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# INFO EDGE (INDIA) LTD.

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Sector: Internet & Catalogue Retail

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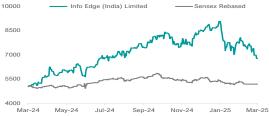
Key Chang	<sub>jes</sub> Target		Rating	Ea	arnings	Target	Rs. 7,526
Stock Type	Bloomberg Code	Sensex	NSE Code	BSE Code	Time Frame	CMP	Rs. 6,688
Mid Cap	NAUKRI:IN	75,301	NAUKRI	532777	12 Months	Return	+13%

Data as of: 18-03-2025

Company Data			
Market Cap (Rs. cr)		86,039	
52 Week High — Lov	v (Rs.)		9,195 - 5,000
Enterprise Value (Rs.		86,879	
Outstanding Shares (		13.0	
Free Float (%)		60.0	
Dividend Yield (%)			0.3
6m average volume (	(cr)		0.03
Beta			1.4
Face value (Rs. )		10.0	
Shareholding (%)	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
Promoters	37.9	37.7	37.6

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Promoters	37.9	37.7	37.6
FII's	32.1	32.3	32.6
MFs/Institutions	19.4	19.6	19.2
Public	7.7	7.5	8.0
Others	2.9	3.0	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Promoter Pledge	Nil	Nil	Nil
Price Performance	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Absolute Return	-20%	-9%	35%
Absolute Sensex	-6%	-8%	3%
Relative Return	-14%	-1%	32%

#### \*over or under performance to benchmark index



Y.E March (cr)	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	2,825	3,328	3,912
Growth (%)	11.4	17.8	17.6
EBITDA	1,059	1,318	1,636
EBITDA Margin (%)	37.5	39.6	41.8
PAT Adjusted	865	1,092	1,327
Growth (%)	26.1	26.2	21.6
Adjusted EPS	66.7	84.2	102.4
Growth (%)	25.9	26.2	21.6
P/E	113.7	90.1	74.1
P/B	3.2	3.1	3.1
EV/EBITDA	93.7	75.2	60.6
ROE (%)	2.8	3.5	4.2
D/E	0.0	0.0	0.0

## **Healthy Growth with Cautious Outlook**

Info Edge (India) Limited's businesses comprise online jobs, real estate, matrimonial and education portals.

- Consolidated revenue from operations increased a notable 15.2% YoY to Rs 722cr in Q3FY25, driven by strong traction in the recruitment, real estate and education sectors.
- Revenue from Recruitment Solutions, which constitutes a major 73% of Info Edge's revenue, surged 12.3% YoY to Rs. 527cr.
- 99acres for real estate segment revenue stood at Rs. 104cr (contributing 14.4% of consolidated revenue) whereas others (which majorly includes Jeevansathi and Shiksha segments) stood at Rs. 91cr.
- At the operational level, EBIDTA surged 34.1% YoY to Rs. 272cr, supported by strong top-line growth.
- EBITDA margin expanded a considerable 530 basis points to 37.6% in Q3FY25 from 32.3% in Q3FY24.
- Consolidated reported PAT soared 141.5% YoY to Rs. 288cr in Q3FY25 from Rs. 119cr in Q3FY24.

#### **Outlook & Valuation**

Info Edge exhibited stellar financial performance, characterised by notable growth in both top line and bottom line. With robust cash generation emerging as a considerable asset, the company is set to carefully evaluate the most effective strategies to deploy its cash reserves, ultimately maximising shareholder value. While competition is currently deemed rational, the company remains cautious about potential changes in competitor behaviour, which could impact its ability to achieve profitability and maintain growth momentum in the upcoming quarter. Considering these factors, we reiterate our ACCUMULATE rating on the stock with a rolled-forward target price of Rs. 7,526 based on SOTP valuation.

