RESULT UPDATE



KEY DATA

Rating	BUY
Sector relative	Outperformer
Price (INR)	1,087
12 month price target (INR)	1,605
52 Week High/Low	1,658/826
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	107/1.2
Free float (%)	81.2
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	458.2

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoter	27.53%	27.53%	27.53%
FII	19.71%	20.39%	19.21%
DII	36.52%	36.30%	40.03%
Pledge	9.4%	10.2%	10.2%

FINANCIALS (INR mn)				
Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	57,799	68,318	80,066	92,603
EBITDA	15,416	20,644	24,288	28,129
Adjusted profit	(2,796)	4,473	7,678	9,491
Diluted EPS (INR)	(28.5)	45.5	78.2	96.7
EPS growth (%)	nm	nm	71.7	23.6
RoAE (%)	(3.9)	6.1	9.7	10.9
P/E (x)	nm	24.0	14.0	11.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.0	11.5	9.3	7.5
Dividend yield (%)	0	0	0	0

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

	Revised estimates		% Revi	sion
Year to March	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	80,066	92,603	2.4	2.5
EBITDA	24,288	28,129	3.6	3.4
Adjusted profit	7,678	9,491	4.8	5.1
Diluted EPS (INR)	78.2	96.7	4.8	5.1

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Bollywood aids impressive recovery

PVR INOX posted a strong Q2FY26 with revenue (up 12% YoY) and EBITDA (up 28% YoY) marginally beating our estimates. Notably, it turned in a net profit of INR1.1bn after two loss-making quarters. Footfall of 44.5mn marks a nine-quarter high. Ad revenue rose 15% YoY, marking its second-best quarter post-pandemic. SPH fell 9% QoQ to INR134 due to a higher mix of religious and teenage audience (value conscious) and Tuesday offering making up 15–17% footfall.

With Q2FY26 numbers far superior than Q1FY26's, we expect momentum to sustain, indicating a better H2 than H1 given a solid content line-up. All in all, we are increasing FY27E/28E EBITDA by 4%/3%, yielding a revised TP of INR1,605 (earlier INR1,530); 'BUY'.

Encouraging signs of box office recovery

What we like: Occupancy levels improved 302bp YoY/670bp QoQ to 28.7%. Net box office collections (BO) grew 17% YoY led by Hindi (BO up 21% YoY) and Hollywood (BO up 97% YoY), and 12 films grossing over INR1bn BO—implying less reliance on INR5bn BO films. Post-Ind AS EBITDA margin expanded 401bp YoY/651bp QoQ to 33.6%. PVR INOX debt now stands at INR6.2bn, reducing INR3.3bn versus H2FY25 led by strong operating cash flows and a calibrated capital allocation approach. Net screen additions were 22 in Q2, and it is on track to open 100 new screens in FY26.

What we do not like: SPH decreased 1.4% YoY/9% QoQ to INR134. Regional films' BO collections grew merely 3% YoY. Other operating income fell 33% YoY due to a dip in income from distribution of films (down 47% YoY).

Pipeline: Q3FY26 has a strong pipeline with releases such as Thamma (distributed by PVR INOX), Dhurandhar, Avatar: Fire and Ash, and Alpha. Notably, Kantara Chapter 1 released few days ago has mopped up strong domestic collections of INR4.9bn.

Q2FY26 earnings call highlights: PVR INOX is well positioned to drive robust audience traction and sustained footfalls in H2FY26 aided by a strong, diverse and multi-language release slate. SPH decline is attributable to: i) strong performance of a religious film, wherein some viewers avoided F&B (due to canteen serving non veg); ii) a higher mix of teenage audiences with low F&B spends; and iii) 15-17% footfalls coming from the Tuesday Saver Offer, which attracts value-conscious customers. In FY26, PVR INOX plans to distribute 8–10 Hindi films (mid and big films) and 15-20 Hollywood films. 132 screens signed under capital-light (FOCO and assetlight) model, and are expected to be operational over 18-24 months. The company aims for a mix of 50:50 between owned and capital-light screens. The asset-light model shall continue to have a higher share than the FOCO model.

