

Sep-25: GST cut defers motor growth

Industry GDPI reported strong expansion in Sep-25 as growth in fire (+32.1% YoY) and crop (+22.3% YoY) picked up while growth in motor (+8.2% YoY) moderated; growth in motor OD/TP slowed to just 7.9%/8.5% YoY as customers deferred purchases in anticipation of a GST rate reduction. Retail health increased 7.3% YoY, as a change in accounting of long-term health premiums hampered reported growth. Growth in the group health segment decreased 1.8% YoY.

Given GST exemption on individual health insurance and ITC being disallowed, we reckon multiline insurers shall possess higher pricing flexibility. Maintain 'BUY' on ICICIGI with a TP of INR2,340 and STARHEAL with a TP of INR490.

Segment takeaways

Motor: Moderating motor sales have resulted in slower motor GDPI growth of 8.2% YoY (versus 5.5% YoY growth in Aug-25) with TP/OD growth remaining subdued at +8.5%/7.9% YoY. For Sep-25, PSU general insurers clocked a decrease of 2.6% YoY in OD segment while TP segment rose 8.0% YoY. Private insurers outperformed with OD/TP growth of 11.0%/8.7%. PSU general insurers reported softness this month, but gained market share of +77bp YoY to 28.5% for H1FY26. On an MoM basis, H1FY26 market share for private insurers improved 10bp MoM to 71.5%.

Health: Retail health clocked 7.3% YoY growth while group health fell 1.8% YoY due to lower corporate policy renewals. Growth in the retail health segment has come off due to 1/n recognition of long-term health policies.

Company comments

BAGIC: GDPI surged 31.4% YoY led by health (54.3% YoY) and motor TP (24.0% YoY). Fire/crop segment clocked 23.7%/32.9% YoY growth. Retail health undershot industry with GDPI decline of 4.8% YoY while government GDPI surged. Motor OD increased 5.1% YoY; maintain 'HOLD' on BJFIN with a TP of INR2,190.

ICICIGI: Total GDPI posted an increase of mere 6.2% YoY. Motor rose 6.5% YoY as motor OD/TP rose 5.5%/7.4% YoY. Retail health surged 24.6% YoY while group health moderated 10.5% YoY; maintain 'BUY' on ICICIGI with a TP of INR2,340.

STARHEAL: Sep-25 retail health GDPI grew 9.2% YoY (versus 6.2% YoY in Aug-25). Overall health GDPI grew just 3.7% YoY as the group health business contracted 54.4% YoY; maintain 'BUY' on STARHEAL with a TP of INR490.

Go Digit: Motor GDPI increased 9.6% YoY as motor OD jumped 20.7% while motor TP increased 2.4% YoY. Health segment posted strong growth (21.6% YoY) as group health grew 21.9% YoY.

Niva Bupa recorded a fall of 0.4% YoY in total health GDPI in Sep-25 as group health decreased 7.2% YoY.

Exhibit 1: Crop/fire segment post 22.3%/32.1% YoY growth in Sep-25

Segments (INR bn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Fire	17.4	32.1	174.2	20.5
Marine Cargo	3.2	12.9	23.1	5.9
Marine Hull	0.9	(25.1)	7.8	(0.9)
Engineering	5.7	17.1	33.9	13.6
Motor OD	32.4	7.9	194.8	5.4
Motor TP	49.5	8.5	283.7	9.2
Health	107.8	6.9	642.4	7.8
Aviation	1.2	1.8	5.1	(4.7)
Liability	4.8	7.1	33.4	7.4
P.A.	13.4	52.6	65.5	30.4
Crop	67.5	22.3	135.3	(15.1)
Other Misc. (excluding crop)	7.8	6.3	52.3	8.3
Total GDPI	311.7	13.1	1,651.6	7.3
Industry GDPI (ex-crop)	244.2	10.7	1,516.2	10.7

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Retail health grows 7.3% YoY while group health clocks decrease of 1.8% YoY

Segments (INR bn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Health retail	43.6	7.3	240.7	8.3
Health group	56.7	(1.8)	355.4	7.9
Health government	6.1	401.0	37.9	3.6
Health overseas	1.4	8.4	8.4	5.0
Health total	107.8	6.9	642.4	7.8

