RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

Rating	BUY
Sector relative	Outperformer
Price (INR)	963
12 month price target (INR)	1,545
52 Week High/Low	1,748/826
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	95/1.1
Free float (%)	81.2
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	476.0

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Mar-25	Dec-24	Sep-24
Promoter	27.53%	27.49%	27.49%
FII	20.39%	19.21%	20.69%
DII	36.30%	40.03%	39.85%
Pledge	10.71%	5.93%	5.93%

FINANCIALS (INR mn) Year to March FY26E FY24A FY25A FY27E Revenue 61,071 57.799 66,389 77.732 **EBITDA** 18.101 15.416 19.992 23.436 Adjusted profit (320)(2,796)4.769 7.508 Diluted EPS (INR) 76.5 (3.3)(28.5)48.6 EPS growth (%) (93.7) 772.9 57.5 nm RoAE (%) (0.4)(3.9)6.5 9.5 19.9 12.6 P/E (x) nm nm EV/EBITDA (x) 14.0 16.0 Dividend yield (%) 0

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised estimates		% Revi	sion
Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	66,289	77,732	-5.3%	-3.6%
EBITDA	19,992	23,436	-4.0%	-2.6%
Adjusted profit	4,769	7,508	-4.8%	-5.0%
Diluted EPS (INR)	48.6	76.5	-5.0%	-5.2%

PRICE PERFORMANCE



More visibility in Regional and Hollywood

PVR INOX posted Q4FY25 revenue (flat YoY) and EBITDA (up 1.7% YoY), slightly above our estimates and reported a loss of INR1.3bn. Box office revenue inched up 3.5% YoY. F&B/ad revenue dipped 7.8%/7.9% YoY. ATP/SPH came in at INR258 (up 10.5% YoY)/INR125 (down 3.5% YoY) with footfall at 30.5mn (down 6.3% YoY). EBITDA margin at 22.7% was flat YoY. In Q4FY25, the company reduced net debt by ~INR1.7bn.

Factoring in the continued soft performance, we are cutting FY26E/27E EBITDA by 4%/2.6% and target EV/EBITDA multiple to 10x (earlier 11x), yielding a revised target price of INR1,545 (earlier INR1,765); maintain 'BUY'. The Regional and Hollywood content pipeline in Q1FY26 is robust.

Weak occupancy levels

What we like: ATP at INR258 was up 10.5% YoY. Gross debt fell to INR14.9bn versus INR16.6bn in Q3. Income from film distribution surged ~40% to INR548mn in Q4FY25 from INR397mn in Q3FY24 for distributing Skyforce. Regional box office clocked a 7% YoY rise. Re-releases contributed to 7.1mn footfalls for FY25 (5% of overall). Exit of underperforming screens saved INR80mn in EBITDA losses.

What we do not like: Footfalls at 30.5mn were down 6.3% YoY. SPH at INR125 was down 3.5% YoY. After posting its highest ever ad revenue in Q3, the company clocked a 7.9% fall YoY in Q4. Occupancy levels were 20.5% (22.6% in Q4FY24). Movie exhibition cost sharply increased 25.8% YoY.

Pipeline: In Q1FY26E, key Bollywood films slated for release are Housefull 5 and Sitare Zameeen Par. Hollywood releases include Mission Impossible—The Final Reckoning, Formula One and Final Destination: Bloodlines. Regional releases include Thug Life and Kuberaa.

Q4FY25 conference call highlights

PVR INOX expects to open 100-110 new screens in FY26 out of which majority will be under the capital light model. With the new screen additions, the company expects minimal impact on overall margins, but a significantly positive impact on overall cash flow in the near term. With a strong content pipeline in both Hollywood and Bollywood, it expects a strong comeback in FY26. Going forward, the company expects film hire cost to be in the range of 44.5-46%. Capex guidance for FY26 is ~4.25bn out of which INR2.5–3bn is on new projects and remainder on maintenance. Exiting underperforming screens saved the company over INR80mn in EBITDA losses. It opened three cinemas with 20 screens under the capital light model in Apr-25.