Financials

Year to March	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% Change	Q1FY26	% Change
Net Revenue	18,230	16,221	12.4	14,691	24.1
EBITDA	6,117	4,793	27.6	3,973	54.0
Adjusted Profit	1,056	(118)	NM	(540)	NM
Diluted EPS (INR)	10.8	(1.2)	NM	(5.5)	NM

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Nuvama Institutional Equities

Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total operating income	57,799	68,318	80,066	92,603
Gross profit	41,345	47,971	56,154	64,892
Employee costs	6,860	7,788	9,048	10,372
Other expenses	19,069	19,539	22,819	26,392
EBITDA	15,416	20,644	24,288	28,129
Depreciation	12,798	10,147	10,093	10,085
Less: Interest expense	8,095	6,650	6,305	7,940
Add: Other income	1,737	2,084	2,293	2,568
Profit before tax	(3,740)	5,932	10,182	12,672
Prov for tax	(934)	1,459	2,505	3,181
Less: Other adj	(3)	0	0	0
Reported profit	(2,796)	4,473	7,678	9,491
Less: Excp.item (net)	0	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	(2,796)	4,473	7,678	9,491
Diluted shares o/s	98	98	98	98
Adjusted diluted EPS	(28.5)	45.5	78.2	96.7
DPS (INR)	0	0	0	0
Tax rate (%)	25.0	24.6	24.6	25.1

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	982	982	982	982
Reserves	69,533	74,006	81,683	91,174
Shareholders funds	70,515	74,988	82,665	92,156
Minority interest	19	19	19	19
Borrowings	72,823	66,138	59,932	53,698
Trade payables	18,886	18,725	18,535	18,992
Other liabs & prov	381	381	381	381
Total liabilities	162,624	160,250	161,532	165,245
Net block	80,375	74,428	68,835	63,550
Intangible assets	58,687	58,687	58,687	58,687
Capital WIP	957	957	957	957
Total fixed assets	140,019	134,072	128,479	123,194
Non current inv	0	0	0	0
Cash/cash equivalent	5,289	8,283	13,821	22,010
Sundry debtors	2,430	2,808	3,510	4,059
Loans & advances	15	15	15	15
Other assets	8,970	9,171	9,806	10,066
Total assets	162,624	160,250	161,532	165,245

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Average Ticket Price	259.0	279.7	300.4	322.7
Spend Per Head (SPH)	134.0	146.1	157.7	170.4
Footfall growth (%)	(9.6)	10.8	9.6	7.7
EBITDA margin (%)	26.7	30.2	30.3	30.4
Net profit margin (%)	(4.8)	6.5	9.6	10.2
Revenue growth (% YoY)	(5.4)	18.2	17.2	15.7
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	(14.8)	33.9	17.7	15.8
Adj. profit growth (%)	773.8	nm	71.7	23.6

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Reported profit	(2,796)	4,473	7,678	9,491
Add: Depreciation	12,798	10,147	10,093	10,085
Interest (net of tax)	8,095	6,650	6,305	7,940
Others	(1,827)	(2,084)	(2,293)	(2,568)
Less: Changes in WC	3,398	(4,425)	(4,733)	(3,587)
Operating cash flow	19,668	14,759	17,050	21,361
Less: Capex	3,243	4,200	4,500	4,800
Free cash flow	16,425	10,559	12,550	16,561

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
GDP (YoY %)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Repo rate (%)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
USD/INR (average)	85.0	89.0	90.0	91.0
Screen addition	5.0	100.0	150.0	150.0
Exhibition cost (%)	20.4	21.6	21.7	21.7
F&B COGS (% of sales)	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2
Debtors days	15.3	15.0	16.0	16.0
Inventory days	17.8	18.0	25.0	25.0
Payable days	166.9	150.0	140.0	140.0

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
RoE (%)	(3.9)	6.1	9.7	10.9
RoCE (%)	3.0	8.8	11.6	14.3
Inventory days	18	18	25	25
Receivable days	15	15	16	16
Payable days	167	150	140	140
Working cap (% sales)	(14.6)	(6.9)	2.9	11.8
Gross debt/equity (x)	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
Net debt/equity (x)	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.3
Interest coverage (x)	0.3	1.6	2.3	2.3

