



Source: Company, HSIE Research

Metldex Composition



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Index Future Contract Specifications

Index	Products	Trading Unit (Lot Size)	Minimum Margin %	Margin Required per contract (INR)	Settlement	Contract Duration	Specs
Bulldex	Gold and Silver	30	5%	1,381	Cash	4 months	Max Order Size - 80 lots Max open position - 1,000 lots or 5% of open position, whichever is higher
Metldex	Zinc, Lead, Copper, Aluminium	40	5%	NA	Cash	4 months	Max Order Size - 80 lots Max open position - 1,000 lots or 5% of open position, whichever is higher
Enrgdex	Natural Gas and Crude Oil	125	10%	NA	Cash	4 months	Max Order Size - 80 lots Max open position - 1,000 lots or 5% of open position, whichever is higher

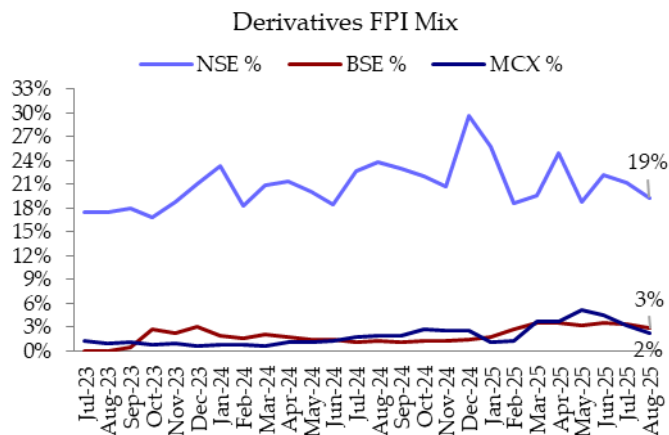
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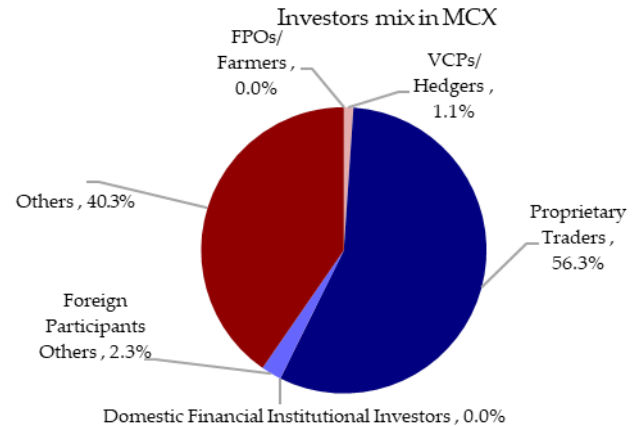
Mode of trading mix comparison across exchanges

MCX and BSE are low in Institutional participation, NSE has 19% of volume from FPI and DII