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: ICICIGI posts total GDPI growth of 6.2% YoY in Sep-25

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Fire	1,655	36.4	21,721	15.3
Marine Cargo	495	3.6	4,433	(5.4)
Marine Hull	40	(41.8)	555	(7.0)
Engineering	897	18.2	5,909	12.3
Motor OD	4,127	5.5	25,502	2.7
Motor TP	4,132	7.4	24,048	1.6
Health	5,525	14.1	41,934	4.5
Aviation	282	5.8	780	(19.0)
Liability	699	(28.5)	5,553	(4.9)
P.A.	301	(22.1)	2,365	(26.7)
Crop	614	(26.1)	6,849	(44.0)
Other Misc. (excluding crop)	546	(10.1)	3,662	(4.2)
Total GDPI	19,313	6.2	143,312	-0.5
GDPI (ex-crop)	18,699	7.7	136,463	3.5

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 4: ICICIGI retail health GDPI surges while group slows

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Health total	5,525	14.1	41,934	4.5
Health retail	1,784	24.6	8,992	25.2
Health group	3,477	10.5	31,305	(0.6)
Health government	-	NM	-	NM
Health overseas	264	0.6	1,638	12.1

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 5: ICICIGI loses market share in motor and health segment in H1FY26

Segments (% , bp)	Market share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (bp)	H1FY26	YoY (bp)
Motor total	10.1	(17)	10.4	(55)
Motor OD	12.7	(28)	13.1	(35)
Motor TP	8.3	(8)	8.5	(63)
Health total	5.1	33	6.5	(20)
Health retail	4.1	57	3.7	51
Health group	6.1	68	8.8	(75)
Health government	-	-	-	-
Health overseas	18.6	(144)	19.4	122

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: GODIGIT reports moderation in motor TP in Sep-25

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Fire	318	45.4	4,791	52.2
Marine Cargo	28	10.2	338	1.0
Marine Hull	-	NM	0	NM
Engineering	129	14.5	862	46.9
Motor OD	2,068	20.7	11,630	9.1
Motor TP	3,443	2.4	19,468	14.3
Health	1,111	21.6	7,096	5.8
Aviation	1	NM	10	NM
Liability	158	(12.7)	1,397	84.4
P.A.	197	(39.2)	2,026	(42.1)
Crop	-	NM	-	NM
Other Misc. (excluding crop)	156	65.7	1,247	19.7
Total GDPI	7,608	9.6	48,866	11.7
GDPI (ex-crop)	7,608	9.6	48,866	11.7

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: GODIGIT posts strong growth in group health

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Motor total	5,510	8.6	31,098	12.3
Motor OD	2,068	20.7	11,630	9.1
Motor TP	3,443	2.4	19,468	14.3
Health total	1,111	21.6	7,096	5.8
Health retail	60	7.4	315	1.6
Health group	1,039	21.9	6,695	5.2
Health government	-	NM	-	NM
Health overseas	13	111.5	86	144.3

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 8: GODIGIT gains market share in motor segment

Segments (% , bp)	Market share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (bp)	H1FY26	YoY (bp)
Motor total	6.7	2	6.5	27
Motor OD	6.4	68	6.0	20
Motor TP	7.0	(41)	6.9	31
Health total	1.0	12	1.1	(2)
Health retail	0.1	0	0.1	(1)
Health group	1.8	36	1.9	(5)
Health government	-	-	-	-
Health overseas	0.9	44	1.0	58

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 9: STARHEAL's retail health expands 9.2% YoY

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Health total	15,053	3.7	79,841	3.4
Health retail	14,478	9.2	76,177	8.3
Health group	569	(54.4)	3,608	(47.1)
Health government	-	NM	-	NM
Health overseas	7	(25.8)	57	(2.9)

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 10: STARHEAL's retail health market share remains flat at 31.7% in H1FY26

Segments (% , bp)	Market share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (bp)	H1FY26	YoY (bp)
Health total	14.0	(42)	12.4	(53)
Health retail	33.2	57	31.7	(0)
Health group	1.0	(116)	1.0	(106)
Health government	-	-	-	-
Health overseas	0.5	(21)	0.7	(5)

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 11: Niva Bupa's group health falls 7.2% YoY; retail inches up 2.6% YoY

