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Q3FY25 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	irrent	Pro	evious
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Rating	ACCU	IMULATE	ACCL	JMULATE
Target Price	1,	,827	1	,783
Sales (Rs. m)	20,01,130	21,88,954	19,61,539	21,45,728
% Chng.	2.0	2.0		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	10,60,599	11,60,146	10,39,616	11,37,236
% Chng.	2.0	2.0		
EPS (Rs.)	48.8	57.6	47.8	56.5
% Chng.	2.1	1.9		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales (Rs. bn)	1,500	1,715	2,001	2,189
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	783	906	1,061	1,160
Margin (%)	52.2	52.8	53.0	53.0
PAT (Rs. bn)	135	181	277	327
EPS (Rs.)	23.7	31.9	48.8	57.6
Gr. (%)	60.5	34.6	52.9	17.9
DPS (Rs.)	8.0	9.0	12.0	12.0
Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
RoE (%)	16.9	19.7	23.8	22.3
RoCE (%)	12.9	14.2	16.1	16.6
EV/Sales (x)	7.7	6.5	5.5	4.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.7	12.2	10.4	9.3
PE (x)	70.7	52.5	34.3	29.1
P/BV (x)	11.6	9.3	7.3	5.8

Key Data	BRTI.BO BHARTI IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.1,779 / Rs.1,098
Sensex / Nifty	77,860 / 23,560
Market Cap	Rs.10,039bn/ \$ 1,14,830m
Shares Outstanding	5,696m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.9183.19m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	53.17
Foreign	24.62
Domestic Institution	19.13
Public & Others	3.08
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.4	16.3	47.8
Relative	5.9	18.7	37.0

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Bharti Airtel (BHARTI IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs1,677 | TP: Rs1,827

Tariff hike drives earnings

Quick Pointers:

- ARPU came in at Rs245; net subscriber addition stood at 4.95mn in Q3.
- Consol capex incurred in Q3 was Rs91.6bn and capex incurred in India was Rs79.8bn

Bharti reported consol EBITDA of Rs245.9bn (up 12.6%QoQ; PLe: Rs230.6bn, BBGe: Rs237.4bn). Adj PAT came in at Rs72.3bn (up 62.7%QoQ; PLe: Rs48.6bn, BBGe: Rs50.2bn). There was an exceptional gain of Rs75.5bn primarily due to consolidation of Indus Towers and lower tax rate due to recognition of deferred tax asset on unrecognized losses. India mobile revenues were up 5.8%QoQ with a stable EBITDA margin of 59.8%. ARPU improved QoQ to Rs245 with a net subscriber addition of 4.95mn in Q3. Enterprise revenue remained flat QoQ, with 1.8% de-growth in EBITDA. Home services (fixed line + broadband) had an ARPU decline of 2.1%. DTH ARPU grew marginall QoQ. Africa mobile Revenue grew 4.4% QoQ. We remain optimistic on the India business and continue to maintain 'Accumulate' rating with a TP of Rs1,827 based on 14x FY27 EV/EBITDA for India mobile business, Enterprise segment at 7x FY27 EV/EBITDA, 3x FY27 EV/EBITDA for DTH, 3x FY27 EV/EBITDA for Home Services, and adding the value of its investments in Airtel Africa, Indus Towers and Bharti Hexacom

ARPU rises 5.3% QoQ: India mobile Q3 revenue/EBITDA was Rs262.6bn (+5.8%QoQ) and Rs154.5bn (+9.1%QoQ). ARPU rose to Rs245 (+5.3% QoQ, +18%YoY) on the back of tariff hike undertaken by the company. Net subscriber addition stood at 4.9mn (against loss of 2.9mn inQ2). Q3 4G net customer addition continue to remain impressive at 6.5mn. Monthly churn fell to 2.5% (vs 3.2% in Q2). We expect moderate growth in ARPU on the back of tariff hikes undertaken by the company. We estimate FY25/26/27E subscribers at 359/375/391mn each along with ARPU of Rs237/265/272.