Category wise Investors contribution in MCX Options



Source: NSE, BSE, Company, HSIE Research

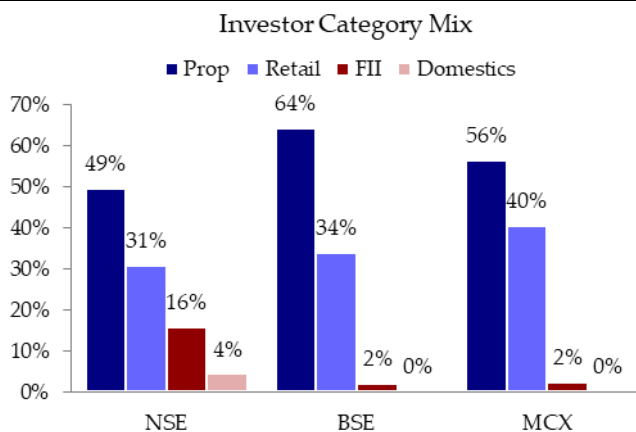


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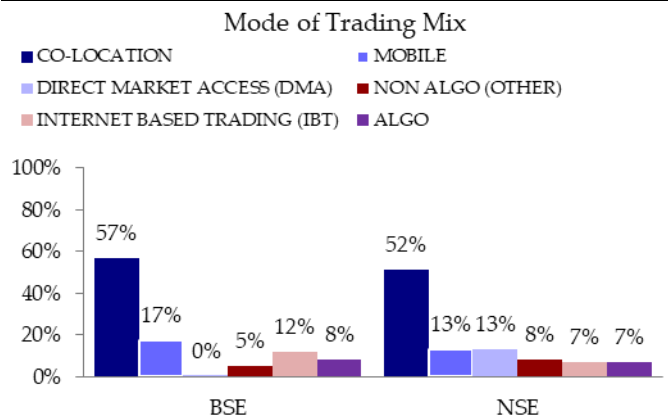
Category wise Investors comparison

Category wise Investors Comparison across exchanges, Prop trading forms the bulk of trading activity

Colocation dominates trading in NSE, BSE but absent in MCX



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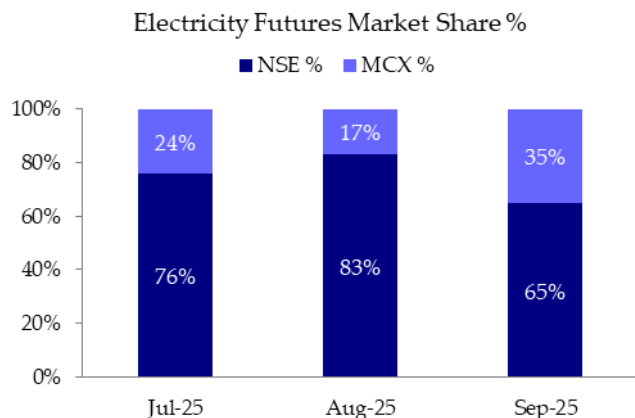


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MCX: Company Update

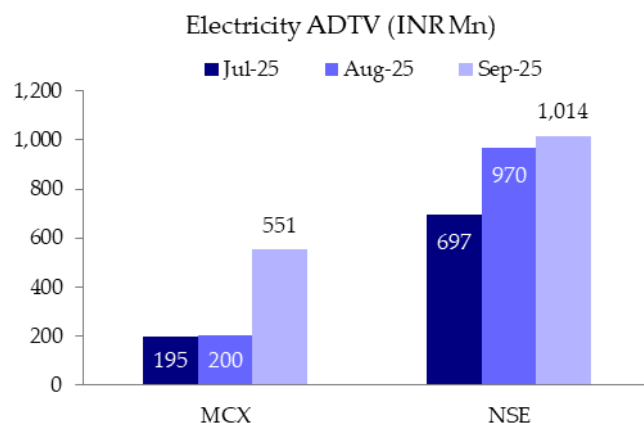
Electricity Futures – Still at a nascent stage

MCX vs NSE Market Share – MCX gaining share in the recently launched electricity derivatives contract



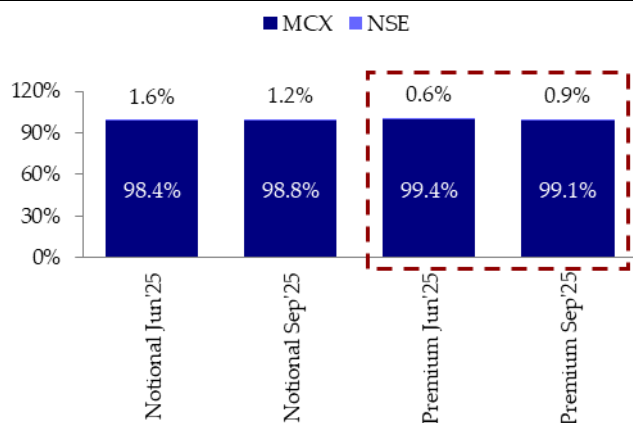
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MCX & NSE Electricity ADTV – Volume increasing gradually but very small compared to gold and silver



