



Zee Learn Ltd – Connecting the correct dots





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Financial Summary

Y/E March	Total Revenue (Rs.cr)	EBITDA (Rs.cr)	Adj.PAT (Rs.cr)	EPS (Rs.)	Change (YoY %)	Р/Е (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	RoE (%)	RoCE (%)
FY14	119	10	(1)	(0.04)	(95%)	-	-	(0.8)	4.1
FY15	122	25	10	0.3	(821%)	-	-	4.1	8.9
FY16	139	32	15	0.47	56%	-	-	6.0	9.4
FY17E	159	48	31	0.97	106%	74	43	11.0	12.5
FY18E	213	63	40	1.24	28%	58	32	12.4	12.6
Source: Com	pany, Axis Securities			CMP as on	17th Mar, 2017	7			



Buy	
Target Price: Rs. 7	2
CMP Potential Upside	: Rs. 45 : 60 %
MARKET DATA	
No. of Shares	: 32 Cr.
Market Cap	: Rs. 1440 Cr.
Free Float	: 30%
Avg. daily vol (6mth)	: 605837
52-w High / Low	: 50/27
Bloomberg	: ZLL: Natl India
Promoter holding	: 67.3%
FII / DII	: 24.2/0

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Price performance

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Shareholding pattern

	Dec-16	Q-o-Q Chg
Promoters	67.3	(0.03)
FPIs	24,2	(0.21)
MFs / UTI	0.00	0.00
Banks / Fls	0.03	0.00
Others	8.46	0.24

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Zee Learn, engaged in educational services in India, owns the largest and fastest growing chain of pre-schools and K-12 schools respectively. Under the pre-school segment, the company operates its flagship brand 'KIDZEE' with over 1,550 centres in the country. Under its K-12 segment the company operates 'Mount Litera Zee School' with 103 signed-up schools in the country.

With the increasing penetration ratio in pre-school and aspiration for better quality education, Zee Learn is poised to deliver robust earnings growth. We expect earnings CAGR of 62% over FY16-18E driven by:

- Increasing penetration of pre-schools in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities
- Increasing preference towards organised educational centre in pre-school segment and gaining market share of Private school in K-12 segment
- Geographic expansion of KIDZEE (signing up 400 new centres annually, MLZS (open 12 new schools annually)
- Asset light business model (85% of the operational centres are through franchisee model)

We initiate coverage with BUY rating and a target price of Rs. 72 i.e. ~60% upside (DCF valuation)

Size and Potential of Indian education sector:

- The education sector in India is world's largest in terms of number of student enrolled (currently 1.4 mn school with 227 mn students enrolled). As around 41% of the Indian population is below 19 years of age, the education market in India is expected to grow at CAGR of ~20% in coming years.
- Zee Learn with its PAN India presence and aggressive expansion strategy, is expected to achieve student base of 2.16 lakh by FY18E (growth of 44% over FY16).



Key Investment Argument



- Rapid proliferation of organised preschool chain in metros (accounts for 65% of pre school market)
- Marked improvement in the penetration ratio (from less than 10% in FY08 to >25% FY16) of pre school in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities
- Pre school industry in India expected to grow at healthy CAGR over 20% in coming years as 75% of the target market is still untapped
- With its 1550 operational centres and target to sign up 350-400 new centres every year, we expect 26% revenue CAGR from Pre school segment of Zee Learn over FY16-18E

K-12 could be a game changer

Mount Litera Zee School

Great School. Great Future

- Mount Litera Zee School likely to benefit most from structural shift in favor of organised K-12 industry in India
- No. of K-12 school under MLZS to increase from 103 FY16 to 127 FY18E. This will drive student enrollment in MLZS at CAGR of 20% (FY16-18E)
- This augurs well for organised K-12industry in India and we expect Zee Learn to post 16% revenue CAGR in its MLZS (K-12 segment)over FY16-18E

Asset Light Business Model



- 85% of its operational centres in Pre school and K-12 segment through franchisee model
- Going forward, franchisee based model to remain the preferred approach for expansion of the company's school business.
- Policy of collecting the total enrolment fees (royalty) upfront from its franchisee partners. This bodes well for the company as it does not have to make any upfront investment for franchisee development and can recover its costs faster and reduce its risks

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Valuation & Outlook

- 41% population below 19 years of age, huge untapped market increasing aspiration for better quality education increasing proportion of working woman, rising affordability confirms robust growth opportunity in Indian education industry
- ZLL's PAN India presence with aggressive expansion in footprint, asset light business model and earnings visibility of 62% CAGR over FY16-18E makes it a perfect play to participate in the growing opportunities of Indian education industry
- We initiate coverage on Zee Learn with BUY Recommendation and Target Price of Rs.72 (~60% upside from CMP).



