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INITIATING COVERAGE

Arvind Smartspaces Ltd

BUILDING A 'SMART SPACE'

We are initiating coverage on Arvind Smartspaces Ltd. (ARVSMART) with a BUY recommendation and a target price of Rs 1,085/share, which implies an upside of 43% from the CMP. Arvind Smartspaces began operations in 1897 when Lalbhai Dalpatbhai established the company's first textile mill. Over the years, the business portfolio expanded to include textiles, dyes, chemicals, real estate, and engineering ventures, which were later demerged in 2016. Today, Arvind Smartspaces is one of the fastest-growing real estate companies, holding a dominant market share in Ahmedabad and Bangalore.

Investment Thesis

New Launch Visibility: ASL has significantly expanded its project portfolio since the demerger in FY15 and currently has a planned pipeline of projects spanning 47.97 Mn sq ft, bringing its total book size to 75.47 Mn sq ft. Approximately 72% of its projects follow an asset-light approach. The company's unsold inventory stands at 51 Mn sq ft from completed, ongoing, and planned projects, representing around 69% of its total portfolio, indicating strong launch visibility and booking potential for the upcoming year. ASL has guided for a GDV of Rs 5,000 Cr in FY25. With unutilized funds of Rs 600 Cr from the HDFC platform and the ability to comfortably raise Rs 300 Cr in debt, along with internal cashflows, the company has the total cash visibility of Rs 1,000 Cr. This positions ASL to achieve its guidance of 30%-35% growth in business development.

Asset-Light Model and Quick Turnaround: ASL follows a no-land bank strategy, treating land as raw material and acquiring it as needed. Notably, 79% of its total project portfolio consists of horizontal projects, such as villas and plotted developments, which have quicker turnaround times (2-3 years vs. 4-5 years for vertical projects). The company also adopts a JV model, with 72% of its portfolio under Joint Ventures. ASL's strategic partnership with the HDFC platform, with a 33% share in H-CARE III, further diversifies its risk and reduces cash outflows. The company adheres to a build-to-sell strategy, aiming to sell 30% of a project in its first phase, which shortens the monetization time and enhances cost efficiency during execution. ASL boasts a 100% track record of selling projects on time. This combination of a lean organizational structure, build-to-sell approach, JV projects, and horizontal developments enables a quick project turnaround and contributes to the company's healthy financials.

Geographical Play and Product Innovation: The company holds a dominant position in Ahmedabad and Bangalore, benefiting from strong brand recall associated with the "Arvind" name. Approximately 40% of collections come from its Bangalore projects, while around 45% are generated from Ahmedabad. In Ahmedabad, the company has secured a significant market share by focusing on product innovation and launching lifestyle and fitness-centric projects that add value for consumers and drive demand. Many of its projects feature large clubhouses, golf courses, jogging tracks, and theme-based developments.

To further de-risk its portfolio, the company is expanding into new markets such as Pune and MMR. It recently entered the Surat market with the NH48 Surat development, targeting the emerging demand for horizontal developments. Surat lacks a listed player in the horizontal development business, positioning the company to capitalize on this opportunity. The company anticipates that 20% of its portfolio will eventually be concentrated in the MMR region.

Low Leverage plus strong cashflows combined with strategic partnership: ASL's no-land bank strategy helps it maintain minimal debt on its books, lowering its overall leverage compared to other developers. ASL has achieved a collections CAGR of 37% from FY20 to FY24, and a projected CAGR of 41% for FY24-FY26E. Currently, its net interest-bearing funds stand at Rs (58) Cr, with a net debt (interest-bearing fund) to equity ratio of 0.1, down from 0.3. ASL's relationship with the HDFC platform, which began in 2019, has strengthened, notably with a preferential issue in 2021 under H-Care I (where HDFC holds an 8.8% equity stake in ASL). The current partnership under H-Care III is valued at Rs 900 Cr, with a topline potential of Rs 4,000-5,000 Cr. ASL holds a 33% share of this partnership, responsible for Rs 300 Cr, while the remaining Rs 600 Cr will be infused by HDFC. ASL's low leverage, combined with strong cash flows and strategic partnerships, positions the company for sustainable growth in the coming years.

Valuation & Recommendation

We initiate coverage on Arvind Smartspaces (ARVSMART) with a BUY recommendation. Our recommendation is supported by a) New Launch Visibility; b) Asset-light business and Quick turnaround time, c) Geographical Play and Product Innovation, and d) Low leverage plus strong cashflows combined with Strategic partnership. Valuing the company at 8X FY26 EV/EBITDA we arrive at a target price of Rs 1,085/share, implying an upside of 43% from the CMP.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	256	341	563	721
EBIDTA	49	111	158	216
Net Profit	26	42	91	124
EPS, Rs	5.6	9.2	20.0	27.2
PER, x	133.5	82.2	37.6	27.7
EV/EBIDTA, x	67.0	29.2	21.2	16.0
P/BV, x	7.3	6.9	5.9	5.0
ROE, %	5.5	8.4	15.8	17.9
Debt/Equity (%)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4

Source: company, Axis Research

CMP as of 23rd September, 2024

CMP (Rs)	758
Upside /Downside (%)	43%
High/Low (Rs)	826/310
Market cap (Cr)	3,452
Avg. daily vol. (6m) Shrs.	116
No. of shares (Cr)	4.5

Shareholding (%)

	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24
Promoter Group	50.4	50.4	50.3
FII	0.5	0.4	1.8
MF's/Banks	2.8	2.6	1.3
Others	46.3	46.6	46.6

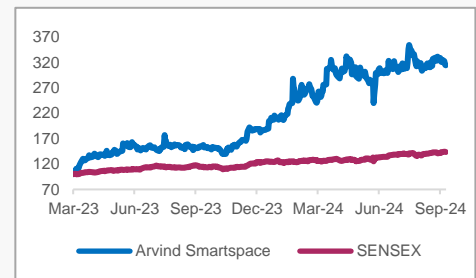
Financial & Valuations

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Key Drivers (%) (Growth in %)

Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	(0.4)	33.3	65.1	28.0
EBITDA	(0.3)	127.8	41.5	37.1
Net Profit	22.7	101.7	118	36.0