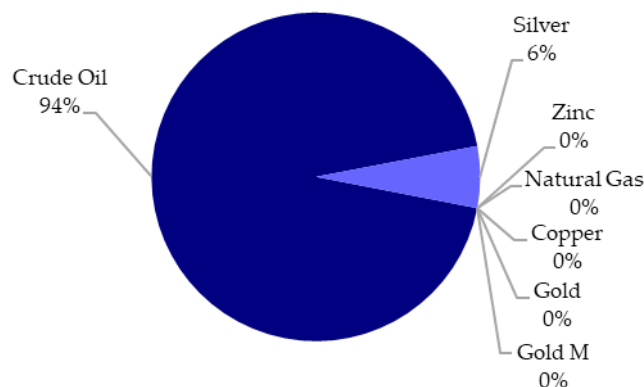
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MCX vs NSE market share in commodities trading – MCX is the dominant exchange



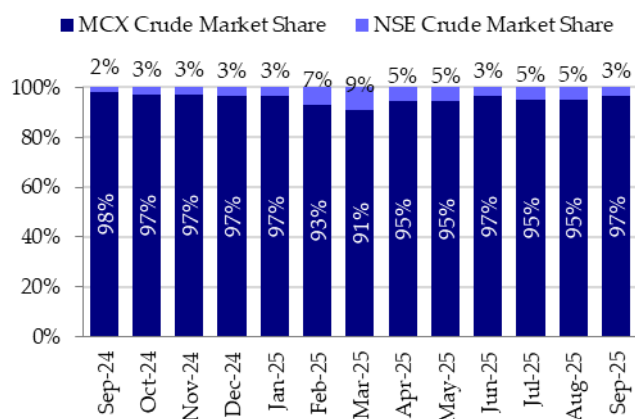
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Crude Oil contract contributes 94% to NSE notional turnover



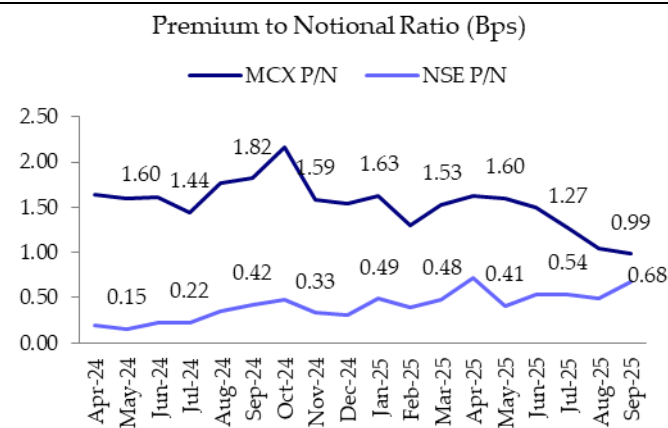
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NSE's notional market share increased to 9% in Apr'25 but tapering down gradually



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NSE earns lower P/N realization compared to MCX



Source: Company, HSIE Research

MCX assumptions

MCX (INR mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	CAGR % FY20-25	CAGR % FY25-28E
Futures ADTV (INR bn)	256.48	324.24	312.81	257.45	233.35	195.27	270.38	414.18	462.29	497.82	-3.6%	22.6%
Growth %		26.4%	-3.5%	-17.7%	-9.4%	-16.3%	38.5%	53.2%	11.6%	7.7%		
Options ADTV (INR bn)	7.04	11.26	8.98	78.29	338.66	888.94	1,911.69	4,217.11	6,348.85	8,472.52	179.2%	64.3%
Growth %	1634.6%	59.9%	-20.3%	771.7%	332.5%	162.5%	115.1%	120.6%	50.5%	33.4%		
Options Premium ADTV (INR bn)					8.20	16.91	31.19	45.50	57.25	73.01		32.8%
Growth %						106.3%	84.4%	45.9%	25.8%	27.5%		
Premium/Notional %					2.4%	1.9%	1.63%	1.08%	0.90%	0.86%		
Futures Revenue	2,863	3,535	3,404	2,837	2,512	2,092	2,977	4,488	5,009	5,394	-3.4%	21.9%
Growth %		23.5%	-3.7%	-16.7%	-11.5%	-16.7%	42.3%	50.8%	11.6%	7.7%		
% of Transaction Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	89.8%	58.8%	37.3%	30.6%	31.4%	28.9%	25.5%	-21.1%	
Option Revenue	0	0	0	323	1,761	3,515	6,756	9,814	12,348	15,748		32.6%
Growth %					444.6%	99.6%	92.2%	45.3%	25.8%	27.5%		
% of Transaction Revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.2%	41.2%	62.7%	69.4%	68.6%	71.1%	74.5%		
Total Transaction Revenue	2,863	3,535	3,404	3,160	4,273	5,607	9,733	14,303	17,358	21,142	22.5%	29.5%
Growth %		23.5%	-3.7%	-7.2%	35.2%	31.2%	73.6%	46.9%	21.4%	21.8%		

