## **STOCK OF THE WEEK**



**ZOMATO LTD.** 

Buy at CMP: Rs 270 | Target: Rs 305 (13%) | SL: Rs 250

Sector

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Retailing

Zomato Limited is a leading food service platform offering food delivery, dining-out, and its B2B service Hyperpure. Its customer loyalty program, Zomato Pro, and all offerings enhance customer engagement, driving growth in the restaurant industry by improving food assortment, affordability, accessibility, and quality.

## **Investment Rationale**

- Focusing on steady growth, margin stability, and strategic expansion across food delivery and quick commerce: The management aims for 20%+ GOV growth in food delivery with stable margins (~3.5%) despite seasonality and higher marketing costs in Q2FY25. They are focusing on reducing delivery times and expanding restaurant availability, with the 10-minute delivery model still in the experimental phase. The quick commerce business is targeting a 4-5% long-term EBITDA margin, with short-term adj. EBITDA break-even. The QoQ 28bps decline in take rate is attributed to rapid store expansion, diluting short-term margins. New stores are breaking even at the contribution level. Expansion is focused on top eight cities before moving to smaller markets, with consistent AOV across major cities. Management is sticking to a marketplace model and does not plan loyalty programs or private labels in quick commerce.
- Blinkit drives strong growth with robust store expansion and improved AOV in Q2FY25: Blinkit is demonstrating robust growth, with a 20% QoQ increase in Q2FY25, driven by store expansion (152 net new stores) and a 122.2% YoY GOV increase to INR 61.3bn. New stores are reaching Rs 7 Lc GOV per day and achieving contribution break-even. Quick commerce's adjusted revenue rose 22.7% QoQ, reaching INR 11.6bn, while AOV improved 5.6% QoQ to INR 660. Despite a slight 20bps QoQ decline in contribution margin to 3.8%, the adjusted EBITDA margin remained stable. Blinkit's continued expansion and strong growth in GOV and AOV make it a promising investment opportunity.
- Zomato's strong GOV growth and Blinkit's promising 20%+ growth outlook make for a solid investment: Zomato's B2C business saw strong GOV growth of 14% QoQ and 55% YoY, reaching Rs 17,670 in Q2FY25, with a consistent 30% CAGR from FY20 to FY24. The company expects continued strong demand for food delivery in the top 10 cities. Blinkit is forecasted to achieve 20% growth over the next five years, driven by increasing demand, improved brand positioning, and superior execution, poised it well for feature growth.
- Outlook and Valuations: We model a Revenue/PAT CAGR of 20%/3% and estimate ZOMATO to clock PAT of Rs 822 Cr by FY27E. ZOMATO is trading at forward PE (x) of 289 and we value at 327(x) FY27E and Recommend BUY on ZOMATO with Target Price of Rs. 305 (15%).

Year	Revenue	EBITDA	PAT	PE Ratio (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)
FY24	15,855	1,110	742	321.1	163.8
FY25E	19,026	951	571	417.4	18.4
FY26E	22,831	1,142	685	347.8	15.4
FY27E	27,397	1,370	822	289.8	12.8

Source: Company Data, Ace Equity, GEPL Research

Script Details	
BSE Group	А
BSE Code	543320
NSE Code	ZOMATO
Bloomberg Code	ZOMATO IN
Market Cap (INR Cr.)	2,38,228
Free Float (%)	100.0%
52wk Low/High	298/113
Beta (1yr Nifty 50)	0.00
Face Value (INR)/ D. Yield (%)	1/0
Total paid Up Shares (Mn.)	8836.3

# Share Holding Pattern (%) Promoters Public Others 0.0% 100.0% -





# **TECHNICAL VIEW**

## Observation

- ZOMATO has exhibited a robust price structure across timeframes. Since January 2023, the stock has been in a clear uptrend, consistently forming higher bottoms. Notably, in June 2024, the stock experienced a change in polarity, where the prior resistance level from November 2021 transitioned into a support zone, signaling its readiness to move into new uncharted positive territory.
- In the most recent week, ZOMATO showcased a bullish mean reversion from its 20-week moving average, a level it has consistently respected since the onset of its uptrend. This reinforces the stock's ongoing bullish sentiment.
- From a momentum perspective, the RSI stands firmly above 60, further confirming bullish strength. On the weekly scale, the RSI also displayed a change in polarity, with the resistance level from November 2022 now acting as support, solidifying the bullish momentum.
- This confluence of a price pullback from key averages and polarity shifts on the RSI front underscores the positive sentiment surrounding the stock.



## Inference & Expectations

- Considering these factors, it can be inferred that ZOMATO stock is set to begin uptrend.
- Going ahead we expect the prices to move higher till 305 level.
- The stop loss must be at 250 level, strictly on the closing basis.

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