Relative performance



Source: Ace Equity, Axis Securities

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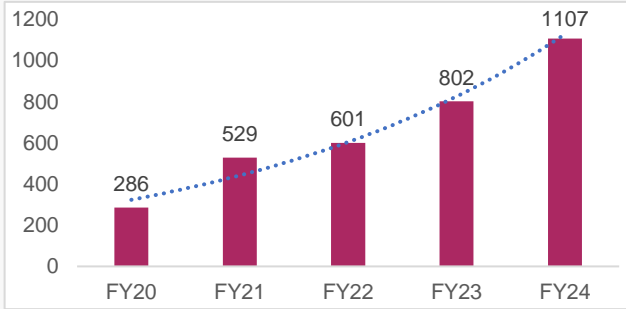
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Financial Story in Charts

Exhibit 1: Increasing fresh bookings YoY showing sales strength (Rs Cr)



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Exhibit 2: Improving collections from strong booking performance (Rs Cr)

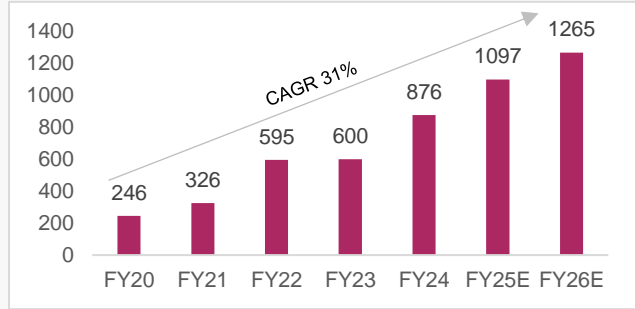
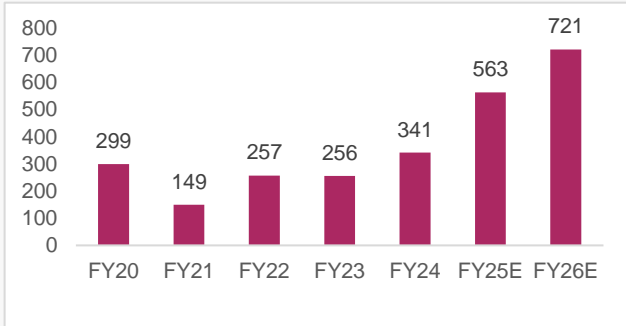


Exhibit 3: Robust bookings leading to better sales performance



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Exhibit 4: Increasing share of JD/JV projects

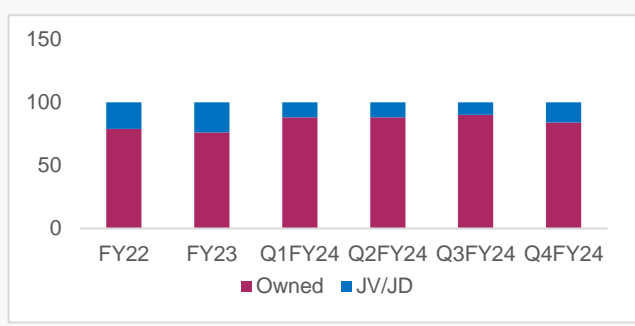
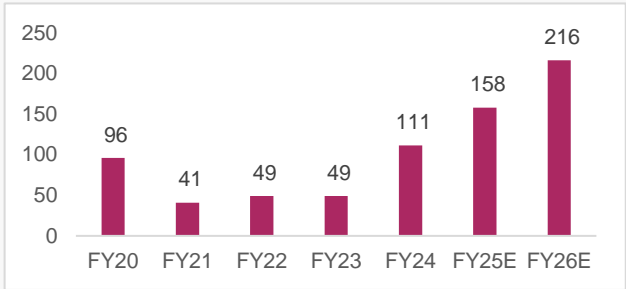


Exhibit 5: Increasing asset-light projects leading to better EBITDA



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Exhibit 6: Improving PAT margins due to asset-light strategy

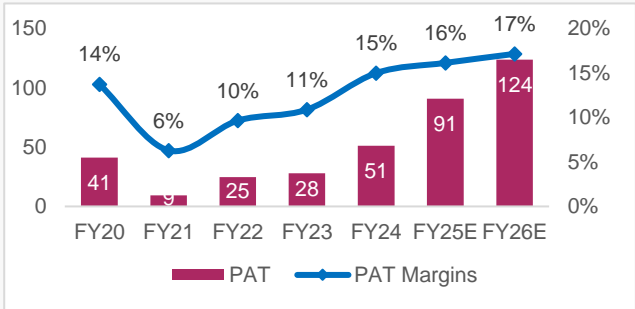
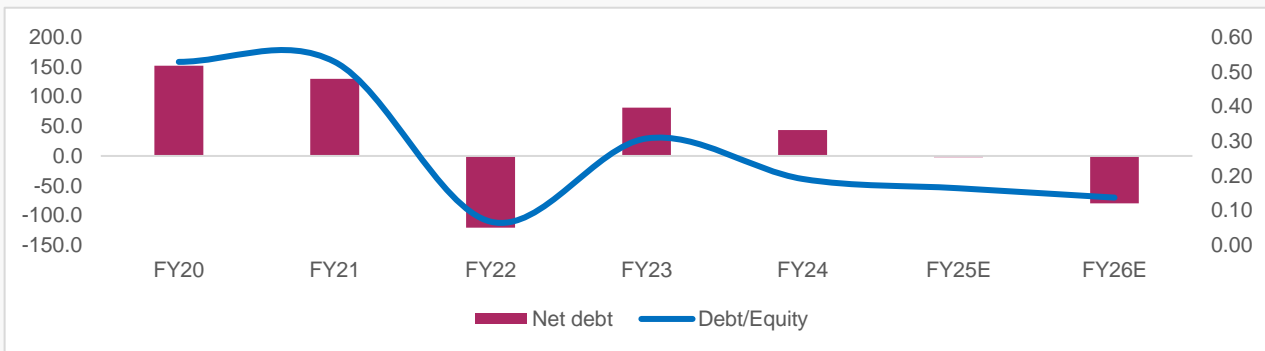


Exhibit 7: Zero debt company with a capacity to capitalize on new debt



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Company Overview

Arvind Smartspaces (ARVSMART) began its operations in 1897 when Lalbhai Dalpatbhai established his first textile mill. Over time, the company's business portfolio expanded to include textiles, dyes, chemicals, real estate, and engineering businesses. Arvind entered the real estate sector in 2009 and later announced its demerger in 2017, separating its branded apparel business, Arvind Fashions, and its engineering business, Anup. Arvind Smartspaces is one of the fastest-growing companies in cities like Ahmedabad and Bangalore, having successfully delivered 4.9 Mn sq ft of completed projects. Leveraging the strong "Arvind" brand, the company has achieved a sales CAGR of 5.4% from FY19 to FY24 and maintains a robust position in these key markets.