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Diluted P/E (x)	nm	24.0	14.0	11.3
Price/BV (x)	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.0	11.5	9.3	7.5
Dividend yield (%)	0	0	0	0

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EPS growth (%)	772.9	nm	71.7	23.6
RoE (%)	(3.9)	6.1	9.7	10.9
EBITDA growth (%)	(14.8)	33.9	17.7	15.8
Payout ratio (%)	nm	0	0	0

Exhibit 1: Trends at a glance

Particulars	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Net revenue (INR mn)	19,999	15,459	12,564	11,907	16,221	17,173	12,498	14,691	18,230
Post IndAS EBITDA (INR mn)	7,068	4,724	2,784	2,515	4,793	5,277	2,831	3,973	6,117
Pre IndAS EBITDA (INR mn)	4,473	2,259	352	(199)	2,069	2,583	250	1,141	3,273
Post IndAS PAT (INR mn)	1,663	128	(1,295)	(1,787)	(118)	360	(1,250)	(540)	1,056
Pre IndAS PAT (INR mn)	2,073	412	(901)	(1,366)	224	681	(1,058)	(335)	1,265
ATP (INR)	276	271	233	235	257	281	258	254	262
Net box office (INR mn)	11,193	8,308	6,353	5,935	8,376	8,791	6,447	7,281	9,834
Ad revenues (INR mn)	1,176	1,405	1,045	934	1,093	1,486	962	1,096	1,256
F&B revenue (INR mn)	6,412	4,763	4,132	4,018	5,232	5,209	3,811	4,919	5,882
Footfalls (mn)	48.4	36.5	32.6	30.4	38.8	37.3	30.5	34.0	44.5
No. of screens	1,702	1,708	1,748	1,754	1,747	1,728	1,743	1,745	1,761
SPH (INR)	136	132	129	134	136	140	125	148	134
Occupancy	32	25	23	20	26	26	21	22	29
Net debt (INR Mn)	16,848	16,081	12,940	13,195	11,531	9,958	9,522	8,915	6,188
EBITDA Margin (%)									
Post IndAS	35.3	30.6	22.2	21.1	29.5	30.7	22.7	27.0	33.6
Pre IndAS	22.1	14.4	2.7	(1.6)	12.6	14.9	1.9	7.7	17.8
Regional distribution of screens									
North	458	463	459	459	459	462	473	471	471
East	134	138	139	139	139	136	136	136	140
West	342	345	367	372	369	365	365	365	369
South	546	549	572	579	573	573	568	572	580
Central	222	217	211	205	207	192	201	201	201
Total screens	1,702	1,712	1,748	1,754	1,747	1,728	1,743	1,745	1,761
Source: Company, Nuvama Resec									

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Launches India's first luxury dine-in cinema at Bengaluru mall

- PVR INOX has introduced a novel concept in the Indian cinema industry—a luxury dine-in cinema. It is located in the eight-screen multiplex at M5 ECity Mall in Bengaluru. The cinema maintains a traditional rake design with different seating heights and angular tables to ensure an uninterrupted view of the screen for all guests.
- With the launch of the dine-in experience, the company expects an occupancy of 40–45%, significantly well above its eight-quarter average of 24%, underscoring potential upside in premium offerings.

Capex and expansion

- The project was managed within the typical capital expenditure of approximately INR30mn per screen for a mainstream cinema, indicating a cost-conscious approach for this pilot project.
- PVR INOX plans to expand to other locations within the next six—eight months once the proof of concept is established.

Pricing

- PVR's dine-in cinemas are positioned as a premium pricing segment, reflecting
 the enhanced experience of in-theatre dining and luxury seating. The pricing
 strategy aims to balance occupancy with revenue uplift attracting both premium
 moviegoers and food & beverage spenders.
- The pricing for the dine-in experience follows a dynamic model, varying depending on the event or content being shown. Prices may go higher for premium artists or events and lower for corporate or educational bookings. Currently Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (Hindi movie) is being shown in the dine-in cinema. Following is the ticket cost with food and beverages priced separately.