MCX (INR mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	CAGR % FY20-25	CAGR % FY25-28E
Transaction Revenue	2,863	3,535	3,404	3,160	4,273	5,607	9,733	14,303	17,358	21,142	22.5%	29.5%
Other Operating Revenue	137	444	502	508	862	1,228	1,394	1,544	1,662	1,763	25.7%	8.2%
Total Revenue	3,000	3,978	3,906	3,668	5,135	6,836	11,127	15,847	19,020	22,906	22.8%	27.2%
Growth YoY %	15.5%	32.6%	-1.8%	-6.1%	40.0%	33.1%	62.8%	42.4%	20.0%	20.4%		

MCX (INR mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	CAGR % FY20-25	CAGR % FY25-28E
Cost Structure												
CDP Cost	614	689	636	640	1,961	3,855	927	998	1,206	1,394	6.1%	14.6%
Product Licence Fees	205	206	211	205	270	396	694	812	855	972	27.5%	11.9%
Other Overheads including SGF and Exchange Transaction Cost	517	526	456	402	488	818	1,410	1,739	2,069	2,449	21.8%	20.2%
Employee Cost	725	773	751	800	919	1,123	1,443	1,848	1,995	2,139	13.3%	14.0%
Total Cost	2,061	2,195	2,053	2,046	3,638	6,192	4,474	5,397	6,124	6,954	15.3%	15.8%
Adjusted Cost	2,061	2,195	2,053	2,046	2,438	4,142	4,474	5,397	6,124	6,954		15.8%
EBITDA mn	940	1,784	1,852	1,622	1,497	643	6,653	10,450	12,895	15,952	30.1%	33.8%
EBITDA margin %	31.3%	44.8%	47.4%	44.2%	29.1%	9.4%	59.8%	65.9%	67.8%	69.6%		
Adjusted EBITDA	940	1,784	1,852	1,622	2,697	3,943	6,653	10,450	12,895	15,952	30.1%	33.8%
Depreciation	154	182	221	227	216	359	638	747	842	957	28.6%	14.5%
Growth YoY %	-7.3%	17.6%	21.5%	2.9%	-4.9%	66.5%	77.4%	17.2%	12.7%	13.6%		
Adjusted EBITDA %	31.3%	44.8%	47.4%	44.2%	52.5%	57.7%	59.8%	65.9%	67.8%	69.6%		
EBIT	785	1,602	1,632	1,395	1,281	284	6,016	9,703	12,053	14,995	30.3%	35.6%
EBIT margin %	26.2%	40.3%	41.8%	38.0%	24.9%	4.2%	54.1%	61.2%	63.4%	65.5%		
SGF												
Other Income (including Extraordinary)	748	1,053	1,038	461	677	754	962	1,147	1,172	1,386	-1.8%	12.9%
PBT	1,533	2,653	2,667	1,853	1,955	1,035	6,973	10,845	13,221	16,377	21.3%	32.9%
Tax	75	289	415	406	416	189	1,394	2,234	2,715	3,362	37.0%	34.1%
PAT	1,462	2,365	2,252	1,434	1,490	831	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036	18.8%	32.5%
APAT	1,700	2,365	2,252	1,639	1,490	831	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036	18.8%	32.5%
Core PAT	747	1,428	1,377	1,089	1,008	232	4,813	7,704	9,579	11,917	27.5%	35.3%
Adjusted PAT for Tech cost	1,700	2,365	2,252	1,639	2,390	3,306	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036	18.8%	32.5%
EPS (INR)	33.4	46.5	44.3	32.2	29.3	16.3	109.8	169.3	206.4	255.6	18.8%	32.5%