Arvind with a parentage of 'Arvind Ltd'. was demerged in FY16 and has created a niche space with strong brand recall and timely execution

Company Structure

Arvind has adopted an asset-light model, primarily focusing on projects under the JV and DM models. Its de-risked portfolio includes a mix of horizontal (plots, villas) and vertical projects, with a strong concentration of horizontal developments in the Ahmedabad and Bangalore regions. The company holds a dominant position in these markets, benefiting from faster project turnaround times. To further diversify its portfolio and reduce concentration risk, Arvind is expanding into new markets such as Pune, Mumbai, and Surat, aiming to capitalize on the current real estate upcycle. The first project in the MMR region is expected to launch in FY25. With a solid track record of on-time project delivery and a healthy balance sheet.

Arvind's model has long-term value creating projects where the margins are good and capital deployment is lean

ASL's Business Model

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Exhibit 8: Arvind's business model

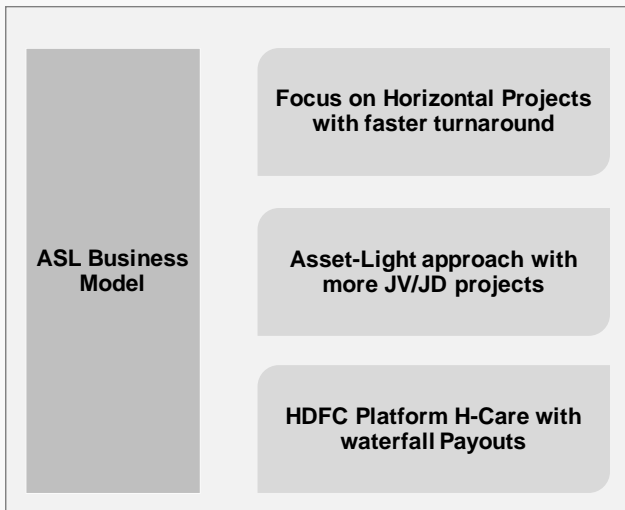
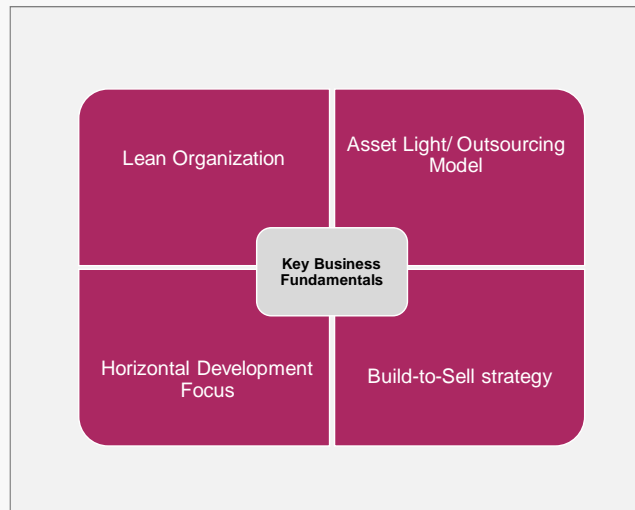


Exhibit 9: Key business principles of the company



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Competitive Strengths & Key Growth Drivers

New Launch visibility

Expansive Project Pipeline: Arvind has completed 4.9 Mn sq ft by FY23, with 22.56 Mn sq ft of ongoing projects in FY24 across 12 projects in Gujarat and Karnataka. The company has significantly ramped up its portfolio post-FY15 (since the demerger) and now has a planned pipeline of projects spanning 47.97 Mn sq ft, bringing the total book size to 75.47 Mn sq ft across multiple geographies. Of this total order book, 72% is focused on an asset-light approach. ASL's unsold inventory stands at 51 Mn sq ft from completed, ongoing, and planned projects, representing approximately 69% of its total portfolio, indicating substantial anticipated bookings in the coming year.

Growth Trajectory: Arvind reported strong collections worth Rs 876 Cr in FY24, generating robust internal accruals. Combined with HDFC Capital's unutilized funds of Rs 600 Cr and the capacity to raise Rs 200-300 Cr in debt, Arvind is well-positioned to boost its GDV by adding new projects. Between these three sources, the company has access to around Rs 1,100 Cr, enabling it to comfortably ramp up its portfolio by 30%-35%. ASL plans to exhaust the HDFC platform by FY25, with the funds expected to be deployed this year. The company remains open to exploring new opportunities and securing financing if projects meet its investment criteria, providing further visibility into a strong pipeline and growth trajectory. In FY24, Arvind achieved Rs 4,150 Cr in projects, and it anticipates increasing this figure to approximately Rs 5,500 Cr in the coming year led by new launches such as Arvind Aqua City (Ahmedabad), Bannerghatta (Bangalore) and Surat. ASL plans to enter the MMR markets post completion of due diligence with projects in the area of Karjat, Khopoli, Bhiwandi etc. These projects could have a topline potential of ~500 Cr.

Accelerated Project Pipeline and Cash Flow Visibility: With most of its projects being horizontal with short execution developments cycle, the company benefits from faster cash flow visibility and shorter cycles. Arvind has provided guidance for an additional Rs 5,000 Cr in project visibility for FY25. The company has also added two new projects along NH 47 in Surat and South Ahmedabad, with toplines of Rs 1,100 Cr and Rs 1,450 Cr, respectively, highlighting the growing scale of projects it is undertaking moving forward.

In FY24, the company launched 4 new projects and plans to do a minimum of 6-8 projects this year. It targets to grow BD by 30%-35% to ~5,500 Cr.