Exhibit 2: Ticket pricing

Movie name	Show time	3 Seater Table Price	2 Seater Table Price
	8.00 Pm	1300	1000
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (Hindi)	4.35 Pm	1150	950
	8.00 Pm	1300	1000

Source: Nuvama Research

Management commentary

Mr Ajay Bijli, MD, PVR INOX, said, "With the launch of our new multiplex at M5 ECity Mall, we are inviting audiences to experience cinema in an entirely new way. From India's first dine-in auditorium restaurant to immersive technology and thoughtfully curated food experiences, this property brings everything our guests love under one roof. It is a space designed to celebrate films, lifestyle, and shared moments—making every visit a unique and memorable experience"

Exhibit 3: PVR INOX launches India's first luxury dine-in cinema



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 4: Key commentary on outlook by management

Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Plans to open 110-120 new	Targeting 110 new screen	Expects to open 100–110	Expects to open 90–100 new	It is on track to open
screens while exiting 70	openings for the year, with 35-	new screens in FY26 out of	screens in FY26 (earlier	~100 screens in FY26 (34
underperforming screens in	40% of new screens.	which majority will be	guided for open 100-110).	net screens added in
FY25.		under the capital light		H1FY26).
	Capex guidance of INR4-5bn for	model.	Management fee is expected	
Q3FY25 to be the strongest	FY26.		to increase as new screens	132 screens signed
quarter of the fiscal year, driven		Given a strong content	get added under the FOCO	under capital-light (FOCO
by major releases in November	Occupancy levels are at ~25%	pipeline in both Hollywood	model.	and asset-light) model
and December.	with EBITDA margins at ~15%. It	and Bollywood, it expects a		and expected to be
	is on track to reach pre-covid	strong comeback in FY26.	It expects footfalls in FY26 to	operational over 18–24
Long-term screen expansion	margins of ~18% as footfalls		top FY24's.	months.
target is ~100 screens per year,	increase.	An asset-light model would		
with 15% being franchisee-		reduce capex leading to	Plans to continue debt	Aims to maintain ratio of
owned and 35-50% following an	Expanding through capital-light	higher cash flows, which	reduction as operating cash	50:50 mix between
asset-light model.	growth model with 100 screens	shall be used in debt	flows improve.	owned screens and
	signed (31 management contract,	reduction.		capital-light model
Reduce gross debt levels over	69 asset-light), expected to		Capex guidance of INR4-	screens.
the next couple of years using	reduce capital intensity while	Going forward, the	4.25bn for FY26, including	
free cash flow.	maintaining growth.	company expects film hire	INR2.5-2.6bn for new	Under Capital light
		cost to be in the range of	screens, INR700-750mn on	model, Asset light model
The first outlet under the	The company expects food	44.5%– 46%.	renovation nd rest on	shall have higher share
partnership with Devyani	inflation to continue, and it is		maintenance.	as compared to FOCO
International is scheduled to	planning 5-7% price hikes in	Capex guidance for FY26 is		model.
open in mid-December.	certain segments.	at ~4.25bn out of which	It does not plan to extend	
		INR2.5–3bn would be spent	Blockbusters Tuesday (INR99	Q3 and Q4 expected to
	The company is talks with the	on new projects and the	ticket) to one more day.	remain strong given
	BCCI and other bodies to see if	rest on maintenance capex.		festive quarter and
	cricket matches can be screened.		With the asset-light strategy,	movie pipeline.
			EBITDA margin is expected	
			to remain same with a better	Plans to distribute 8–10
			RoCE.	Hindi films and 15–20
				Hollywood films in FY26.