Enterprise reports muted performance: In Q3 <u>enterprise segment</u>'s revenue came in flat QoQ to Rs56.5bn while EBITDA fell 1.8% QoQ to Rs19.8bn. Margins contracted 50bps to 35.2%. DTH revenue came in flat QoQ to Rs7.6bn, while EBITDA at Rs4.4bn was up 4.3% QoQ. ARPU rose marginally to Rs160(up 1.1% QoQ) with net addition of 29k subscribers (against loss of 0.5mn in Q2). <u>Home services</u> revenue grew steadily by 5.4% QoQ to Rs15bn with an EBITDA of Rs7.4bn (+3.6% QoQ) and margin of 49.5%. Q3 ARPU fell to Rs554(down 2.1% QoQ). Net additions came in at 0.7mn (up 15.5% QoQ)

Improvement in Africa performance: Q3 Africa revenues were at US\$1.3bn (up 4.4%QoQ) and EBITDA came in at \$0.6bn(up 5.7% QoQ). Subscriber addition improved by 6.4mn (Q2:1.2mn), ARPU grew to \$2.4 (Q2: \$2.3). Monthly churn came in at 3.8% (Q2: 4.7%).

Concall highlights: 1) Bharti has paid Rs36.2bn to the Department of Telecommunications, and fully pre-paid all deferred liabilities pertaining to spectrum acquired in the 2016 auction. 2) Focus to convert potential 80mn customers to postpaid services. 3) The company will transfer 16,100 telecom towers to Indus Towers. 4) Consol capex for Q3 was Rs91bn and is expected to moderate in FY26

Exhibit 1: Valuation Table

Segment	Stake	EV/E (x)		Remarks
India mobile business	100%	14.0	9,913	15x FY27E EV/EBITDA
Airtel Africa	56%		238	25% holding discount
Enterprise segment	100%	7.0	743	7x FY27 EV/EBITDA
Stake in Indus tower	50%		367	25% holding discount
Stake in Bharti Hexacom	70%		387	25% holding discount
DTH	100%	3.0	64	3x FY27 EV/EBITDA
Home services	100%	3.0	171	3x FY27 EV/EBITDA
EV			11,884	
Net Debt			1,513	
Equity value (Rs bn)			10,371	
Equity value/share			1,827	

Source: PL

Exhibit 2: Quarterly and 9MFY25 Financials (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY gr.	Q2FY25	QoQ gr.	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY gr.
Revenue	451,293	378,995	19.1%	414,733	8.8%	1,251,090	1,123,833	11.3%
Operating Expenses								
Cost of services (Excl D&A)	157,683	137,929	14.3%	147,950	6.6%	447,615	409,729	9.2%
Access charges	19,636	18,568	5.8%	18,211	7.8%	56,931	56,684	0.4%
License fees, revenue share & spectrum charges	35,698	30,205	18.2%	34,658	3.0%	101,920	89,251	14.2%
Network operations costs	86,267	75,926	13.6%	80,115	7.7%	243,988	224,202	8.8%
Employee costs	16,082	13,230	21.6%	14,966	7.5%	44,776	39,592	13.1%
SG&A	29,261	20,473	42.9%	28,824	1.5%	85,242	60,659	40.5%
Other Expenses	18,383	22,445	-18.1%	19,497	-5.7%	56,729	64,175	-11.6%
Total Operating Expense	205,327	180,847	13.5%	196,271	4.6%	589,586	534,563	10.3%
EBITDA	245,966	198,148	24.1%	218,462	12.6%	661,504	589,270	12.3%
Depreciation and amortization	117,042	100,743	16.2%	110,000	6.4%	332,443	294,624	12.8%
Interest	56,755	66,449	-14.6%	54,237	4.6%	162,516	174,444	-6.8%
Other income	4,697	4,398	6.8%	2,547	84.4%	10,879	11,185	-2.7%
Exceptional Gain	75,456	-1,302	NA	-8,537	NA	74,269	-51,168	NA
PBT	152,322	34,052	347.3%	48,235	215.8%	251,693	80,219	213.8%
Tax	7,573	12,320	-38.5%	17,440	-56.6%	38,091	34,113	11.7%
Minority Interest	13,534	4,342	211.7%	5,602	141.6%	24,712	10,944	125.8%
Share of profits in associates / joint ventures	16,597	7,032	136.0%	10,739	54.5%	36,453	18,791	94.0%
PAT	147,812	24,422	505.2%	35,932	311.4%	225,343	53,953	317.7%
Adj PAT	72,356	25,724	181.3%	44,469	62.7%	151,074	89,419	69.0%