Exhibit 10: Inventory Launch Visibility

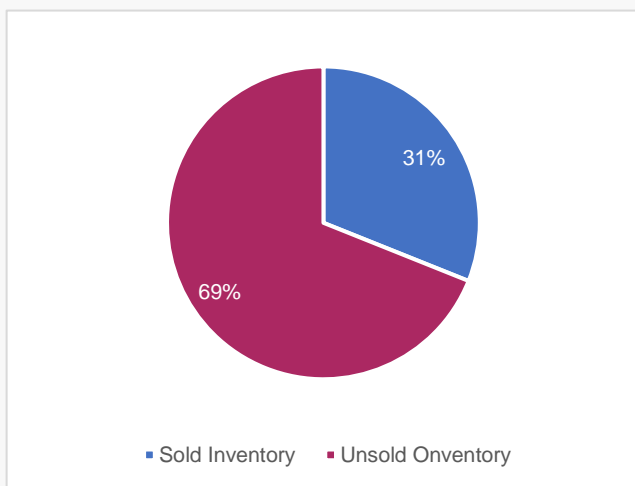
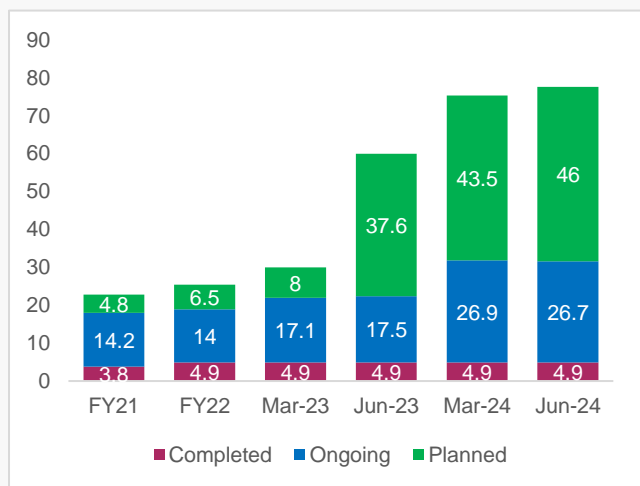


Exhibit 11: Project Portfolio in Mn Sq Ft.



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Asset-Light Model & Quick Turnaround Projects

- Arvind's strategy has primarily focused on an asset-light model. The company's project portfolio mainly consists of JV/JD projects or developments under the H-Care/HDFC platform, which helps diversify risks and yields better IRR on projects. Approximately 72% of Arvind's total project portfolio is structured under the JV model. Within the H-Care III platform, Arvind holds around a 33% share in its projects, with waterfall payment structures in place.
- Arvind has a balanced portfolio of horizontal and vertical projects, with a stronger focus on faster turnaround and quicker execution. Approximately 79% of its portfolio is concentrated on horizontal or mid-market projects, which enables quicker completions and more efficient cashflows.
- These horizontal projects include villas and plottings which is a de-risked product and high on luxury.
- Arvind's track record of timely completions along with strong relations with its channel partners enables it to maintain vigorous project acquisition followed by strong sales momentum.
- Arvind's Uplands 2.0 has sold its entire Phase I inventory within a week. Their pre launch for Arvind Aqua City also saw a great traction and an EOI (expression of interest) for more than 40% of the total inventory.
- Arvind follows a no land bank strategy, wherein it treats land as raw material and buys it as per project needs only. This ensures a regulated cash flow cycle leading to an improved collection efficiency.
- Build-to-Sell strategy – The company follows a build-and-sell strategy, focusing on selling nearly 30% of its inventory in the first phase. This approach generates sufficient cash to cover operating costs and significantly reduces risk, helping to maintain stable financial statements.
- Arvind is supported by advanced technology systems like SAP and ERP, which streamline operations and enhance efficiency. The company has strong relationships with its channel partners, who play a critical role in driving sales growth. Currently, more than 25% of Arvind's projects are sold through these channel partners, reflecting the strength of its network.
- The company has a 10-15% cost advantage through their contracting model, a strong in-house technical team, and design optimization.

ASL's OCF to Pre-sales is higher than other major developers due to its inclination to horizontal projects: high IRR projects.

Horizontal projects have front-loaded payments and generate cashflows in absolute sales sooner.

Exhibit 12: Arvind's total project mix based on business model

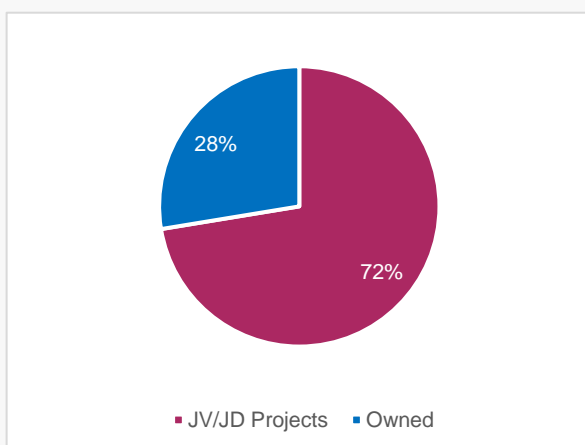
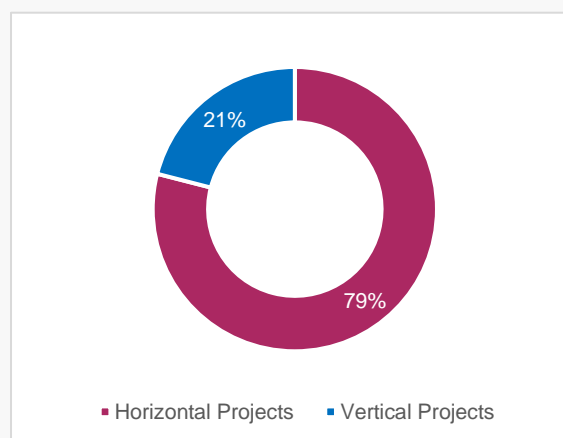
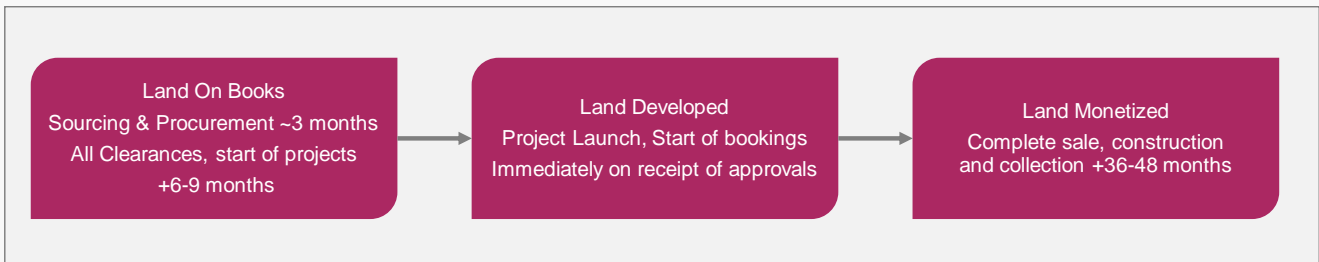


Exhibit 13: Aligning portfolio towards horizontal projects



Source: Company, Axis Securities

Exhibit 14: Land Procurement and Monetization Cycle


Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 15: Asset- Light approach

Parameter	Traditional Approach	ASL's Asset-light Approach
Investment Class	Asset	Raw Material
Approach	Speculative for Appreciation	Quick Turnaround
Value Add	Holding	By quick conversion into value-added finished Goods
Monetization Time	~ 10 Years	3-5 years, Go to market within 6-9 months
Sourcing	By Purchase/ Ownership	Combination of Purchase and Partnerships (JV/JD)
Business Model	Speculative returns from land appreciation	Product turnaround as process industry
	Reliance on speculative business cycles	Cost efficiency in land and execution
		Brand Premium
		Rely on systems, processes, Innovation and consumer centricity.