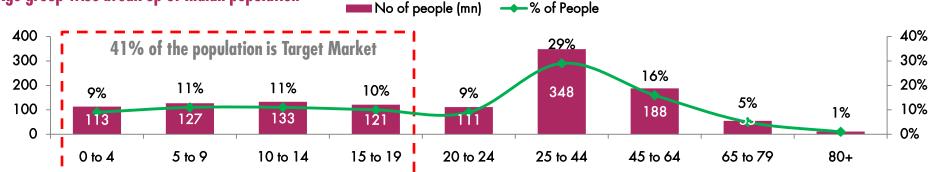
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2nd Largest in Pre-School

Education Industry in India



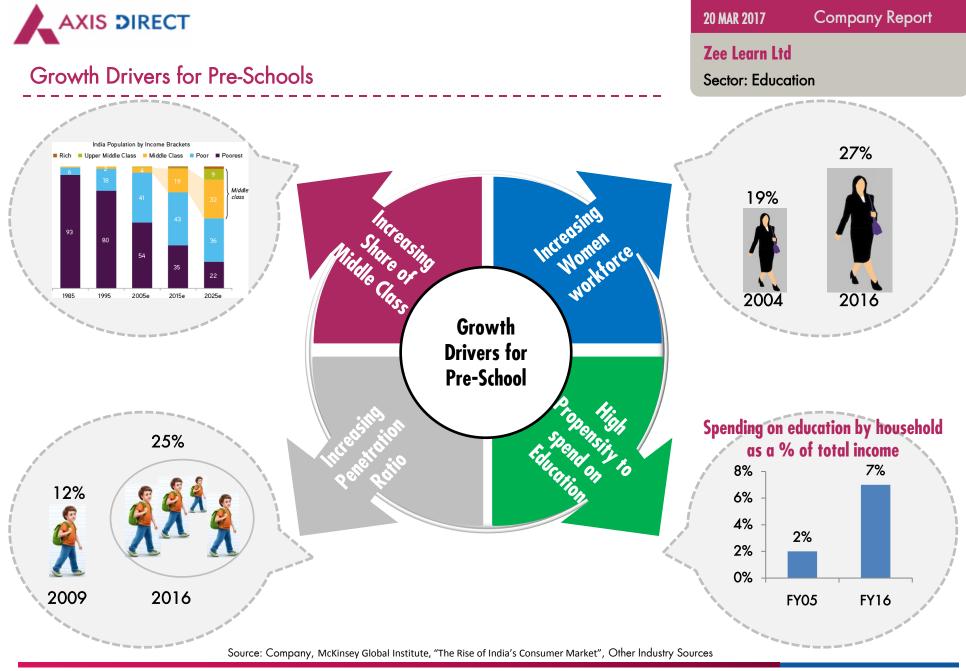
Age group wise break up of Indian population





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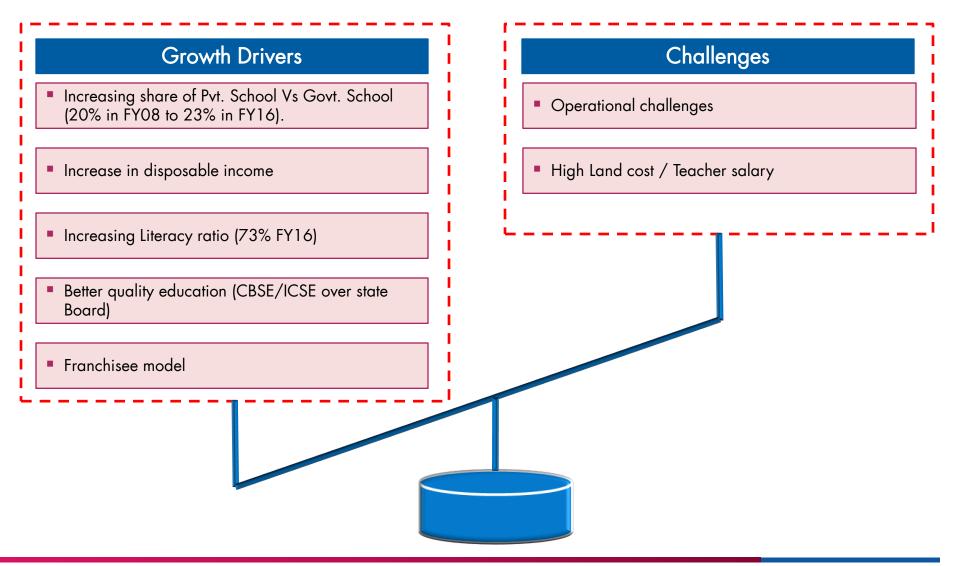
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Growth Drivers for K-12