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Health total	5,860	(0.4)	34,288	7.9
Health retail	4,261	2.6	23,718	7.7
Health group	1,590	(7.2)	10,480	8.8
Health government	-	NM	-	NM
Health overseas	10	(39.4)	90	(22.2)

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 12: Niva Bupa's market share in retail health falls 5bp in H1FY26

Segments (% , bp)	Market share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (bp)	H1FY26	YoY (bp)
Health total	5.4	(40)	5.3	1
Health retail	9.8	(45)	9.9	(5)
Health group	2.8	(17)	2.9	2
Health government	-	-	-	-
Health overseas	0.7	(54)	1.1	(37)

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 13: BAGIC's GDPI surges 31.4% YoY led by health (54.3% YoY) and motor TP (24.0% YoY)

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Fire	1,516	23.7	17,430	16.7
Marine Cargo	268	13.8	1,962	16.5
Marine Hull	15	76.5	136	(2.9)
Engineering	409	18.4	2,723	17.0
Motor OD	2,577	5.1	15,473	1.4
Motor TP	3,077	24.0	18,567	32.8
Health	9,370	54.3	37,127	0.4
Aviation	5	(61.0)	88	14.3
Liability	497	3.9	5,115	20.3
P.A.	98	(43.6)	1,110	(16.3)
Crop	3,487	32.9	10,546	14.0
Other Misc. (excluding crop)	869	11.2	5,267	(2.0)
Total GDPI	22,188	31.4	115,543	9.4
GDPI (ex-crop)	18,701	31.1	104,998	9.0

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 14: BAGIC's health segment soars 54.3% YoY

Segments (INR mn)	GDPI			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)
Health total	9,370	54.3	37,127	0.4
Health retail	977	(4.8)	5,626	6.5
Health group	5,623	15.4	22,345	3.5
Health government	2,610	NM	8,062	(9.0)
Health overseas	160	(8.3)	1,094	(10.7)

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 15: BAGIC gains market share in motor TP

Segments (%, bp)	Market share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (bp)	H1FY26	YoY (bp)
Motor total	6.9	38	7.1	53
Motor OD	7.9	(21)	7.9	(32)
Motor TP	6.2	78	6.5	116
Health total	8.7	267	5.8	(42)
Health retail	2.2	(29)	2.3	(4)
Health group	9.9	148	6.3	(27)
Health government	42.9	4,291	21.3	(295)
Health overseas	11.2	(205)	13.0	(228)

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 16: Motor total (OD + TP) GDPI grows 8.2% YoY in Sep-25

Company (INR bn)	GDPI				Market Share (%)	
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (bps)
Acko General	0.9	11.1	5.1	16.4	1.1	8
Bajaj Allianz	5.7	14.6	34.0	16.4	7.1	53
Cholamandalam MS	4.4	1.2	25.3	4.3	5.3	(17)
Coco By Navi	0.0	(52.6)	0.0	(65.2)	0.0	(0)
Edelweiss	0.4	1.8	2.6	8.2	0.5	0
Future Generali	1.5	18.6	8.8	(3.6)	1.8	(21)
Go Digit	5.5	8.6	31.1	12.3	6.5	27
HDFC ERGO	2.1	(5.9)	12.0	(29.3)	2.5	(131)
ICICI Lombard	8.3	6.5	49.6	2.2	10.4	(55)
IFFCO Tokio	3.0	11.2	18.1	3.5	3.8	(15)
Kotak Mahindra	0.8	7.5	4.4	1.9	0.9	(5)
Kshema	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Liberty General	1.5	26.9	8.8	7.0	1.8	(1)
Magma HDI	1.5	0.9	9.3	1.7	1.9	(11)
Raheja QBE	0.1	(55.5)	0.4	(78.2)	0.1	(32)
Reliance General	3.7	2.6	21.5	5.9	4.5	(7)
Royal Sundaram	2.1	0.9	12.6	2.9	2.6	(12)
SBI General	3.9	11.0	23.0	17.4	4.8	40
Shriram General	3.4	17.7	18.7	28.1	3.9	63
Tata-AIG	7.5	7.6	42.5	6.2	8.9	(12)
Universal Sampo	2.7	83.7	14.3	30.3	3.0	52
Pvt. general insurers	58.8	9.7	342.0	6.5	71.5	(77)
National	4.2	(6.8)	24.5	6.2	5.1	(7)
New India	7.9	(0.3)	46.1	0.1	9.6	(72)
Oriental	3.5	(0.5)	19.9	4.6	4.2	(12)
United India	7.5	22.5	46.0	30.4	9.6	168
Public general insurers	23.1	4.7	136.5	10.6	28.5	77
Total	82.0	8.2	478.5	7.6	100.0	