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Geographical Play & Product Innovation

Arvind Smartspaces has strong brand recall in Ahmedabad and Bengaluru and has rapidly expanded its presence in these markets. In 2014, the company ventured into the Bengaluru market, diversifying beyond Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar. Now, it is further expanding into MMR and Pune markets. Arvind has also recently entered the Surat market and continues to scout for opportunities in MMR and Pune. This geographical diversification reduces risk and enhances growth potential. In the near future, the company expects MMR to contribute approximately 20% of its overall portfolio.

Exhibit 16: Key Decision Parameters

Particulars	Bangalore	Ahmedabad	Pune	Remarks
MID-INCOME SEGMENT SIZE	High	Low	High	The strong presence of salaried class
MID-INCOME SEGMENT GROWTH	High	Low	High	The high influx of salaried workers makes an attractive market.
IT-DRIVEN GROWTH	High	Low	High	Bangalore and Pune are established IT hubs.
MANUFACTURING GROWTH	High	Low	High	The presence of manufacturing clusters in close vicinity to the city
SERVICES GROWTH	High	Low	High	Booming services industry – Finance in Ahmedabad, IT in Pune & Bangalore
BRAND RECOGNITION	Low	High	Low	Recognition of "Arvind" as a brand
IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A BRAND	High	High	High	Brand sensitive consumers
MARKET POTENTIAL FOR DEEPER GROWTH	High	Low	Low	Untapped market potential
FORMALIZED / ORGANIZED	High	Low	High	Formalized nature of dealings in land and real estate
CURRENT REGULATORY AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE	High	High	Low	Ease of getting clearances and operating in the regulatory environment
PRE-EXISTING ARVIND SETUP	High	High	Low	Ahmedabad and Bangalore have established Arvind offices and ecosystems.
CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS	High	Low	Low	Favourable land prices allow for quick purchases.

AHMEDABAD
High on Luxury and preference for horizontal

BANGLORE
Seeing good traction in the midmarket segment due to growing salaried class in the IT services industry

PUNE
High sales and launch velocity for mid-priced housing due to its position as a fast-growing IT services and manufacturing hub

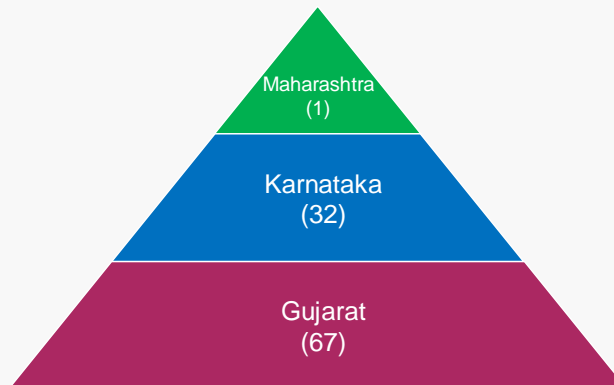
High	Mid-Level	Low

Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Strong Local Foothold in Ahmedabad and Bengaluru

Arvind saw its bookings grow at a CAGR of 41% during FY20-FY24, while collections grew at a CAGR of 37% over the same period. This growth has been primarily driven by its presence in the Ahmedabad and Bengaluru markets.

Exhibit 17: Project Geography as on Mar 2024



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

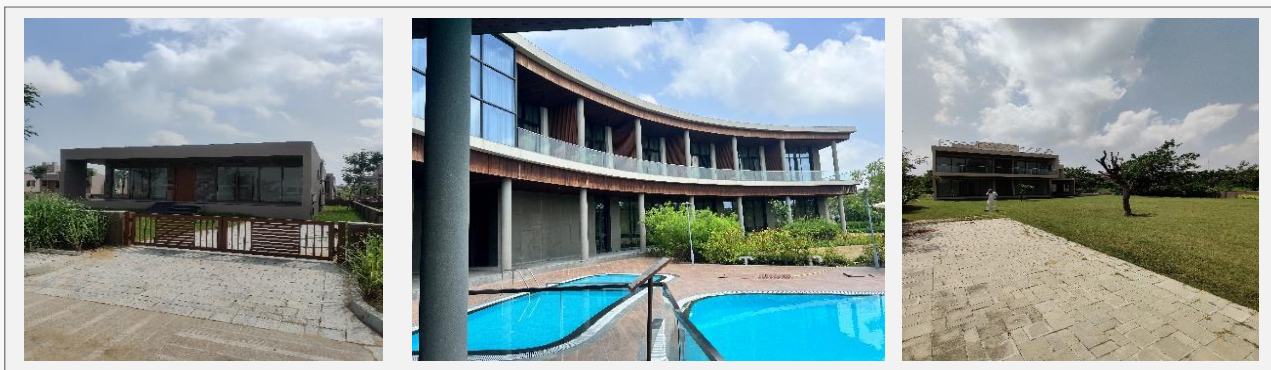
Ahmedabad Market

Ahmedabad is an unorganised market with few listed players, and Arvind Smartspaces has leveraged its strong brand recall to significantly expand its portfolio in the city. Arvind is able to command a premium over local players due to its powerful brand identity and 100% track record of on-time project completions. In recent years, the company has capitalized on the renewed demand in the sector by increasing its supply, further strengthening its position in the Ahmedabad market.

Arvind has delivered projects with best-in-class amenities and focuses on lifestyle-driven developments. Ahmedabad, characterized by low costs and high demand, is an attractive market where Arvind's premium offerings help accelerate growth. The company is concentrating on more horizontal projects in this market to enhance profitability. ASL is also focusing on areas that are off-centre markets and are expected to give higher price appreciations to their investors (SP Ring road ,Bavla, Jethlaj). These proejects have seen a price appreciation CAGR of 15% over 3 years.

Gujarat's infrastructure development, including initiatives like GIFT City and the high-speed rail corridor, has further boosted demand. Additionally, influx of population on account of new industrial hubs such as auto and auto ancillaries (Changodar, GIDC) and urban migration has added boost to the overall larger and premium housing (villas). Moreover, the post-COVID increase in demand for self-owned homes has led to encouraging responses in the Ahmedabad market.