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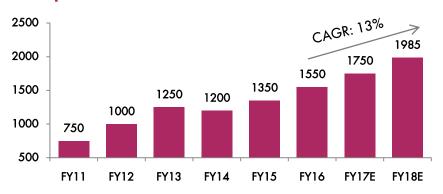
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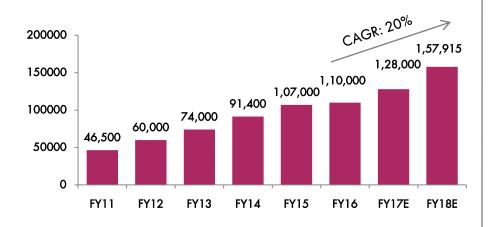


Zee – Pre School Kidzee



ZLL's Operational Centers in Pre School

No. of Student enrolled in KIDZEE



Source: Company, Axis Securities

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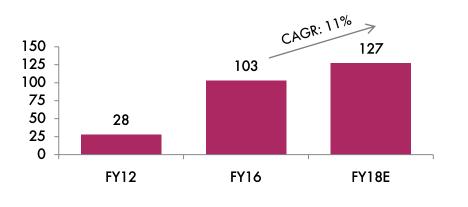
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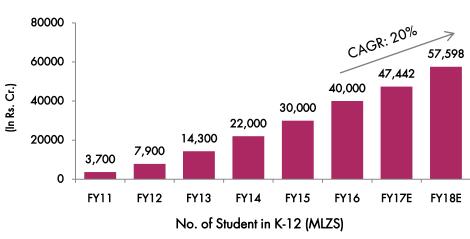
- KIDZEE is a largest chain of pre schools in India with over 1550 operational centres (85% through franchisee model) and contributes 67% of ZLL's overall revenue.
- During FY13-16, the company has added more than 300 Kidzee centres and plans to sign up 350-400 centres per year going forward (the majority would follow the franchisee based approach).
- Addition of operational centres annually (200-250) would keep the pre-school business on a high revenue growth trajectory in the foreseeable future.
- With the increase in penetration ratio of Pre school we expect avg. enrollment of KIDZEE to increase from 71 students to 85 students by FY18E.
- We expect 26% revenue CAGR from Pre school segment of Zee Learn over FY16-18E.



Zee – K12 segment

No. of Schools under Mount Litera





Source: Company, Axis Securities

Student enrollment in MLZS

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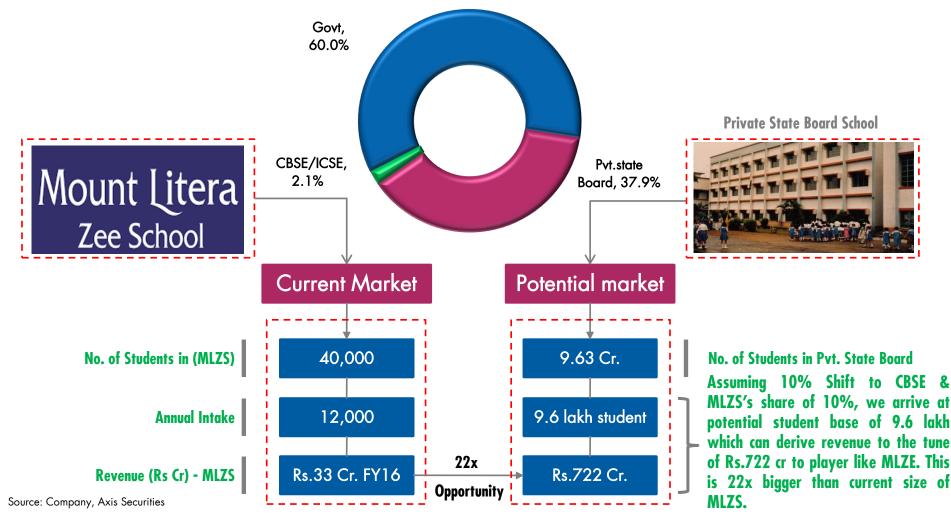
- The current K-12 school system in India is one of the largest in the world with more than 1.4 million schools and 250+ million students enrolled
- With increasing awareness for the need of better education and increase in spending towards education, there is a structural shift in the parent's preference towards Pvt. K-12 over Govt. K-12
- Mount Litera Zee School is likely to benefit most from structural shift in favor of organised K-12 industry in India. It contributed ~24% of the revenues of Zee Learn in FY16.
- No. of K-12 school under MLZS to increase from 103 FY16 to 127 FY18E. This will drive student enrollment in MLZS at CAGR of 20% (FY16-18E)
- We expect Zee Learn to post 16% revenue CAGR in its MLZS (K-12 segment) over FY16-18E