Financials

Year to March	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	% Change	Q3FY25	% Change
Net Revenue	12,498	12,564	(0.5)	17,173	(27.2)
EBITDA	2,831	2,784	1.7	5,277	(46.4)
Adjusted Profit	(1,250)	(1,295)	NM	360	NM
Diluted EPS (INR)	(12.8)	(13.2)	NM	3.7	NM

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Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total operating income	61,071	57,799	66,389	77,732
Gross profit	41,964	41,345	46,481	54,296
Employee costs	6,573	6,860	7,502	8,706
Other expenses	17,290	19,069	18,987	22,154
EBITDA	18,101	15,416	19,992	23,436
Depreciation	12,193	12,798	9,375	9,595
Less: Interest expense	7,913	8,095	5,987	5,500
Add: Other income	1,566	1,737	1,737	1,737
Profit before tax	(439)	(3,740)	6,367	10,078
Prov for tax	(112)	(934)	1,598	2,570
Less: Other adj	0	(3)	0	0
Reported profit	(320)	(2,796)	4,769	7,508
Less: Excp.item (net)	0	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	(320)	(2,796)	4,769	7,508
Diluted shares o/s	98	98	98	98
Adjusted diluted EPS	(3.3)	(28.5)	48.6	76.5
DPS (INR)	0	0	0	0
Tax rate (%)	25.5	25.0	25.1	25.5

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	
Share capital	981	982	982	982	
Reserves	72,254	69,533	74,302	81,810	
Shareholders funds	73,235	70,515	75,284	82,792	
Minority interest	(3)	19	19	19	
Borrowings	78,172	72,823	67,424	61,541	
Trade payables	16,341	18,886	18,544	18,352	
Other liabs & prov	459	381	381	381	
Total liabilities	1,68,204	1,62,624	1,61,652	1,63,085	
Net block	85,973	80,375	76,000	71,205	
Intangible assets	58,808	58,687	58,687	58,687	
Capital WIP	2,464	957	957	957	
Total fixed assets	1,47,245	1,40,019	1,35,644	1,30,849	
Non current inv	0	0	0	0	
Cash/cash equivalent	4,038	5,289	8,214	13,140	
Sundry debtors	2,346	2,430	2,728	3,407	
Loans & advances	20	15	15	15	
Other assets	8,443	8,970	9,150	9,773	
Total assets	1,68,204	1,62,624	1,61,652	1,63,085	

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Average Ticket Price	259.0	259.0	273.2	293.5
Spend Per Head (SPH)	132.0	134.0	140.7	152.0
Footfall growth (%)	59.2	(9.6)	10.3	9.6
EBITDA margin (%)	29.6	26.7	30.1	30.2
Net profit margin (%)	(0.5)	(4.8)	7.2	9.7
Revenue growth (% YoY)	62.8	(5.4)	14.9	17.1
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	72.8	(14.8)	29.7	17.2
Adj. profit growth (%)	(90.1)	773.8	nm	57.5

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Reported profit	(320)	(2,796)	4,769	7,508
Add: Depreciation	12,193	12,798	9,375	9,595
Interest (net of tax)	7,913	8,095	5,987	5,500
Others	(1,212)	(2,267)	(1,737)	(1,737)
Less: Changes in WC	1,216	3,838	(3,219)	(4,378)
Operating cash flow	19,790	19,668	15,175	16,489
Less: Capex	6,269	3,243	5,000	4,800
Free cash flow	13,521	16,425	10,175	11,689

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
GDP (YoY %)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Repo rate (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
USD/INR (average)	72.0	72.0	72.0	72.0
Screen addition	130.0	5.0	100.0	150.0
Exhibition cost (%)	23.1	20.4	22.0	22.1
F&B COGS (% of sales)	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.1
Debtors days	14.0	15.3	15.0	16.0
Inventory days	13.8	17.8	18.0	25.0
Payable days	124.4	166.9	150.0	140.0

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
RoE (%)	(0.4)	(3.9)	6.5	9.5
RoCE (%)	5.0	3.0	8.6	10.9
Inventory days	14	18	18	25
Receivable days	14	15	15	16
Payable days	124	167	150	140
Working cap (% sales)	(11.2)	(14.6)	(7.1)	2.2
Gross debt/equity (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7
Net debt/equity (x)	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.6
Interest coverage (x)	0.7	0.3	1.8	2.5