Exhibit 18: On-site visit of Ongoing / Completed Projects in Ahmedabad



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Bengaluru Market

The Bengaluru market has experienced a strong revival in demand over the past 2-3 years. Initially driven by premium and luxury segments, the market is now also expanding into mid-market segments. Arvind Smartspaces is actively seeking opportunities in both horizontal and vertical segments to maintain sales momentum.

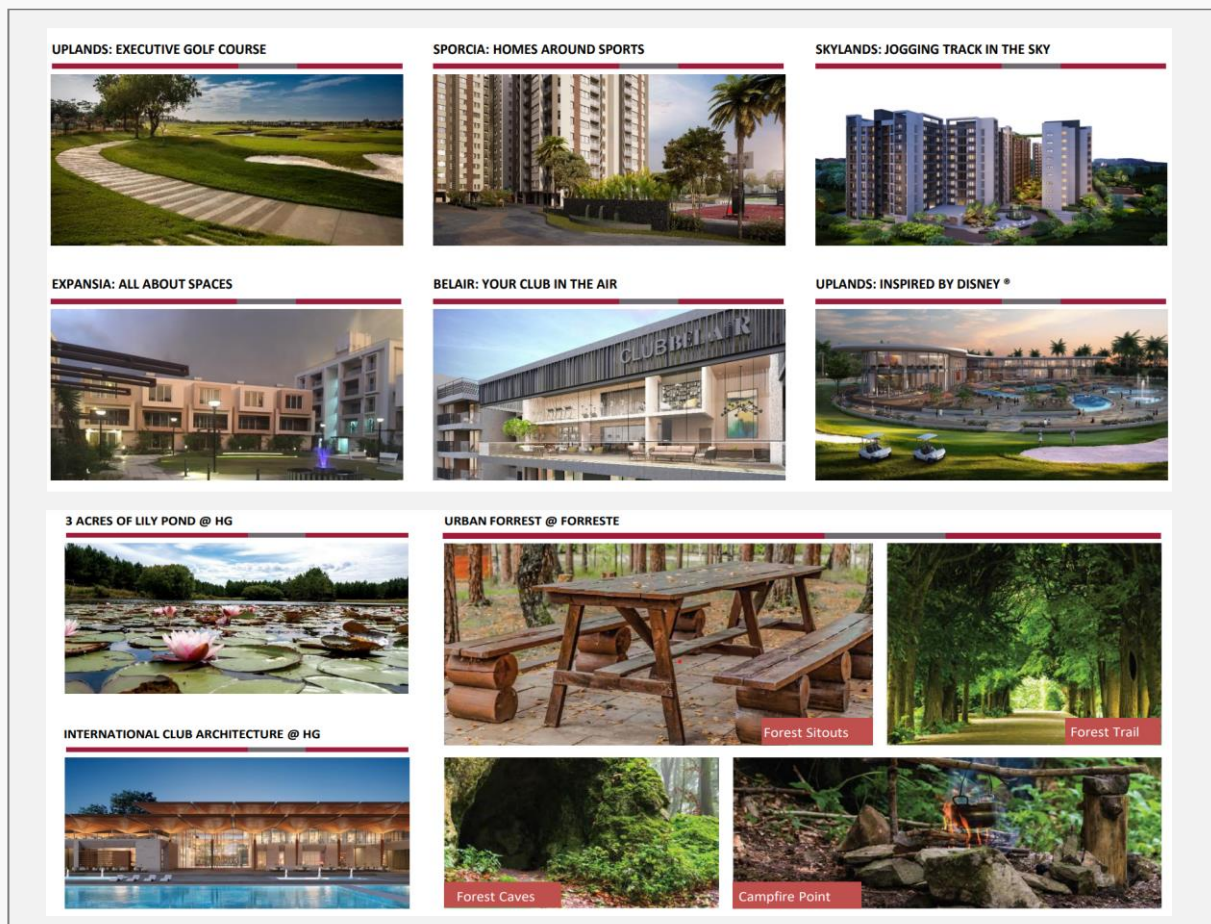
Bengaluru, traditionally known for its tech-driven market, is now also becoming a hub for space, defence, and finance sectors. The city has witnessed one of the highest annual price appreciation of 24% from Q1FY23. Additionally, available inventory in Bengaluru has declined on a YoY basis.

Product Innovation

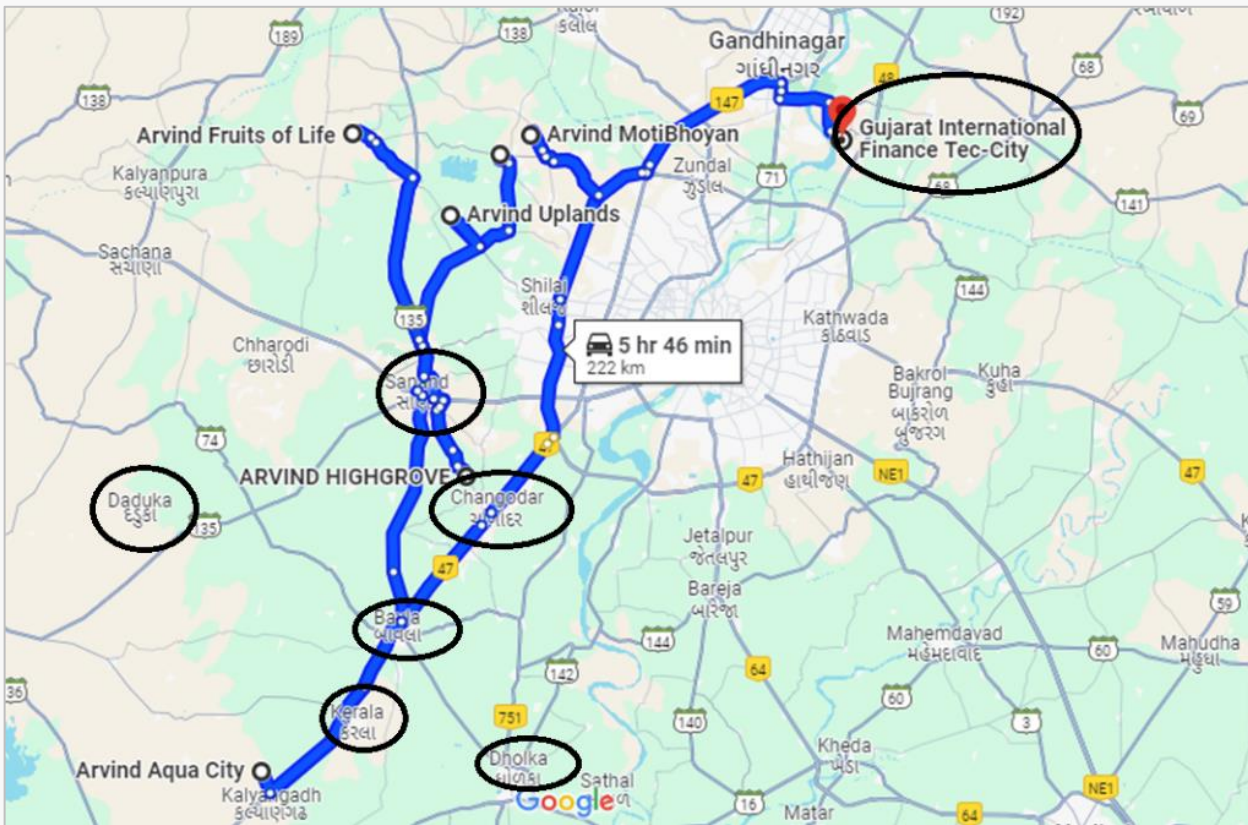
The company has demonstrated strong sales performance in its dominant regions of Ahmedabad and Bengaluru, driven by its product innovation strategies. It specializes in developing projects with first-class amenities, such as large clubhouses, golf courses, jogging tracks, and health-centric spaces, along with other recreational features. This approach has led to significant post-launch traction for each property, resulting in better realizations. ASL also focuses on launching projects in the outer regions of Ahmedabad like off SP Ring road, where the presence of industrial hubs and SMEs have caused a shift from being pre dominantly second homes to becoming primary residences.