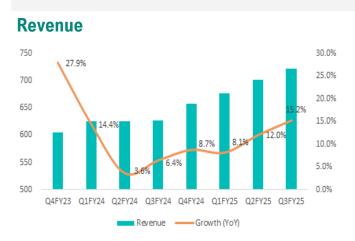
#### **Quarterly Financials Consol.**

Rs.cr	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY (%)	Q2FY25	QoQ (%)	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY (%)
Sales	722	627	15.2	701	3.1	2,100	1,879	11.8
EBITDA	272	203	34.1	242	12.4	737	610	20.8
Margin (%)	37.6	32.3	530bps	34.5	310bps	35.1	32.5	260bps
EBIT	242	177	36.7	215	12.6	654	534	22.4
PBT	371	190	94.9	500	<i>-25.8</i>	1,203	716	68.1
Rep. PAT	288	119	141.5	85	240.4	632	507	24.8
Adj PAT	288	146	97.8	-141	n.m.	510	455	12.1
Adj. EPS (Rs)	22.3	11.3	97.3	-10.9	n.m.	39.4	35.1	12.1



#### **Key concall highlights**

- The real estate segment witnessed significant growth of 16% in billings to Rs. 103cr; a substantial increase of 17% in revenue to Rs. 104cr; and a notable reduction of 67% in operating losses to Rs. 5cr, which was largely attributable to revenue growth, coupled with prudent expense management, resulting in enhanced operational efficiency.
- The Naukri platform witnessed significant growth, hosting around 10.4cr resumes. An average of 19,500 new resumes are being added daily. Recruiter activity has also seen an uptick, with increases in searches, CV views and invites.
- In the matrimony business, the company is developing new strategies to enhance platform monetisation and drive traffic in North Indian markets. Providing a high-quality matchmaking experience on Jeevansathi is a top priority. Further investments will be made to enhance matchmaking algorithms, delivering better outcomes for users.
- The Board of Directors has approved a plan to invest up to Rs. 1,000cr in a new venture fund, IE Venture Investment Fund III. The fund will focus on early-stage tech start-ups in India. Key areas include consumer internet, software and Al-led platforms. Shareholder approval is pending for the investment plan.
- Info Edge is focusing on three key Al priorities: enhancing existing products, developing new Al-powered features and building future-ready products. This has led to an 8-10% increase in recruiter productivity and a 10-20% improvement in job seeker engagement.





## **Sum-Of-The-Parts (SOTP) Valuation**

Particulars	Methodology	Multiple	Holding (%)	Holding Discount (%)	Value (Rs. cr.)	Value Per Share (Rs.)
Recruitment Solutions	FY27E EV/EBITDA	27x	100.0%	-	44,562	3,439
99 Acres	FY27E P/S	6x	100.0%	-	4,001	309
Jeevansathi and Shiksha.com	FY27E P/S	5x	100.0%	-	2,903	224
Zomato	Geojit TP		12.4%	10.0%	25,655	1,980
PolicyBazaar	Geojit TP		13.0%	10.0%	8,188	632
Other investments	BV				11,275	870
Net cash position	BV				944	73
					Target price	7.526

## **Change in Estimates**

	Old esti	mates		New estimates		Chang	e (%)
Year / Rs cr	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	2,822	3,450	2,825	3,328	3,912	0.1	-3.5
EBITDA	1,107	1,499	1,059	1,318	1,636	-4.3	-12.1
Margins (%)	39.2	43.5	37.5	39.6	41.8	-170bps	-390bps
Adj. PAT	992	1298	865	1092	1327	-12.8	-15.9
EPS	76.5	100.2	67	84	102	-12.7	-15.9



# **Consolidated Financials**

#### **Profit & Loss**

Y.E March (Rs. Cr)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	2,346	2,536	2,825	3,328	3,912
% change	47.6	8.1	11.4	17.8	17.6
EBITDA	568	829	1,059	1,318	1,636
% change	29.4	45.9	27.7	24.5	24.1
Depreciation	73	101	105	109	112
EBIT	495	728	954	1,210	1,524
Interest	7	22	25	35	32
Other Income	-347	172	531	441	473
PBT	141	878	1,460	1,616	1,964
% change	-99.0	524.4	66.3	10.7	21.6
Tax	211	283	438	485	589
Tax Rate (%)	150.1	32.3	30.0	30.0	30.0
Reported PAT	-70	595	1,022	1,131	1,375
PAT att. to com- mon sharehold- ers	-107	575	986	1,092	1,327
Adj.*	509	111	-121	-	-
Adj. PAT	402	686	865	1,092	1,337
% change	-74.6	70.7	26.1	26.2	21.6
No. of shares (cr)	12.9	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0
Adj EPS (Rs.)	31.1	53.0	66.7	84.2	102.4
% change	-74.6	70.4	25.9	26.2	21.6
DPS (Rs.)	19.0	22.0	38.1	42.3	51.4