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Diluted P/E (x)	nm	nm	19.9	12.6
Price/BV (x)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.0	16.0	11.9	9.7
Dividend yield (%)	0	0	0	0

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Valuation Drivers

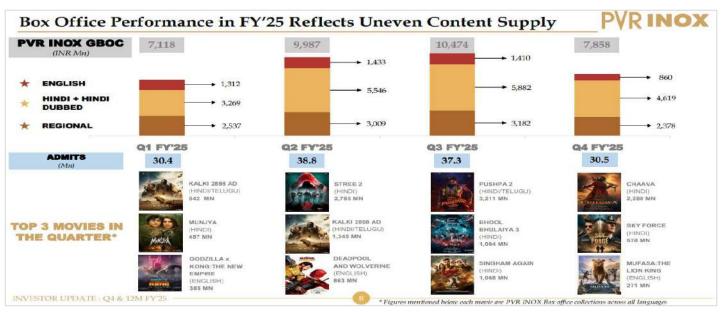
Year to March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
EPS growth (%)	(93.7)	772.9	nm	57.5
RoE (%)	(0.4)	(3.9)	6.5	9.5
EBITDA growth (%)	72.8	(14.8)	29.7	17.2
Payout ratio (%)	nm	nm	0	0

Exhibit 1: Trends at a glance

Particulars	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25
Net revenue (INR mn)	9,407	11,432	13,049	19,999	15,459	12,564	11,907	16,221	17,173	12,498
EBITDA (INR mn)	2,888	2,639	3,525	7,068	4,724	2,784	2,515	4,793	5,277	2,831
PAT (INR mn)	161	(3,334)	(816)	1,663	128	(1,295)	(1,787)	(118)	360	(1,250)
ATP (INR)	244	239	246	276	271	233	235	257	281	258
Net box office (INR mn)	4,355	6,016	6,945	11,193	8,308	6,353	5,935	8,376	8,791	6,447
Ad revenues (INR mn)	792	907	893	1,176	1,405	1,045	934	1,093	1,486	962
F&B revenue (INR mn)	2,884	3,520	4,277	6,412	4,763	4,132	4,018	5,232	5,209	3,811
Footfalls (mn)	21.8	30.5	33.9	48.4	36.5	32.6	30.4	38.8	37.3	30.5
No. of screens	903	1,689	1,707	1,702	1,708	1,748	1,754	1,747	1,728	1,743
SPH (INR)	133	119	130	136	132	129	134	136	140	125
Occupancy	26	22	22	32	25	23	20	26	26	21
Regional distribution of screens										
North	282	449	456	458	463	459	459	459	462	473
East	51	126	131	134	138	139	139	139	136	136
West	247	292	352	342	345	367	372	369	365	365
South	323	523	542	546	549	572	579	573	573	568
Central*		299	226	222	217	211	205	207	192	201
Total screens	903	1,689	1,707	1,702	1,708	1,748	1,754	1,747	1,728	1,743

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Overall box office performance



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: Expense analysis

PVRINOX Expense Analysis - Consolidated Particulars (INR Mn) Q4, FY'25 Q4, FY'24 12M, FY'25 12M, FY'24 Weighted Average Screens (1) 1,688 1,674 0.8% 1,701 1,668 YoY Change (%) (A / B-1) YoY Change (%) (A / B-1) Reported Reported Reported Reported Variable Cost (B) (A) (B) (A) FHC (%) 42.6% 44.4% -188 bps 44.6% 46.0% -137 bps COGS (%) 25.1% 27.4% -237 bps 24.9% 25.2% -27 bps **Fixed Cost** 2,993 2.8% 3.8% 3,076 12,378 11,928 Rent 3,296 CAM 8.5% 10.2% 903 832 3,632 Personnel 1,704 1,706 -0.1% 6,860 6,573 4.4% Electricity & Water / Utilities 836 758 10.3% 3,949 3,853 2.5% Other Expenses ex Movie Dist., Print 2,017 -1.9% 7,310 2.4% 1,978 7,489 Total Fixed Expenses ex Movie Dist. 8,497 8,306 2.3% 34,308 32,960 4.1% Movie Dist., Print charges (2) 584 646 -9.6% 3,281 1.883 74.2% Total Fixed Expenses incl. Movie Dist. 9.081 8,952 1.4% 37,589 34.843 7.9% Consolidated Financials (1) Weighted average screens has been calculated basis the actual no. of days of operations of each cinema during the period, excluding 42 management screens across 12 cinemas (2) Expenses relating to Distribution of movies