The company's focus on lifestyle-based products has not only resonated with the market but also turned its customers into key marketing agents. In FY24, 22% of bookings were made through referrals. With a proven track record of 100% on-time completions, the company's emphasis on premium, lifestyle-driven offerings has been successful and well-received.

Exhibit 19: Product Innovation – a strategic pillar for their sales performance



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 20: Secondary Homes turning into Primary Residences


Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

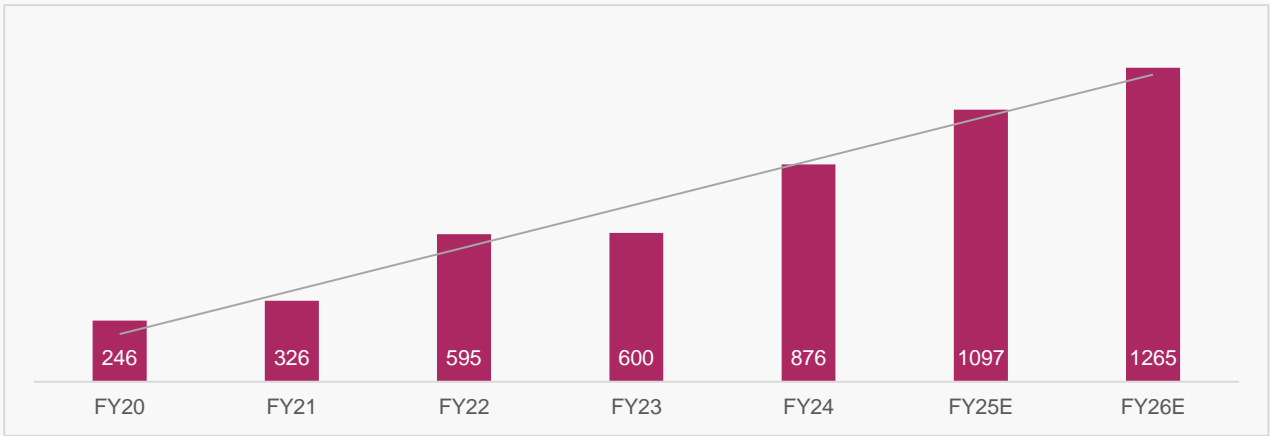
As we can see, ASL is strategically building its portfolio around industrial hubs like Changodar, Kerala, Dholka, Bavla, Sanand etc. (circled areas). These areas usually see a population influx caused by incoming industrial boom and hence see an impressive price appreciation due to demand. Most of these houses eventually turn into primary use houses instead of a weekend homes/secondary use house.

Low Leverage & Strong Cashflows along with Strategic Partnerships

- Arvind has adhered to a no-land bank strategy to mitigate stress on the balance sheet, viewing land as a raw material that is acquired as needed for development. Unrecognised revenue grew by 31% from FY20 to FY24.
- The aversion to land acquisition allows for smoother and more stable cash flow generation. This strategy also contributes to higher profitability margins and Return on Equity (ROE), while keeping debt levels lower compared to many capital and debt-heavy real estate developers.
- As of June-24, the company's net debt stands at Rs (58) Cr, reduced from Rs (41) Cr in Mar-24. Strong performance and collections have led to net operating cash flows of Rs 458 Cr in FY24. The company projects an unrealised operating cash flow of Rs 2,563 Cr from its current project pipeline.
- The company views debt as a function of business development. For future development, Arvind plans to first utilise internal accruals and surplus from the H-Care platform before considering additional debt, aiming to make funding for future projects more cost-effective.

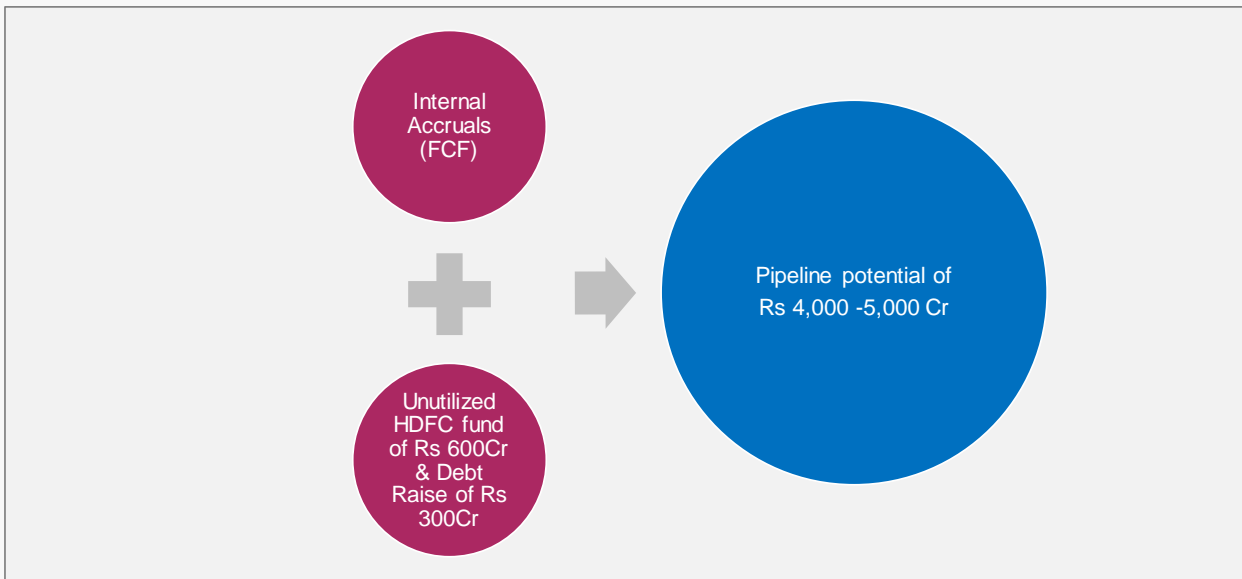
The company is well equipped to undertake any outsized opportunities that emerge by leveraging its under-borrowed nature of balance sheet.