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Change in estimate

INR mn	FY26E Old	FY26E Revised	Change %	FY27E Old	FY27E Revised	Change %	FY28E Old	FY28E Revised	Change %
Revenue	15,155	15,847	4.6	17,689	19,020	7.5	21,395	22,906	7.1
EBITDA	9,847	10,450	6.1	11,702	12,895	10.2	14,633	15,952	9.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	65.0	65.9	97bps	66.2	67.8	164bps	68.4	69.6	125bps
APAT	8,152	8,632	5.9	9,663	10,527	8.9	12,072	13,036	8.0
EPS (Rs)	159.9	169.3	5.9	189.5	206.4	8.9	236.7	255.6	8.0

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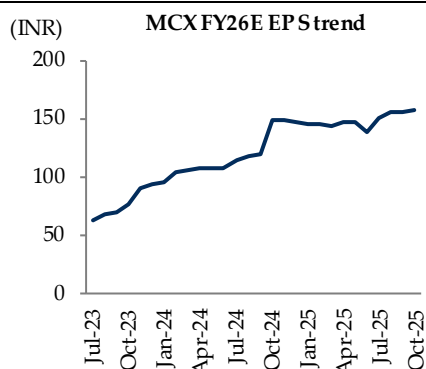
Peer valuation

Company	MCap (INR bn)	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	RECO	EPS (INR)				P/E (x)				ROE (%)				Rev CAGR% FY25-28E	EPS CAGR% FY25-28E
					FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
MCX	443	8,689	10,000	BUY	109.8	169.3	206.4	255.6	79.1	51.3	42.1	34.0	34.3	43.2	46.7	50.7	27.2%	32.5%
CDSL	335	1,605	1,535	ADD	25.2	26.2	32.4	39.0	63.7	61.3	49.5	41.2	32.7	29.3	32.1	33.8	12.1%	15.7%
BSE	970	2,385	2,500	ADD	32.7	49.5	58.5	69.1	72.9	48.2	40.8	34.5	34.3	41.2	37.0	36.5	22.5%	28.3%

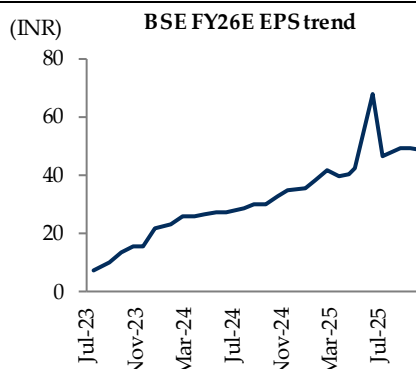
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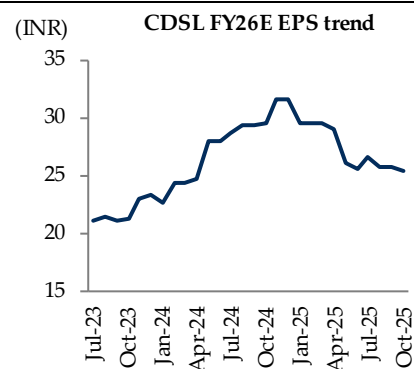
MCX FY26E EPS