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 5: Key commentary on operating margins and revenue drivers by management

Particulars	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Revenue	Revenue declined 19% YoY. Box	Revenue grew 11.1% YoY.	Revenue was flat	Revenue grew 24% YoY.	Revenue grew 12% YoY. Box
	office/F&B revenue fell	Box office/F&B revenue	YoY. Box	Box office (BO)	office revenue increased
	25.2%/18.4% YoY—attributable to	rose 5.8%/9.4% YoY. Ad	office revenue	revenue increased 23%	17.4% YoY. Ad revenue grew
	a high base and a slow release	revenue increased 5.8%	inched up 3.5% YoY.	YoY. Ad revenue grew	15% YoY, marking its second
	season. Ad revenue fell 7.1% YoY.	YoY.	F&B/ad revenue	17% YoY, marking its	best quarter post-pandemic
			dipped 7.8%/7.9%	highest-ever Q1 quarter	
			YoY.	post-pandemic	
Margin	EBITDA margin declined 579bp to	EBITDA margin at 30.7%	EBITDA margin at	EBITDA margin expanded	EBITDA margin expanded
	29.5% YoY.	came in flat YoY, but	22.7%	592bp YoY/439bp QoQ	400bp YoY/651bp QoQ to
		expanded 118bp	was flat YoY.	to 27%	27%
		sequentially.			

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: Overall box office performance



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: Expense analysis - Consolidated

Particulars (INR Mn)	Q2, FY'26	Q2	, FY'25	H1, FY'26	H1	, FY'25
Weighted Average Screens (1)	1,700	1,708	-0.4%	1,695	1,705	-0.6%
Variable Cost	Reported (A)	Reported (B)	YoY Change (%) (A/B-1)	Reported (A)	Reported (B)	YoY Change (%) (A/B-1)
FHC (%)	45.5%	44.9%	58 bps	45.7%	44.4%	128 bps
COGS (%)	21.7%	25.0%	-336 bps	22.5%	24.8%	-235 bps
Fixed Cost						
Rent	3,282	3,128	4.9%	6,462	6,157	5.0%
CAM	932	909	2.5%	1,859	1,800	3.3%
Personnel	1,926	1,773	8.6%	3,652	3,416	6.9%
Electricity & Water / Utilities	1,050	1,092	-3.8%	2,073	2,158	-3.9%
Other Expenses ex Movie Dist., Print	1,984	1,884	5.3%	3,772	3,663	3.0%
Total Fixed Expenses ex Movie Dist.	9,174	8,786	4.4%	17,818	17,194	3.6%
Movie Dist., Print charges (2)	429	977	-56.1%	1,523	1,398	8.9%
Total Fixed Expenses incl. Movie Dist.	9,603	9,763	-1.6%	19,341	18,592	4.0%
Consolidated Financials Weighted average screens has been calculated basis the actu Expenses relating to Distribution of movies	ual no. of days of operatio	ns of each cinema du	aring the period, excluding 58	management screens ac	ross 15 cinemas	

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Q2FY26 conference call takeaways

Detailed takeaways

Outlook

Industry trends

- Audiences are returning consistently with fatigue of staying home creeping in, resulting in a steady movie supply and consistent content quality to keep footfalls healthy through FY26.
- Producers are increasingly aligning with a longer theatrical window post-Aamir Khan's approach with Sitaare Zameen Par. Management believes this shift will strengthen theatrical economics.
- Post Mahavatar Narsimha's success, management expects more animation and genre-diverse films in Indian cinema opening new audience cohorts and longterm opportunities.
- Management does not expect any extreme near-term impact from this Karnataka price cap in the near term due to a High Court order, thereby continuing to maintain uniform pricing flexibility across states.

Expected performance from H2

- Content pipeline for H2FY26 is very encouraging supported by a strong and diverse multi-language release slate with marquee titles across Bollywood and Hollywood
- Advertising traction is expected to remain strong led by FMCG, banking, textile, e-commerce, jewellery and auto. Management expects consumption tailwinds and festive season to drive further advertisment growth in Q3FY26
- Company plans to distribute 8–9 Hindi films and 15–20 Hollywood films annually in line with its historical trend.

Future strategy

- PVR INOX plans to maintain a 50:50 mix between owned and capital-light models. 132 screens are already signed under this strategy, which are to be rolled out over the next 18–24 months. The focus remains on disciplined growth, deleveraging and cash conservation.
- Management is optimistic but cautious about the dine-in format. The Bengaluru
 cinema is currently a proof of concept (POC), and early response has been very
 positive, reinforcing confidence that such experiential formats can create a new
 premium revenue stream.
- The company ended Q2FY26 with around INR6,800mn in cash, part of which will be considered over the next six months for debt prepayment and content acquisition.
- Management expects minimal disruption from the T20 World Cup in Q4FY26.
 The company also sees potential to monetise major matches through live screenings.
- It is on track to open ~100 screens in FY26 (34 net screens added in H1FY26).