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Minuscule conversion of Pvt. state board school to CBSE/ICSE provides huge opportunity to MLZS



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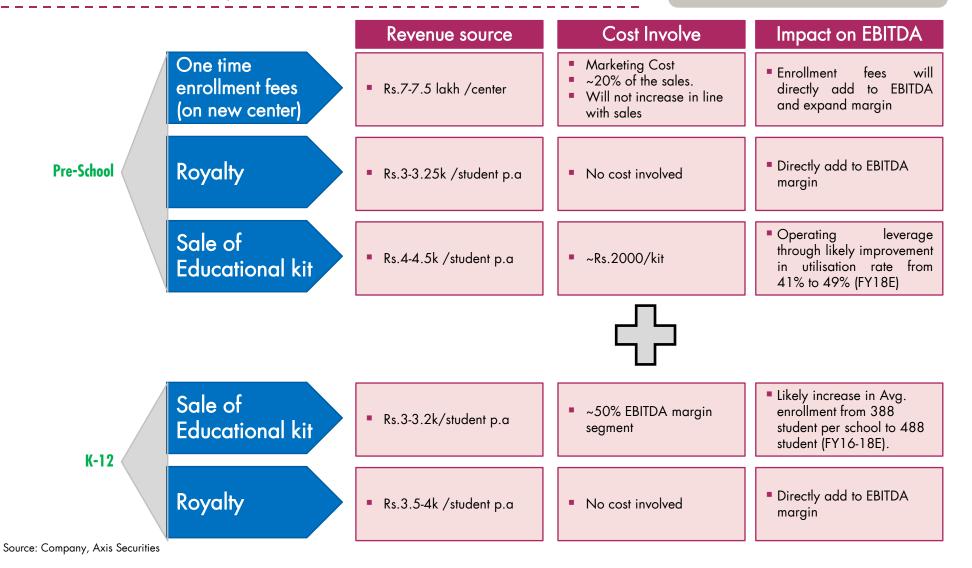
Revenue and Cost Analysis

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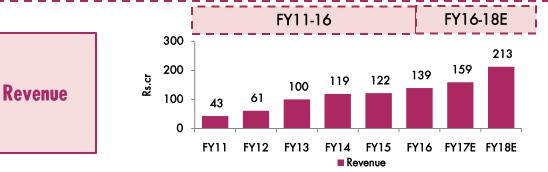
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Standalone financial performance of ZEE Learn

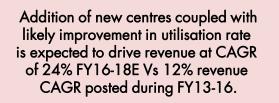


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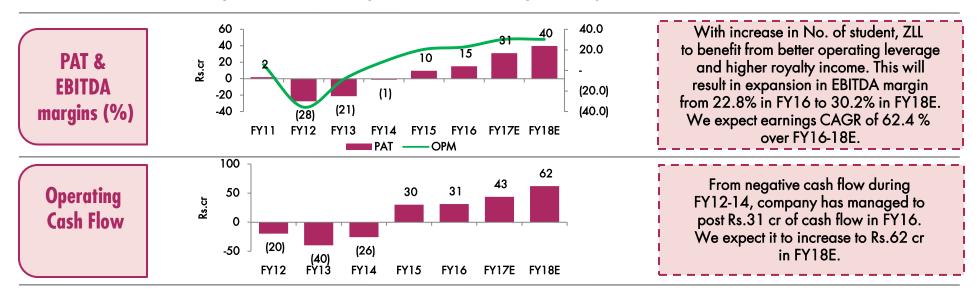
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Zee Learn has developed Zee Institute of Media Arts (ZIMA), a TV and Film training institute and Zee Institute of Creative Art (ZICA), nation's first full-fledged Classical and Digital Animation Training Academy. It contributes 5-10% of Zee Learn revenues.