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Quarterly Segment wise performance

Y/e March (Rs m)	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25
India operations					
Revenues	278,107	285,128	290,461	315,607	364,024
QoQ growth	3.0%	2.5%	1.9%	8.7%	15.3%
EBITDA	145,609	148,876	155,506	172,787	208,428
QoQ growth	3.0%	2.2%	4.5%	11.1%	5.0%
Margin (%)	52.4%	52.2%	53.5%	54.7%	57.3%
Africa operations					
Revenues (Rsmn)	102,972	92,933	96,369	101,631	107,032
QoQ growth	0.2%	-9.8%	3.7%	5.5%	5.3%
EBITDA (Rs mn)	50,541	43,887	44,171	45,809	49,713
QoQ growth	0.6%	-13.2%	-15.3%	3.7%	8.5%
Margin (%)	49.1%	47.2%	45.8%	45.1%	47.0%
India Wireless					
Revenue	216,386	220,657	225,274	248,371	262,687
QoQ growth	3.3%	2.0%	2.1%	10.3%	5.8%
EBITDA	119,240	121,607	125,274	141,710	154,568
QoQ growth	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%	13.1%	9.1%
Margin (%)	55.1%	55.1%	55.6%	57.1%	58.8%
Subscribers EoP (m)	346	352	355	352	357
ARPU	208	209	211	233	245
QoQ growth	2.5%	0.5%	0.8%	10.6%	5.3%
Homes					
Revenues	12,718	13,155	13,670	14,321	15,092
QoQ growth	4.2%	3.4%	3.9%	4.8%	5.4%
EBITDA	6,384	6,566	6,867	7,203	7,465
QoQ growth	5.1%	2.9%	4.6%	4.9%	3.6%
Margin (%)	50.2%	49.9%	50.2%	50.3%	49.5%
Enterprise Business					
Revenues	51,948	54,616	54,765	56,555	56,460
QoQ growth	1.7%	5.1%	0.3%	3.3%	-0.2%
EBITDA	20,625	20,830	19,855	20,208	19,846
QoQ growth	0.2%	1.0%	-4.7%	1.8%	-1.8%
Margin (%)	39.7%	38.1%	36.3%	35.7%	35.2%
DTH					
Revenues	7,837	7,693	7,771	7,586	7,607
EBITDA	4,285	4,391	4,402	4,243	4,425
Margin (%)	39.7%	38.1%	36.3%	35.7%	35.2%
DTH subs (m)	16.1	16.1	16.3	15.8	15.8
DTH ARPU (Rs)	163	160	159	158	160

Source: Company, PL



Financials

Income Statement ((Rs m)
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Income Statement (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	14,99,824	17,14,590	20,01,130	21,88,954
YoY gr. (%)	7.8	14.3	16.7	9.4
Cost of Goods Sold	-	-	-	-
Gross Profit	14,99,824	17,14,590	20,01,130	21,88,954
Margin (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employee Cost	53,231	60,999	56,032	61,291
Other Expenses	86,618	78,050	80,045	87,558
EBITDA	7,82,918	9,05,768	10,60,599	11,60,146
YoY gr. (%)	9.8	15.7	17.1	9.4
Margin (%)	52.2	52.8	53.0	53.0
Depreciation and Amortization	3,95,376	4,48,442	4,77,575	4,98,022
EBIT	3,87,542	4,57,326	5,83,024	6,62,124
Margin (%)	25.8	26.7	29.1	30.2
Net Interest	2,26,477	2,21,947	2,41,923	2,54,019
Other Income	14,354	12,971	11,408	11,754
Profit Before Tax	1,26,790	2,48,349	3,52,510	4,19,859
Margin (%)	8.5	14.5	17.6	19.2
Total Tax	41,210	90,750	98,274	1,15,226
Effective tax rate (%)	32.5	36.5	27.9	27.4
Profit after tax	85,580	1,57,599	2,54,236	3,04,633
Minority interest	10,910	14,183	14,892	15,637
Share Profit from Associate	27,094	37,932	37,932	37,932
Adjusted PAT	1,34,690	1,81,347	2,77,275	3,26,928
YoY gr. (%)	61.4	34.6	52.9	17.9
Margin (%)	9.0	10.6	13.9	14.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	74,269	-	-
Reported PAT	74,669	2,55,616	2,77,275	3,26,928
YoY gr. (%)	(10.5)	242.3	8.5	17.9
Margin (%)	5.0	14.9	13.9	14.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	74,669	2,55,616	2,77,275	3,26,928
Equity Shares O/s (m)	5,679	5,679	5,679	5,679
EPS (Rs)	23.7	31.9	48.8	57.6