Dine-in cinema concept (Bangalore Pilot)

- Launched India's first dine-in cinema in Bangalore under the pilot phase.
- Objective: elevate the cinematic experience by merging F&B and entertainment for consumers.
- Inspired by a similar model from one of South Korean group, which has been highly successful.
- Targeted at a certain demographic premium and niche audience.
- The company sees early success and intends to scale selectively across major cities once the pilot stabilises.

Hindi film recovery

- Strong comeback of Hindi films driven by consistent content flow.
- Films such as Saiyaara, Mahavatar Narsimha, Sitara Zameen Par and Jolly LLB 3 performed well.
- It is a more of a volume-led recovery as a steady pipeline of releases across scales ensuring sustained footfalls.
- In Q2, 22 films crossed INR1bn and 42 films in H1.
- Hindi films contributed 46% of PVR's box office revenue.

SPH

- SPH declined sequentially due to audience composition higher turnout of viewers avoiding non-veg serving canteens and younger cohorts (*Saiyaara*) less inclined to spend on F&B.
- Tuesdays have emerged as a key trend, contributing 15–17% of footfalls.

Key highlights of the quarter

- Admits at 44.5mn are up 14.7% YoY/30.9% QoQ; ATP at INR262 is up 2% YoY/3.1% QoQ. SPH of INR134 is down 1.5% YoY/9.5% QoQ.
- Management highlighted that the robust performance in H1FY26 was broadbased across Hindi, Hollywood, and regional languages, and not dependent on one or two mega-hits. This indicates a structural recovery in theatrical demand rather than a cyclical or event-driven bounce-back.
- Achieved the highest admissions in the past two years driven by robust ATP and SPH.
- In Q2FY26, gross block office collection stood at INR 8,633 up 21% YoY. Net box office collection stood at INR9,834mn, up 17.4% YoY.
- FY26 advertisement revenue rose 15% YoY to INR1,256mn reaching its highest level post-pandemic driven by improved occupancy and strong content performance.
- Overall, occupancy stayed at 28.7% during Q2FY26 up 30.5% YoY/11.7% QoQ.
- Cinema and screen counts remained flat YoY at 353 and 1,757 respectively.

- Increase in ad income was driven by longer campaigns due to blockbuster-led visibility.
- Higher footfalls are coming from a shift in audience preference. People are now
 more interested in good stories than just big stars, and filmmakers are
 responding to this change.

Bollywood performance

- PVR's Bollywood gross collection stood at INR5420mn, up 21% YoY led by 'Saiyaara', 'Mahavtar Narsimha' and 'War 2'.
- Consecutive box-office successes and a consistent Hindi release pipeline have driven strong momentum for Bollywood in Q2FY26 highlighting a clear shift where compelling content is outweighing star power.
- Healthy performance driven by four INR1bn-plus films and less reliance on bigticket blockbusters.

Hollywood performance

- GBOC stood at INR2,860mn, up 97% YoY.
- Successful franchisee titles such as F1: The Movie, Jurassic World: Rebirth, The Conjuring: Last Rites Drive Hollywood Box Office.

Regional performance

- PVR INOX GBOC remained increased 3% YoY at INR3080mn.
- Kannada GBOC increased 110.0% YoY in Q2FY26 primarily led by movie 'Su from So'.
- Malayalam GBOC increased 40% YoY in Q2FY26 primarily led by movie Lokah Chapter 1.