## **Balance Sheet**

Y.E March (Rs. Cr)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash	361	332	563	650	808
Accts. Receivable	13	11	13	17	20
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Other Cur. Assets	3,317	3,994	4,420	5,078	5,831
Investments	11,675	30,510	30,583	30,624	30,637
Gross Fixed Assets	299	452	487	547	610
Net Fixed Assets	176	316	246	197	147
CWIP	4	-	-	-	-
Intangible Assets	598	460	464	469	474
Def. Tax -Net	2	1	2	2	3
Other Assets	514	468	496	526	559
Total Assets	16,660	36,091	36,787	37,562	38,478
Current Liabilities	1,349	1,496	1,652	1,830	2,023
Provisions	2	1	1	1	1
Debt Funds	1	1	1	1	1
Other Liabilities	882	2,964	2,975	2,986	2,998
Equity Capital	129	129	129	129	129
Res. & Surplus	13,269	30,133	30,626	31,175	31,840
Shareholder Funds	13,398	30,262	30,755	31,301	31,965
Minority Interest	1,028	1,366	1,402	1,442	1,490
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	16,660	36,091	36,787	37,562	38,478
BVPS	1,037	2,339	2,373	2,416	2,467

## Cashflow

Y.E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net inc. + Depn.	-34	676	1,092	1,200	1,439
Non-cash adj.	564	28	-164	-335	-394
Other adjustments					
Changes in W.C	-9	-2	15	20	20
C.F. Operation	521	702	943	885	1,065
Capital exp.	-127	-29	-35	-60	-63
Change in inv.	-405	-1,038	-161	-161	-151
Other invest.CF	165	216	-	-	-
C.F - Investment	-367	-852	-196	-221	-214
Issue of equity	221	418	-	-	-
Issue/repay debt	-6	-18	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-193	-245	-493	-546	-663
Other finance.CF	-20	-34	-22	-32	-29
C.F - Finance	2	120	-515	-577	-692
Chg. in cash	156	-29	231	86	159
Closing Cash	361	332	563	650	808

## Ratio

Y.E March	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Profitab. & Return					
EBITDA margin (%)	24.2	32.7	37.5	39.6	41.8
EBIT margin (%)	21.1	28.7	33.8	36.3	38.9
Net profit mgn.(%)	17.1	27.0	30.6	32.8	33.9
ROE (%)	3.0	2.3	2.8	3.5	4.2
ROCE (%)	3.4	2.3	3.0	3.7	4.6
W.C & Liquidity					
Receivables (days)	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8
Inventory (days)	-	-	-	-	-
Payables (days)	-	-	-	-	-
Current ratio (x)	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.3
Quick ratio (x)	8.0	0.7	8.0	0.9	0.9
Turnover &Leverage					
Gross asset T.O (x)	9.8	6.8	6.0	6.4	6.8
Total asset T.O (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Int. covge. ratio (x)	67.5	32.7	38.5	34.7	47.0
Adj. debt/equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Valuation					
EV/Sales (x)	20.8	28.9	35.1	29.8	25.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	85.9	88.5	93.7	75.2	60.6
P/E (x)	119.8	105.5	113.7	90.1	74.1
P/BV (x)	3.6	2.4	3.2	3.1	3.1



#### **Recommendation Summary -**(last 3 years)



Dates	Rating	Target
21-Jun-22	BUY	4,865
24-Aug-22	BUY	5,162
15-Feb-23	BUY	4,201
24-Aug-23	BUY	4,896
16-Feb-24	BUY	5,847
29-May-24	BUY	6,935
20-Aug-24	ACCUMULATE	8,246
19-Mar-25	ACCUMULATE	7,526

#### **Investment Rating Criteria**

Ratings	Large caps	Midcaps	Small Caps
Buy	Upside is above 10%	Upside is above 15%	Upside is above 20%
Accumulate	-	Upside is between 10%-15%	Upside is between 10%-20%
Hold	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0%-10%	Upside is between 0%-10%
Reduce/sell	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%

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