BSE FY26E EPS



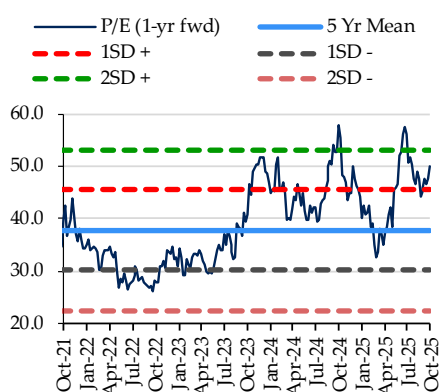
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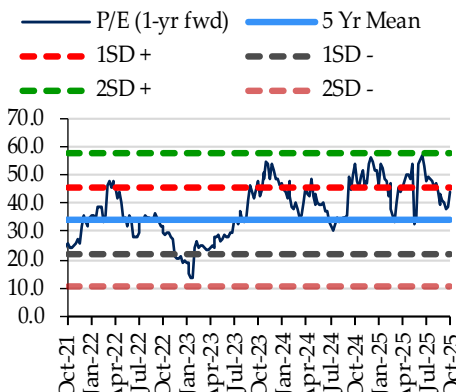
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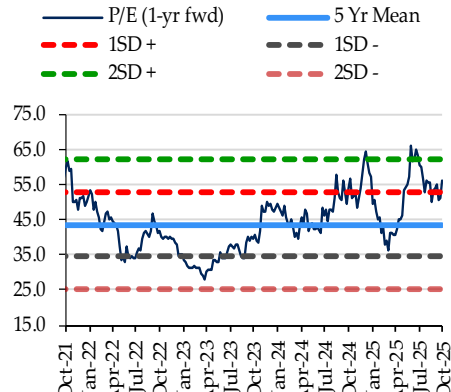
MCX P/E (1-yr fwd) trend



BSE P/E (1-yr fwd) trend



CDSL P/E (1-yr fwd) trend



Source: Bloomberg, HSIE research

Financials

Income Statement (Consolidated)

YE March (INR mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	3,978	3,906	3,668	5,135	6,836	11,127	15,847	19,020	22,906
<i>Growth (%)</i>	<i>32.6</i>	<i>(1.8)</i>	<i>(6.1)</i>	<i>40.0</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>62.8</i>	<i>42.4</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>20.4</i>
Software support charges	689	636	640	1,961	3,855	927	998	1,206	1,394
Employee Expenses	773	751	800	919	1,123	1,443	1,848	1,995	2,139
Product Licence & Tech Expenses	206	211	205	270	396	694	812	855	972
Other Operating Expenses including SGF	526	456	402	488	818	1,410	1,739	2,069	2,449
EBITDA	1,784	1,852	1,622	1,497	643	6,653	10,450	12,895	15,952
<i>EBITDA Margin (%)</i>	<i>44.8</i>	<i>47.4</i>	<i>44.2</i>	<i>29.1</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>59.8</i>	<i>65.9</i>	<i>67.8</i>	<i>69.6</i>
<i>EBITDA Growth (%)</i>	<i>89.9</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>(12.4)</i>	<i>(7.7)</i>	<i>(57.0)</i>	<i>934.5</i>	<i>57.1</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>23.7</i>
Depreciation	182	221	227	216	359	638	747	842	957
EBIT	1,602	1,632	1,395	1,281	284	6,016	9,703	12,053	14,995
Other Income (Including EO Items)	1,053	1,038	461	677	754	962	1,147	1,172	1,386
Interest	2	3	2	2	3	5	5	5	5
PBT	2,653	2,667	1,853	1,955	1,035	6,973	10,845	13,221	16,377
Tax (Incl Deferred)	289	415	406	416	189	1,394	2,234	2,715	3,362
Minority Interest & Associate profit	0.4	0.9	-12.7	-49.6	-15.2	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.9
RPAT	2,365	2,252	1,434	1,490	831	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036
EO (Loss) / Profit (Net Of Tax)	0	0	-204	0	0	0	0	0	0
APAT	2,365	2,252	1,639	1,490	831	5,600	8,632	10,527	13,036
<i>APAT Growth (%)</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>(4.8)</i>	<i>(27.2)</i>	<i>(9.1)</i>	<i>(44.2)</i>	<i>573.9</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>23.8</i>
Core PAT (ex-other income)	1,428	1,377	1,089	1,008	232	4,813	7,704	9,579	11,917
<i>Core PAT Growth (%)</i>	<i>91.2</i>	<i>(3.5)</i>	<i>(20.9)</i>	<i>(7.4)</i>	<i>(77.0)</i>	<i>1,974.2</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>24.4</i>
Adjusted EPS (INR)	46.5	44.3	32.2	29.3	16.3	109.8	169.3	206.4	255.6
<i>EPS Growth (%)</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>(4.8)</i>	<i>(27.3)</i>	<i>(9.1)</i>	<i>(44.3)</i>	<i>573.9</i>	<i>54.1</i>	<i>22.0</i>	<i>23.8</i>