Zee Learn has two subsidiary companies; Digital Ventures Private Limited and Academia Edificio Private Limited (engaged in owning, developing and leasing the school infrastructure and ancillary assets required in educational business). Consolidated revenues in FY16 stood at Rs. 153.3 Cr. and PAT at Rs. 15.1 Cr.



Valuation Charts

DCF valuation Assumptions

Beta	0.85
Risk free rate	8.0%
Risk premium	4.0%
Cost of Equity	11.4%
Cost of Debt	10.4%
WACC	10.5%
Terminal growth rate	5.0%

	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	Terminal value
NOPAT	32.2	49.3	61.6	77.0	96.3	120	150	188	235	294	
Depreciation	6	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	11	
NWC	15.0	23.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2	
Cap-ex	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
FCFF	-1.8	9.3	46.7	61.9	82.0	106	137	174	222	281	5372
PV	-1.6	7.6	34.6	41.6	49.9	58.3	68.2	78.6	90.6	104	1797
Total PV	2328										
Net debt	22.5										
Equity	2305										
No. of shares	32										
Fair value	72										

Source: Company, Axis Securities



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Valuation

- Given highest population of 41% below 19 years, huge untapped market, increasing aspiration for better quality education, increasing proportion of working woman, rising affordability confirms robust growth opportunity in Indian education industry.
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- We hence initiate coverage on Zee Learn with BUY Recommendation and Target Price of Rs. 72 i.e. ~60% upside from CMP (by DCF valuation).

Key Risks

 Any regulation from Govt. to cap fees in Pre-school or K-12 could affect ZLL's earnings.



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Our team met 25 Franchisees across different cities of India having 3 - 14 years relationship with the Zee Group namely Hubli, Trichi, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Kochi, Mysore, Calicut, Ludhiana, Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Patna, Saltlake, Siliguri, Jamshedpur, Lucknow, Noida, Jaipur, Nagpur, Pune, Thane, Kandivali, Borivali



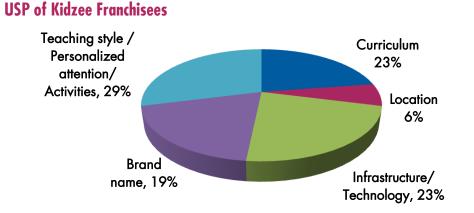
• To understand the services provided by the franchisees, the infrastructure and technology status, what separates them from other playschools and their dependence on parent Zee Learn

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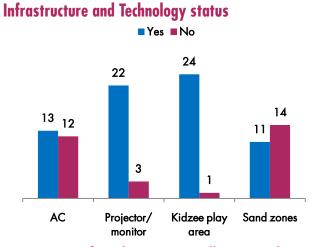
- Fees for playschool, nursery, junior K.G. and senior K.G. range between Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 40,000
- Books and uniforms are provided by the school
- On an average, 5-6 classrooms in each with 80 kids in each school
- Student teacher ratio is approximately 15:1 enabling personal interaction
- Curriculum is revised every year and curriculum and study processes are same within the Kidzee brand
- On an average, field trips are organized once in 2 months i.e. 5-6 a year



Survey findings across country

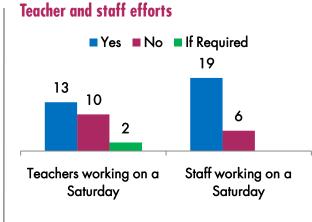


Brand name, Curriculum, teaching style give Kidzee an edge over others

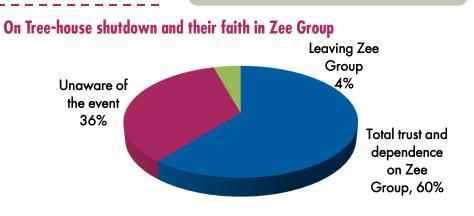


Most franchisees are well-equipped

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Work on Saturdays for conducting art, craft, drawing competitions

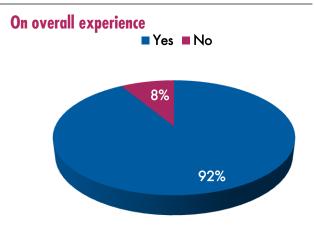


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Most Franchisees have a strong relationship and total trust on Zee Learn