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Q4FY25 conference call takeaways

Outlook

- The company expects to open 100–110 new screens in FY26 out of which majority will be under the capital light model.
- With the new screens additions, PVR INOX expects a minimal impact on overall margins, but anticipates a significantly positive impact on overall cash flow in the near term.
- Given a strong content pipeline in both Hollywood and Bollywood, it expects a strong comeback in FY26.
- An asset-light model would reduce capex leading to higher cash flows, which shall be used in debt reduction.
- Going forward, the company expects film hire cost to be in the range of 44.5%—
 46%.
- Capex guidance for FY26 is at ~4.25bn out of which INR2.5–3bn would be spent on new projects and the rest on maintenance capex.

Key highlights

- Admits at 30.5mn are down 6.3% YoY.
- ATP at INR258 is up 10.5% YoY.
- SPH at INR125 is down 3.5% YoY.
- Overall occupancy stayed at 20.5% during Q4FY25.
- Cinema count/screen count was 349 (down 2.8%)/1,723 (flat YoY).
- In FY25, gross box office collection dipped 9% YoY.
- Film hire cost is normally in the range of 45–46%. In FY25, it was 44.6% as the number of movies, which crossed INR1bn were fewer.

Screens

- In FY25, the company opened 77 new screens and closed 72 resulting in five net screen addition.
- As on date, PVR INOX has a diversified network of 1,743 screens across 111 cities.
- The company has signed 46 screen and 11 cinemas under the FOCO model and 55 screen and 12 cinemas under the asset light model totalling to 101 screens across 23 cinemas.
- Given the exit of underperforming screens, the company has saved over INR80mn in EBITDA losses.
- A majority of the screens that will be opened in FY26 will be under the asset light model. The company has opened three cinemas with 20 screens under this model at the start of FY26.
- At an overall level, EBITDA margins under the capital light model are lower than in the classic lease model.

- The company has signed two cinemas with one in Raipur (ad-free model) and another in Jabalpur. The revenue share is in the range of 8–8.5% plus a fee, which is on account of IT services totalling to ~10% share.
- Raipur is under ad free model. Hence, instead of ads, there are additional shows that the developer partner ends up running. If there is ad revenue the company takes 35% of the revenue.

Bollywood and Hollywood releases

- Chaava was the biggest hit in Q4FY25 grossing over INR7bn followed by Sankranthiki Vasthunam and Sky Force.
- Empuran with collection of INR1.25bn became the highest grossing Malayalam film.
- In April and May, movies such as *Jaat, Kesari 2* and *Raid 2* have done extremely well at the box office.
- Muted Bollywood and Hollywood releases have hurt overall GBOC.
- Hindi box office plunged by 26% due to a 14% drop in the number of Bollywood titles, lack of superstar movies and postponement of release dates.
- The English box office plummeted by 28% due to the lingering impact of 2023–24 Hollywood strike resulting in a 6% drop in the number of English releases due to the lack of tentpole releases.
- Hindi dubbed box office shot up by 153% due to *Pushpa 2* and *Kalki*, which emerged as pan-India hits, and indicates evolved consumer choices.
- Regional box office clocked a 7% increase.

Re-release

• Top three re-releases of FY25 were *Tumbaad*, *Interstellar* and *Sanam Teri Kasam*. It had 1240mn GBOC in FY25 with 7.1mn admits in FY25.

Change in Language mix

- Hindi box office share dropped from 51% to 41%. Hindi dubbed increased from 5% to 13%.
- English box office share dropped from 18% to 14%.
- Regional box office share jumped from 26% to 32%.

Content line-up in Q1FY26

- Bollywood: Sitare Zameen Par and Housefull 5.
- Hollywood: Mission Impossible, Final Destination and Karate Kid Legends.