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Balance Sheet (Consolidated)

YE March (INR mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Share Capital - Equity	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510
Reserves	13,084	13,672	13,671	14,283	13,275	18,334	20,643	23,466	26,989
Total Shareholders Funds	13,594	14,182	14,181	14,793	13,785	18,844	21,153	23,976	27,499
Settlement guarantee fund	4,098	4,692	5,256	5,898	7,806	9,301	10,445	11,833	13,525
Total Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Deferred Taxes (Net)	18	0	98	0	82	263	263	263	263
Long Term Provisions & Others	528	573	559	561	574	618	618	618	618
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	18,237	19,447	20,095	21,252	22,246	29,026	32,479	36,690	41,905
APPLICATION OF FUNDS									
Net Block	1,583	1,594	1,565	1,502	3,794	4,118	4,163	4,272	4,461
CWIP	237	263	948	1,685	159	183	183	183	183
Investments	123	124	124	383	371	602	602	602	602
LT Loans & Advances	708	667	631	660	986	173	182	191	200
Total Non-current Assets	2,651	2,649	3,268	4,230	5,310	5,076	5,130	5,248	5,446
Debtors	65	90	115	146	679	288	260	313	377
Other Current Assets	753	948	1,221	2,310	1,054	2,039	6,512	7,816	9,413
Cash & Equivalents	23,878	21,339	23,403	23,540	27,044	35,849	40,421	46,981	55,049
Total Current Assets	24,695	22,377	24,738	25,997	28,778	38,176	47,194	55,110	64,839
Trading margin from members	7,599	4,296	6,429	7,584	10,254	11,808	17,306	21,003	25,582
Other Current Liabilities & Provisions	1,510	1,282	1,482	1,392	1,588	2,418	2,538	2,665	2,799
Total Current Liabilities	9,109	5,578	7,911	8,976	11,841	14,225	19,845	23,668	28,381
Net Current Assets	15,586	16,799	16,827	17,021	16,936	23,950	27,349	31,442	36,459
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	18,237	19,447	20,095	21,252	22,247	29,026	32,479	36,690	41,905

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Cash Flow (Consolidated)

YE March (INR mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Reported PBT	2,653	2,667	1,853	1,955	1,035	6,973	10,845	13,221	16,377
Non-operating & EO items	(1,224)	(981)	(419)	(590)	(709)	(1,755)	(1,147)	(1,172)	(1,386)
Interest expenses	2	2	2	2	3	5	5	5	5
Depreciation	181	221	227	216	359	638	747	842	957
Working Capital Change	3,402	(3,274)	2,572	326	5,032	3,237	1,185	2,479	3,063
Tax Paid	(523)	(479)	(323)	(495)	(511)	(401)	(2,234)	(2,715)	(3,362)
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	4,492	(1,844)	3,913	1,414	5,209	8,696	9,401	12,660	15,654
Capex	(277)	(211)	(820)	(713)	(1,432)	(959)	(792)	(951)	(1,145)
Free cash flow (FCF)	4,215	(2,055)	3,093	702	3,777	7,737	8,608	11,709	14,508
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-operating Income	407	302	220	425	133	789	1,147	1,172	1,386
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	130	91	(600)	(287)	(1,300)	(170)	355	221	241
Debt Issuance/(Repaid)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Expenses	0	(0)	(1)	(5)	(0)	(3)	(5)	(5)	(5)
FCFE	4,215	(2,055)	3,092	696	3,776	7,734	8,604	11,705	14,504
Share Capital Issuance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend	(1,230)	(1,530)	(1,408)	(887)	(974)	(390)	(5,179)	(6,316)	(7,822)
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	(1,230)	(1,530)	(1,409)	(893)	(974)	(392)	(5,184)	(6,321)	(7,826)
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	3,392	(3,284)	1,904	234	2,935	8,133	4,572	6,561	8,068
EO Items, Others	3,243	744	160	(96)	569	671	0	0	0
Closing Cash & Equivalents	23,878	21,339	23,403	23,540	27,044	35,849	40,421	46,981	55,049

