STOCK OF THE WEEK



L&T FINANCE LTD.

Sector

April 28, 2025

Buy at CMP: Rs 163 | Target: Rs 199 (22%) | SL: Rs 155

Finance

L&T Finance Limited is one of India's most valued and fastest-growing NBFCs. The company offers a diverse range of financial products and services in rural, housing and infrastructure finance sectors. It also offers Investment management services.

Investment Rationale

- Posted A Healthy Q4 FY2025 Financials Result: LTF posted healthy Q4 FY2025 financial results with PAT increasing to Rs. 636 crore compared to Rs. 554 crore in the previous year's quarter. The company's ROA and ROE improved by 3 bps and 60 bps on a YoY basis to 2.22%/10.13%. At the end of FY2025, the retail book grew by 19% YoY to Rs. 95,180 crore due to improved retailisation of the total lending book to 97%. The farmer finance disbursements in the quarter increased by 15%YOY at Rs.1,755 crores aided by a better than average monsoon and improving rural liquidity.
- Strengthening Asset Quality Through Secured Lending: LTF is rebalancing its portfolio toward secured lending, aiming for a 65:35 secured-to-unsecured mix. In two-wheeler finance, the share of prime customers rose from ~35% in Dec '23 to ~49% in Dec'24, while MFI exposure dropped ~150bps to ~28%. The new credit engine in two-wheeler and farm finance has reduced bounce rates, signalling better asset quality. A growing focus on prime customers in 2W and consumer segments should also help lower credit costs over time. While a shift to secured lending may slightly moderate NIMs (projected at ~9.8%/9.7% for FY26/FY27 vs. ~10% in FY25E), LTF is well-positioned to absorb this through better operating efficiency, lower collection costs, and reduced credit costs.
- Leveraging AI and Analytics to Drive Transformation: LTF is leveraging AI and data analytics to transform its credit and risk processes. Its key flagship initiatives—Project Cyclops (AI-based underwriting) and Nostradamus (predictive risk management)—are driving this shift. Cyclops has improved credit decisions in two-wheeler financing, reducing Net 0+ delinquencies by 120bps in four months. Now expanding to Farm Equipment Finance, Cyclops will soon tap satellite and weather data for agri-risk profiling, with broader rollout across personal and SME loans. The benefits from these initiatives should start reflecting from the second half of FY2026.
- Valuations: We model a Revenue/PAT CAGR of 10%/22% and estimate LTF to clock PAT of Rs 4,875 Cr by FY28E. LTF is trading at forward PE (x) of 8.9 and we value at 10.8 (x) FY28E and Recommend BUY on LTF with target Price of Rs. 199 (22%).

Financial Snapshot

| Year | Revenue | EBITDA | PAT | PE Ratio (x) |
|-------|---------|--------|-------|--------------|
| FY25 | 15,924 | 9,610 | 2,644 | 16.4 |
| FY26E | 17,517 | 10,510 | 4,029 | 10.7 |
| FY27E | 19,268 | 11,561 | 4,432 | 9.8 |
| FY28E | 21,195 | 12,717 | 4,875 | 8.9 |

Source: Company Data, Ace Equity, GEPL Research

| Script Details | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| BSE Group | A |
| BSE Code | 533519 |
| NSE Code | LTF |
| Bloomberg Code | LTF IN |
| Market Cap (INR Cr.) | 43,229 |
| Free Float (%) | 33.8% |
| 52wk Low/High | 194/129 |
| Beta (1yr Nifty 50) | 1.46 |
| Face Value (INR)/ D. Yield (%) | 10/1.6 |
| Total paid Up Shares (Mn.) | 2497.4 |

| Share Holding Pattern (%) | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Promoters | Public | Others | | | | |
| 66.2% | 33.8% | - | | | | |



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TECHNICAL VIEW

Observation

- LTF has exhibited robust price structure development after finding support at the 50% Fibonacci retracement level of 135.
- The stock spent 24 weeks in a congestion zone before breaking out last week. In the current week, LTF attracted follow-through buying and formed a strong bullish candlestick with its open equal to its low.
- Volume surged above the 12-week average, reinforcing the bullish outlook, while the RSI momentum indicator stands at 64, denoting accelerating momentum.



Source: Tradingview.in, GEPL Research

- Inference & Expectations
- Considering these factors, it can be inferred that LTF stock is set to continue uptrend.
- Going ahead we expect the prices to move higher till 199 level.
- The stop loss must be at 155 level, strictly on the closing basis.



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