Others

- Net debt stood at INR9522mn compared with INR12940mn in Mar-24 as the company had been aggressive in GST collection, recovering security deposits.
- Maddock had decided to release a movie, which was already being promoted at the cinemas for the last two months. The company has taken the matter to court and has got a stay against its release on the OTT platform.

Exhibit 4: Consolidated financial snapshot (INR mn)

Year to March	Q4FY25	Q4FY24	% change	Q3FY25	% change
Total Net Revenues	12,498	12,564	(0.5)	17,173	(27.2)
Exhibition cost	3,107	2,469	25.8	3,549	(12.5)
Food and Beverages cost	999	1,131	(11.7)	1,340	(25.4)
Employee expenses	1,704	1,706	(0.1)	1,740	(2.1)
Other costs	3,857	4,474	(13.8)	5,267	(26.8)
Total expenditure	9,667	9,780	(1.2)	11,896	(18.7)
EBITDA	2,831	2,784	1.7	5,277	(46.4)
D&A expense	3,161	3,028	4.4	3,201	(1.2)
EBIT	(330)	(244)	NM	2,076	NM
Less: Finance costs	1,959	1,999	(2.0)	2,031	(3.5)
Add: Other income	614	491	25.1	418	46.9
Profit before tax	(1,675)	(1,752)	NM	463	NM
Provision for Tax	(424)	(455)	(6.8)	107	NM
Less: Minority Interest	1	2	NM	4	NM
Add: Share of profit from Associates	-	-		-	
Reported Profit	(1,250)	(1,295)	NM	360	NM
Adjusted Profit	(1,250)	(1,295)	NM	360	NM
No. of Diluted shares outstanding (mn)	98.0	98.0		98.0	
Adjusted Diluted EPS	-12.8	-13.2	NM	3.7	NM
as % of net revenues					
Exhibition cost	24.9	19.7	521	20.7	419
Cost of F&B	8.0	9.0	(101)	7.8	19
Employee cost	13.6	13.6	6	10.1	350
Other costs	30.9	35.6	(475)	30.7	19
EBITDA	22.7	22.2	49	30.7	(808)
Net profit	-10.0	-10.3	NM	2.1	NM

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

PVR INOX Limited is the largest film exhibition company in India with 1743 screens across 111 cities (India and Sri Lanka). Since their inception, both PVR and INOX have created iconic cinema brands with storied histories of achieving significant milestones and setting benchmarks in the film exhibition industry. With a collective heritage of transforming out-of-home entertainment in the country, the merged company offers a wide range of cinema services such as child friendly audis, the latest screening technology, superior sound systems, and wide range of F&B offerings, film and non-film content and an array of formats in the premium screen category.

Investment Theme

With its primary focus on the movie exhibition business, the combined entity (PVR+INOX) will continue to ramp up margin-accretive segments such as F&B revenues and advertisement revenues, which in our view will drive the EBITDA expansion for the business. Aggressive expansion and focus on innovation to deliver growth for the business over the longer term.

Key Risks

- Unavailability of quality content.
- Slowdown in consumer discretionary spends.
- Delay in rollout of proposed multiplexes.
- Competition from other forms of entertainment such as OTT platforms and digital video platform.

Additional Data

Management

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MD	Ajay Bijli
Auditor	S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
17-Mar-25	Strong uptick in first two months; Nuvama Flash	900	Buy
06-Feb-25	Hindi movies remain inconsistent; Result Update	1,127	Buy
15-Oct-24	Hindi calendar remains erratic; Result Update	1,621	Buy

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
Nippon Life Ind	8.59	SBI Life Insura	3.14
ICICI prudentia	7.53	Vanguard Group	2.93
HDFC Asset Mana	5.93	SBI Funds Manag	1.98
Kotak Mahindra	4.23	ICICI prudentia	1.96
Prudential PLC	3.44	Blackrock Inc	1.87

^{*}Latest public data

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title		
08-May-25	Zee Entertainment	Growth despite ad revenue slump; Result Update		
02-Apr-25	Media	Subdued showing; Sector Update		
06-Mar-25	Zee Entertainment	Promoter buying: Tempting valuation; <i>Nuvama Flash</i>		

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

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Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution		
Buy	15%	205		
Hold	<15% and >-5%	63		
Reduce	<-5%	34		

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