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 17: Public general insurers in motor TP grow 8.0% YoY in Sep-25 versus private insurers/industry growth of 8.7%/8.5%

Company (INR mn)	GDPI				Market Share (%)	
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (bps)
Acko General	0.5	2.6	3,040	9.3	1.1	0
Bajaj Allianz	3.1	24.0	18,567	32.8	6.5	116
Bharti AXA	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Cholamandalam MS	2.3	(7.9)	13,308	(5.5)	4.7	(73)
Coco By Navi	0.0	(52.6)	5	(64.2)	0.0	(0)
Edelweiss	0.2	11.3	1,338	19.1	0.5	4
Future Generali	0.9	16.6	4,662	(9.1)	1.6	(33)
Go Digit	3.4	2.4	19,468	14.3	6.9	31
HDFC ERGO	0.7	(12.9)	4,256	(28.2)	1.5	(78)
ICICI Lombard	4.1	7.4	24,048	1.6	8.5	(63)
IFFCO Tokio	1.6	11.9	9,509	2.9	3.4	(21)
Kotak Mahindra	0.3	17.9	2,015	10.0	0.7	1
Kshema	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Liberty General	0.7	43.5	4,123	21.2	1.5	14
Magma HDI	1.1	(1.5)	6,971	6.4	2.5	(6)
Raheja QBE	0.1	(52.0)	241	(80.4)	0.1	(39)
Reliance General	1.9	(7.1)	10,996	(2.2)	3.9	(45)
Royal Sundaram	1.5	0.9	8,389	0.3	3.0	(26)
SBI General	2.3	11.6	12,521	14.8	4.4	22
Shriram General	2.6	15.6	14,288	27.2	5.0	71
Tata-AIG	4.0	6.3	22,519	1.6	7.9	(59)
Universal Sampo	1.6	107.6	7,850	24.3	2.8	34
Private general insurers	33.1	8.7	188,112	6.7	66.3	(151)
National	2.9	(2.5)	16,826	7.7	5.9	(8)
New India	5.0	(2.4)	29,161	(1.2)	10.3	(108)
Oriental	2.4	(5.2)	13,587	2.7	4.8	(30)
United India	6.1	34.2	36,035	42.6	12.7	298
Public general insurers	16.4	8.0	95,608	14.3	33.7	151
Industry Total	49.5	8.5	283,720	9.2	100.0	(0)

Source: Nuvama Research

Exhibit 18: Public general insurers in motor OD decline 2.6% YoY in Sep-25 versus private insurers/industry growth of 11%/7.9%

Company (INR mn)	GDPI		Market Share (%)			
	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (bps)
Acko General	0.4	26.1	2,083	28.4	1.1	19
Bajaj Allianz	2.6	5.1	15,473	1.4	7.9	(32)
Cholamandalam MS	2.1	14.0	11,954	18.0	6.1	65
Coco By Navi	-	NM	-	(100.0)	-	(0)
Edelweiss	0.2	(7.1)	1,239	(1.4)	0.6	(4)
Future Generali	0.7	21.4	4,098	3.5	2.1	(4)
Go Digit	2.1	20.7	11,630	9.1	6.0	20
HDFC ERGO	1.3	(1.5)	7,736	(29.8)	4.0	(199)
ICICI Lombard	4.1	5.5	25,502	2.7	13.1	(35)
IFFCO Tokio	1.3	10.4	8,616	4.1	4.4	(6)
Kotak Mahindra	0.4	0.3	2,371	(4.2)	1.2	(12)
Kshema	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Liberty General	0.8	14.2	4,674	(3.0)	2.4	(21)
Magma HDI	0.4	9.3	2,289	(10.5)	1.2	(21)
Raheja QBE	0.0	(64.7)	148	(73.3)	0.1	(23)
Reliance General	1.8	15.0	10,472	16.0	5.4	49
Royal Sundaram	0.7	1.0	4,250	8.3	2.2	6
SBI General	1.6	10.2	10,522	20.7	5.4	68
Shriram General	0.8	24.8	4,404	31.3	2.3	45
Tata-AIG	3.4	9.1	20,003	11.8	10.3	59
Universal Sampo	1.1	57.6	6,451	38.3	3.3	79
Private general insurers	25.7	11.0	153,916	6.1	79.0	53
National	1.3	(15.2)	7,662	3.1	3.9	(9)
New India	2.9	3.6	16,949	2.5	8.7	(25)
Oriental	1.1	11.6	6,328	9.1	3.2	11
United India	1.5	(10.2)	9,933	(0.5)	5.1	(30)
Public general insurers	6.7	(2.6)	40,872	2.8	21.0	(53)
Industry Total	32.4	7.9	194,788	5.4	100.0	