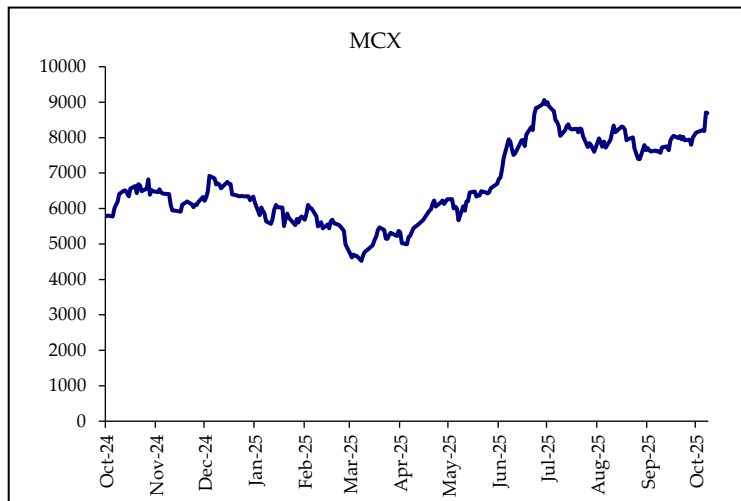
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Key Ratios

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PROFITABILITY (%)									
GPM	77.5	78.3	77.0	56.6	37.8	85.4	88.6	89.2	89.7
EBITDA Margin	44.8	47.4	44.2	29.1	9.4	59.8	65.9	67.8	69.6
APAT Margin	59.4	57.7	44.7	29.0	12.2	50.3	54.5	55.3	56.9
RoE	18.1	16.2	11.6	10.3	5.8	34.3	43.2	46.7	50.7
RoIC (or Core RoCE)	25.4	23.4	16.2	10.4	6.6	35.9	42.9	48.8	55.7
RoCE	13.7	12.0	8.3	7.2	3.8	21.9	28.1	28.4	33.2
EFFICIENCY									
Tax Rate (%)	10.9	15.6	21.9	21.3	18.2	20.0	20.6	20.5	20.5
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Debtors (days)	6	8	11	10	36	9	6	6	6
Other Current Assets (days)	69	89	121	164	56	67	150	150	150
Other Current Liab & Provsns (days)	388	359	434	187	114	291	261	236	212
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)	(313)	(262)	(301)	(12)	(22)	(215)	(105)	(80)	(56)
Debt/EBITDA (x)	(6)	(6)	(8)	(5)	(17)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Net D/E (x)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Interest Coverage (x)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
PER SHARE DATA (INR)									
EPS	46.5	44.3	32.2	29.3	16.3	109.8	169.3	206.4	255.6
CEPS	50.0	48.6	36.7	33.5	23.3	122.3	183.9	222.9	274.4
Dividend	24.2	30.1	27.7	17.4	19.1	7.6	101.6	123.9	153.4
Book Value	267.1	278.6	278.6	290.6	270.3	369.5	414.8	470.1	539.2
VALUATION									
P/E (x)	187.0	196.4	269.9	296.9	533.1	79.1	51.3	42.1	34.0
P/BV (x)	32.5	31.2	31.2	29.9	32.1	23.5	20.9	18.5	16.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	242.1	232.8	264.9	290.2	670.3	64.1	40.9	32.9	26.4
OCF/EV (%)	1.0	(0.4)	0.9	0.3	1.2	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.7
FCF/EV (%)	1.0	(0.5)	0.7	0.2	0.9	1.8	2.0	2.8	3.4
FCFE/Mkt Cap (%)	0.1	(0.0)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.2	1.4	1.8

Source: Company, HSIE Research

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