Screen count

- Q2FY26 saw the addition of 22 leased screens contributing to a net H1FY26 screen addition of 34.
- It has signed 44 new screens under the FOCO model and 88 screens under the asset-light model.
- As on 15th October 2025, the company has diversified network of 1,761 screens across 111 cities.
- Weighted average screens for Q2FY26 stood at 1,700 which is a decrease of 8 screens as compared to Q2FY25

Debt reduction

- Net debt stood at INR 6,188mn as on Sep -25 compared with INR 9,522mn in Mar-25.
- Following the merger the company's debt levels have been more than halved strengthening the balance shee
- Improved emphasis on free cash flow generation is likely to support a reduction in net debt levels.

Content line-up

- Hollywood movies include: The Black Phone 2, Predator Badlands, Now You See
 Me: Now You Don't; The Running Man.
- Bollywood movies include: Thama, Ek Deewane ki Deewaniyat, Bahubali the epic, De De Pyaar De 2.

CCI probe

- PVR INOX charges Virtual print fee to all domestic producers except Hollywood as it has already seen a global sunset of VPF.
- VPF remains an industry-wide practice among all Indian exhibitors. It is charged to recoup continuing investments in digital cinema technology.
- CCI order is under investigation.

Others

- In terms of advertising, top sectors were FMCG, banking, textile, E-com, jewellers and automobiles.
- The CCI order is under investigation, not a final finding for VPF.

Exhibit 8: Consolidated financial snapshot (INR mn)

Year to March	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% change	Q1FY26	% change
Total Net Revenues	18,230	16,221	12.4	14,691	24.1
Exhibition cost	4,676	3,257	43.6	3,898	20.0
Food and Beverages cost	1,309	1,330	(1.6)	1,196	9.4
Employee expenses	1,926	1,773	8.6	1,726	11.6
Other costs	4,202	5,068	(17.1)	3,898	7.8
Total expenditure	12,113	11,428	6.0	10,718	13.0
EBITDA	6,117	4,793	27.6	3,973	54.0
D&A expense	3,167	3,294	(3.9)	3,085	2.7
EBIT	2,950	1,499	96.8	888	232.2
Less: Finance costs	1,883	2,064	(8.8)	1,914	(1.6)
Add: Other income	359	418	(14.1)	324	10.8
Profit before tax	1,426	(147)	NM	(702)	NM
Provision for Tax	369	(26)	NM	(158)	NM
Less: Minority Interest	(1)	3	NM	4	NM
Add: Share of profit from Associates	-	-		-	
Reported Profit	1,056	(118)	NM	(540)	NM
Adjusted Profit	1,056	(118)	NM	(540)	NM
No. of Diluted shares outstanding (mn)	98.2	98.2		98.2	
Adjusted Diluted EPS	10.8	-1.2	NM	-5.5	NM
as % of net revenues					
Exhibition cost	25.7	20.1	557	26.5	(88)
Cost of F&B	7.2	8.2	(102)	8.1	(96)
Employee cost	10.6	10.9	(37)	11.7	(118)
Other costs	23.0	31.2	(819)	26.5	(348)
EBITDA	33.6	29.5	401	27.0	651
Net profit	5.8	-0.7	650	-3.6	944

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

 $Nuvama\ Research\ is\ also\ available\ on\ www.nuvamaresearch.com,\ Bloomberg\ -\ NUVA,\ Thomson\ Reuters,\ and\ Factset$

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

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Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
06-Aug-25	OTT fatigue spurring BO revival; Result Update	1,035	Buy
12-May-25	More visibility in Regional and Hollywoo; <i>Result Update</i>	969	Buy
17-Mar-25	Strong uptick in first two months; Nuvama Flash	900	Buy

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
Nippon Life Ind	8.50	Prudential PLC	3.12
ICICI prudentia	6.82	Vanguard Group	3.01
HDFC Asset Mana	5.68	ICICI prudentia	2.17
Kotak Mahindra	4.36	SBI Funds Manag	1.98
SBI Life Insura	3.40	Blackrock Inc	1.87

^{*}Latest public data

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
16-Oct-25	Zee Entertainment	Channel launch expenses singe margin; Result Update
03-Oct-25	Media and Entertainment	PVR INOX—Sole bright spot this quarter; Sector Update
17-Sep-25	SAREGAMA INDIA	Paid subscriptions: next growth engine; Visit Note

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%	68		
Reduce	<-5%	37		

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