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 19: SAHIs grow 8.3% YoY in Sep-25

Company (INR bn)	GDPI			Market Share (%)		
Retail health GDPI (INR bn)	Sep-25	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (%)	H1FY26	YoY (bps)
Acko General	0.1	77.5	0.7	60.8	0.3	9
Bajaj Allianz	1.0	(4.8)	5.6	6.5	2.3	(4)
Bharti AXA	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Cholamandalam MS	0.3	(42.0)	1.8	(39.1)	0.7	(57)
Coco By Navi	0.1	19.9	0.3	19.6	0.1	1
Edelweiss	0.0	(42.1)	0.0	(9.1)	0.0	(0)
Future Generali	0.1	(5.6)	0.9	(4.2)	0.4	(5)
Go Digit	0.1	7.4	0.3	1.6	0.1	(1)
HDFC ERGO	3.5	(0.6)	20.3	2.8	8.4	(45)
ICICI -Lombard	1.8	24.6	9.0	25.2	3.7	51
IFFCO -Tokio	0.2	20.5	1.5	11.4	0.6	2
Kotak Mahindra	0.1	(16.0)	0.4	(27.8)	0.1	(7)
Kshema	0.0	NM	0.0	NM	0.0	0
Liberty General	0.0	4.5	0.3	0.5	0.1	(1)
Magma HDI	0.1	(19.3)	0.3	0.4	0.1	(1)
Raheja QBE	0.0	(20.9)	0.0	(18.5)	0.0	(0)
Reliance General	0.4	(0.3)	2.1	(0.6)	0.9	(8)
Royal Sundaram	0.1	(16.4)	0.8	(15.1)	0.3	(9)
SBI General	0.3	(22.4)	1.6	(24.5)	0.7	(29)
Shriram General	0.0	95.8	0.0	168.7	0.0	1
Tata-AIG	1.4	24.9	6.9	25.6	2.9	40
Universal Sampo	0.1	(4.1)	0.5	4.3	0.2	(1)
Private general insurers	9.6	3.5	53.3	5.2	22.1	(65)
National	2.1	9.6	12.3	7.5	5.1	(4)
New India	2.9	6.5	17.1	7.4	7.1	(6)
Oriental	1.7	12.3	9.5	8.2	3.9	(0)
United India	1.4	9.6	8.8	6.2	3.7	(7)
Public general insurers	8.1	9.0	47.7	7.4	19.8	(18)
Aditya Birla	1.6	18.8	8.2	16.7	3.4	24
Apollo Munich	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
ManipalCigna	0.8	11.8	4.4	14.0	1.8	9
Niva bupa	4.3	2.6	23.7	7.7	9.9	(5)
Reliance Health	-	NM	-	NM	-	-
Galaxy Health	0.1	NM	0.2	-	0.1	10
Care Health	4.7	7.4	26.9	12.7	11.2	43
Narayana Health	(0.1)	(20,100.0)	0.0	1,425.0	0.0	1
Star Health (total)	14.5	9.2	76.2	8.3	31.7	(0)
SAHI total	25.8	8.3	139.7	9.9	58.0	82
Segment total	43.6	7.3	240.7	8.3	100	-

Source: GI Council, IRDAI, Company, Nuvama Research

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