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	26,74,492	27,54,727	28,92,463	30,37,086
Tangibles	26,74,492	27,54,727	28,92,463	30,37,086
Intangibles	-	-	-	
Acc: Dep / Amortization	16,08,371	17,64,844	18,30,860	19,07,580
Tangibles	16,08,371	17,64,844	18,30,860	19,07,580
Intangibles	-	-	-	
Net fixed assets	10,66,121	9,89,883	10,61,603	11,29,50
Tangibles	10,66,121	9,89,883	10,61,603	11,29,50
Intangibles	-	-	-	
Capital Work In Progress	6,48,444	6,68,877	7,90,747	8,28,25
Goodwill	14,07,543	13,61,464	14,38,216	15,20,340
Non-Current Investments	4,22,791	3,95,986	4,94,784	4,75,17
Net Deferred tax assets	(25,118)	(25,118)	(27,630)	(30,393
Other Non-Current Assets	3,22,077	3,22,077	3,22,077	3,22,07
Current Assets				
Investments	2,695	2,965	2,965	2,96
Inventories	3,639	3,639	3,639	3,63
Trade receivables	47,277	47,277	47,277	47,27
Cash & Bank Balance	1,63,399	8,96,428	9,75,968	12,94,46
Other Current Assets	1,28,346	1,41,181	1,55,299	1,70,82
Total Assets	44,56,695	50,98,576	55,88,253	61,19,78
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	28,766	28,766	28,766	28,76
Other Equity	7,91,422	9,95,924	12,73,199	16,00,12
Total Networth	8,20,188	10,24,690	13,01,965	16,28,89
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	18,48,897	21,88,850	22,26,828	22,68,60
Provisions	5,443	5,987	6,586	7,24
Other non current liabilities	1,470	1,617	1,779	1,95
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	3,07,026	2,51,225	2,60,974	2,71,69
Trade payables	3,51,325	4,03,486	4,69,834	5,14,52
Other current liabilities	7,30,038	7,88,407	8,52,613	9,23,23
Total Equity & Liabilities	44 70 012	50 98 576	55,88,253	61 10 70

Source: Company Data, PL Research



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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	1,26,790	3,60,550	3,90,441	4,57,790
Add. Depreciation	3,95,376	4,48,442	4,77,575	4,98,022
Add. Interest	2,26,477	2,21,947	2,41,923	2,54,019
Less Financial Other Income	14,354	12,971	11,408	11,754
Add. Other	75,723	(74,269)	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	8,24,366	9,56,670	11,09,939	12,09,831
Net Changes-WC	(1,20,501)	6,53,448	1,37,216	1,22,644
Direct tax	(41,210)	(90,750)	(98,274)	(1,15,226)
Net cash from Op. activities	6,62,655	15,19,367	11,48,881	12,17,249
Capital expenditures	(3,59,822)	(3,16,712)	(8,43,367)	(6,62,273)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	(2,950)	(3,042)	(3,346)	(3,681)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(3,62,772)	(3,19,754)	(8,46,714)	(6,65,954)
Issue of share cap. / premium	(1,24,671)	74,269	68,153	68,153
Debt changes	(1,36,283)	2,84,152	(15,949)	(17,544)
Dividend paid	(45,435)	(51,115)	(68,153)	(68,153)
Interest paid	(2,26,477)	(2,21,947)	(2,41,923)	(2,54,019)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(5,32,867)	85,359	(2,57,872)	(2,71,563)
Net change in cash	(2,32,984)	12,84,972	44,296	2,79,732
Free Cash Flow	1,74,615	11,93,855	5,52,896	6,98,014