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Majority got a positive feel of the place

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Q3FY17 Result Note

	Q3FY17	Q3FY16	
Net sales	25.5	22.3	14%
Expenses	16.5	16.1	
EBITDA	8.9	6.1	45% 🕇
PM	35.1%	27.6%	
AT	6.1	2.3	168%
NPM	23.9%	10.2%	

... as well as growth in enrolment and debt reduction. Demonetization had no impact on the operations of ZLL

- Enrolment: Management has guided to maintain steady growth (15-18%) of enrolment in both Kidzee and MLZS. On path to achieve the previously guided numbers i.e. 1,40,000 for Kidzee and 60,000 for K-12
- Debt reduction: Rs. 70 Cr. Debt has been repaid or re-negotiated in this quarter resulting in consolidated debt of Rs. 255 Cr. (Rs. 110 Cr. Zee Learn and Rs. 150 Cr. DVPL)
- **Demonetization impact:** ZLL did not witness any impact of demonetization on centre-opening or enrolment fees. Education remains at the top priority list of the consumers.





Financials (Consolidated)

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Profit & Loss					(Rs Cr)	Balance Sl
YE March	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17E	FY18E	YE March
Net sales	119	122	139	159	213	Total asset
Other operating income						
Total operating income	119	122	139	159	213	Net Block
Cost of Material	38	34	39	48	61	CWIP
Marketing & travelling exp	24	24	28	27	36	Investment
Employee cost	31	25	25	27	30	
Other expenses	15	13	16	19	23	Wkg. cap
Total Expenditure	109	97	107	121	150	Cash / Ba
Operating profit	10	25	32	38	63	Others
Other income	3	5	3	7	5	
EBIDT	14	30	35	45	68	
Depreciation	7	7	6	6	8	Capital em
Interest	8	13	14	14	11	Equity cap
PBT	(1)	10	15	25	48	
Ταχ				4	9	Reserves
Adj.PAT	(1)	10	15	31	40	Borrowing
Reported PAT	(1)	10	15	31	40	Others

Calance Sheet (Rs Cr)								
YE March	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17E	FY18E			
Total assets	311	311	385	406	431			
Net Block	17	13	10	14	15			
CWIP	0	0	0	0	0			
Investments	206	336	355	355	355			
Wkg. cap. (excl cash)	69	-51	11	16	13			
Cash / Bank balance	14	10	10	20	46			
Others	4	3	1	2	2			
Capital employed	311	311	385	406	431			
Equity capital	32	32	32	32	32			
Reserves	192	202	219	250	289			
Borrowings	86	76	127	117	102			
Others	1	0	8	8	8			

Source: Company, Axis Securities





Financials (Consolidated)

Cash Flow (Rs Cr)							
YE March	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17E	FY18E		
Cash from operations							
Profit before tax	-1	10	15	35	48		
Adj: Depreciation	7	7	6	6	8		
Interest	8	13	14	14	11		
Others	0	(1)	(9)	-	-		
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	14	29	27	55	68		
Cash flow from Operating activities	(26)	30	31	43	62		
cash flow from Investing activities	(13)	(31)	(39)	(10)	(10)		
cash flow from Financing activities	42	(6)	9	(24)	(26)		
net change in cash	3	(7)	1	10	26		
Cash & Cash equivalent at the end of the year	17	10	11	20	46		

Ratio Analysis					(%)
YE March	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17E	FY18E
Sales growth	19.1	2.0	14.3	14.3	33.8
OPM	8.7	20.5	22.8	30.2	29.4
Oper. Profit growth	NA	140.7	27.3	51.4	30
Total Exp./Sales	91.3	79.5	77.2	69.8	70.6
EBITDA margin	11.4	24.4	25.3	34.5	31.8
PAT margin	(1.1)	7.9	10.8	19.5	18.7
Depreciation/G.Block	15	19.3	15.0	15.0	15.0
Net wrk.cap/Net sales	59.7	(40.7)	9.5	10.8	7.3
Net sales / Gr block (x)	3.5	3.32	3.56	3.24	3.6
Debt / equity (x)	0.38	0.32	0.51	0.42	0.32
RoE	(0.8)	4.1	6.0	11	12.4
RoCE	4.1	8.9	9.4	12.5	12.6
EPS (Rs.)	0.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.2
EPS Growth	NA	NA	56.1	106.4	27.9

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BUY	More than 10%			
HOLD	Between 10% and -10%			
SELL	Less than -10%			

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