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
Net Revenue	3,75,991	3,85,064	4,14,733	4,51,293
YoY gr. (%)	4.4	2.8	12.0	19.1
Raw Material Expenses	-	-	-	
Gross Profit	3,75,991	3,85,064	4,14,733	4,51,293
Margin (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EBITDA	1,93,648	1,97,076	2,18,462	2,45,966
YoY gr. (%)	3.6	0.6	12.0	24.
Margin (%)	51.5	51.2	52.7	54.5
Depreciation / Depletion	1,00,752	1,05,401	1,10,000	1,17,042
EBIT	92,896	91,675	1,08,462	1,28,924
Margin (%)	24.7	23.8	26.2	28.6
Net Interest	52,033	51,524	54,237	56,755
Other Income	3,169	3,635	2,547	4,697
Profit before Tax	19,477	51,136	48,235	1,52,322
Margin (%)	5.2	13.3	11.6	33.8
Total Tax	7,098	13,078	17,440	7,573
Effective tax rate (%)	36.4	25.6	36.2	5.0
Profit after Tax	12,379	38,058	30,795	1,44,749
Minority interest	(34)	5,576	5,602	13,534
Share Profit from Associates	8,303	9,117	10,739	16,597
Adjusted PAT	45,271	34,249	44,469	72,356
YoY gr. (%)	50.6	(31.9)	231.7	181.3
Margin (%)	12.0	8.9	10.7	16.0
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(24,555)	7,350	(8,537)	75,456
Reported PAT	20,716	41,599	35,932	1,47,812
YoY gr. (%)	(31.1)	158.0	168.0	505.2
Margin (%)	5.5	10.8	8.7	32.8
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	
Total Comprehensive Income	20,716	41,599	35,932	1,47,812
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	5,753	5,753	5,753	5,753
EPS (Rs)	7.9	6.0	7.7	12.6

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	23.7	31.9	48.8	57.6
CEPS	93.3	110.9	132.9	145.3
BVPS	144.4	180.4	229.2	286.8
FCF	30.7	210.2	97.4	122.9
DPS	8.0	9.0	12.0	12.0
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	12.9	14.2	16.1	16.6
ROIC	9.0	10.9	12.6	13.7
RoE	16.9	19.7	23.8	22.3
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	2.4	1.5	1.2	0.8
Net Working Capital (Days)	(137)	(136)	(134)	(136)
Valuation(x)				
PER	70.7	52.5	34.3	29.1
P/B	11.6	9.3	7.3	5.8
P/CEPS	18.0	15.1	12.6	11.5
EV/EBITDA	14.7	12.2	10.4	9.3
EV/Sales	7.7	6.5	5.5	4.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Subcribers (mn)	352	359	375	391
ARPU (Rs/mon)	209	237	265	272

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Aarti Industries	Reduce	411	453
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	Hold	286	271
3	Bharti Airtel	Accumulate	1,783	1,599
4	Clean Science and Technology	Hold	1,329	1,385
5	Deepak Nitrite	Reduce	2,295	2,460
6	Fine Organic Industries	BUY	5,199	4,350
7	GAIL (India)	Accumulate	204	180
8	Gujarat Fluorochemicals	Reduce	3,190	3,537
9	Gujarat Gas	Sell	362	508
10	Gujarat State Petronet	Hold	351	359
11	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	Hold	373	353
12	Indian Oil Corporation	Hold	124	123
13	Indraprastha Gas	Sell	150	192
14	Jubilant Ingrevia	Hold	680	660
15	Laxmi Organic Industries	Hold	237	226
16	Mahanagar Gas	Accumulate	1,412	1,267
17	Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals	Accumulate	168	145
18	Navin Fluorine International	Accumulate	4,373	3,908
19	NOCIL	Reduce	226	247
20	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation	BUY	288	249
21	Oil India	BUY	714	465
22	Petronet LNG	Reduce	276	291
23	Reliance Industries	Accumulate	1,472	1,266
24	SRF	Hold	2,698	2,831
25	Vinati Organics	Accumulate	1,934	1,749

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 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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