Exhibit 21: Collections Growth over FY20-FY26E

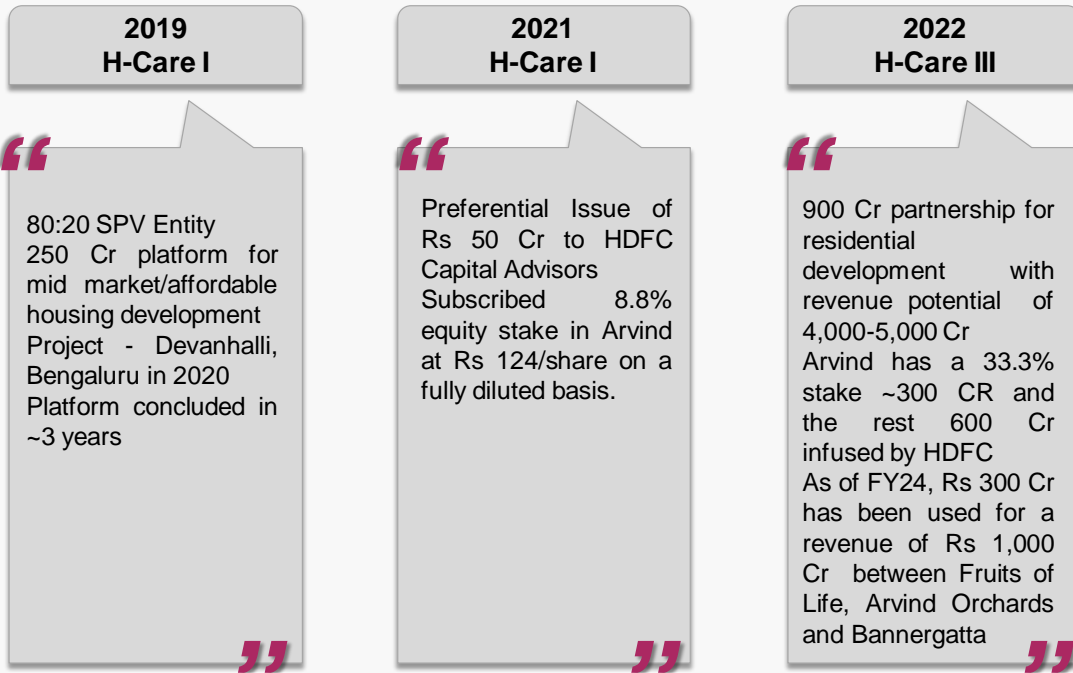


Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 22: Operating cashflows to fund future pipeline



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 23: Strategic Partnership with HDFC Platform


Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 24: GDV Potential of Rs 1,205 Cr with Low Cash Outlays

Partner	Project	Location	Arvind Share	Land Area (in acres)	GDV (in Cr)
H-Care-I	Greatlands	Devanahalli, Bengaluru	20%	25	220
H-Care-III	Fruits of Life	Bavlu, Bengaluru	33.33%	44	150
H-Care-III	Arvind Orchards	Dadaballapura, Bengaluru	33.33%	46.5	435
H-Care-III	Bannerghatta Road	Bengaluru	33.33%	4.3	400

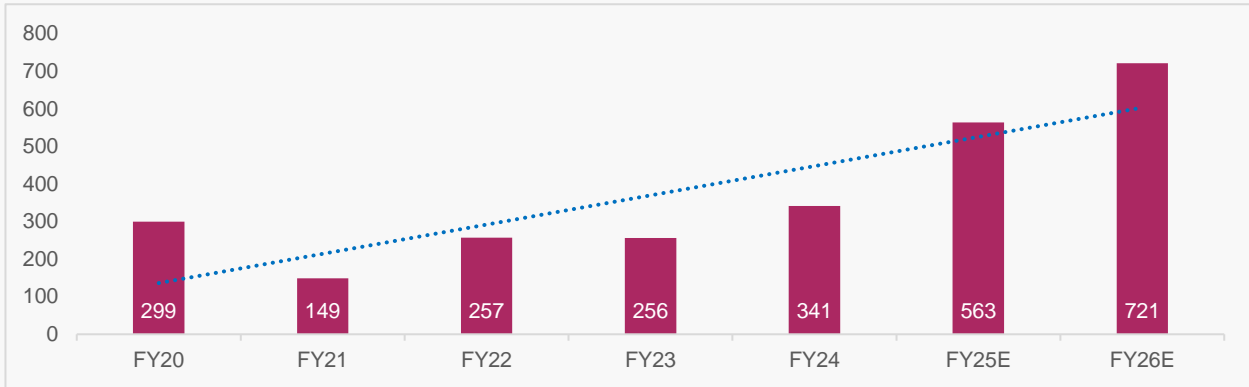
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Key Financial Metrics

Revenue Performance

Arvind reported a revenue CAGR of 3.3% over FY20-FY24, with a reported revenue of Rs 314 Cr for FY24. The addition of major projects such as Fruits of Life, Belair, Uplands 2 & 3, Adroda, and Chirping Woods is expected to contribute significantly to the topline in the coming years. These projects together have a topline potential of approximately Rs 1,100 Cr (Arvind's share). As of Jun'24, the company has unrecognised revenue of Rs 2,345 Cr, which will be recognised over the next few years. Consequently, revenue is projected to grow at a CAGR of 45% from FY24 to FY26E.

Exhibit 25: Revenue growth over FY24-FY26E, expect a 45% CAGR growth (Rs Cr)

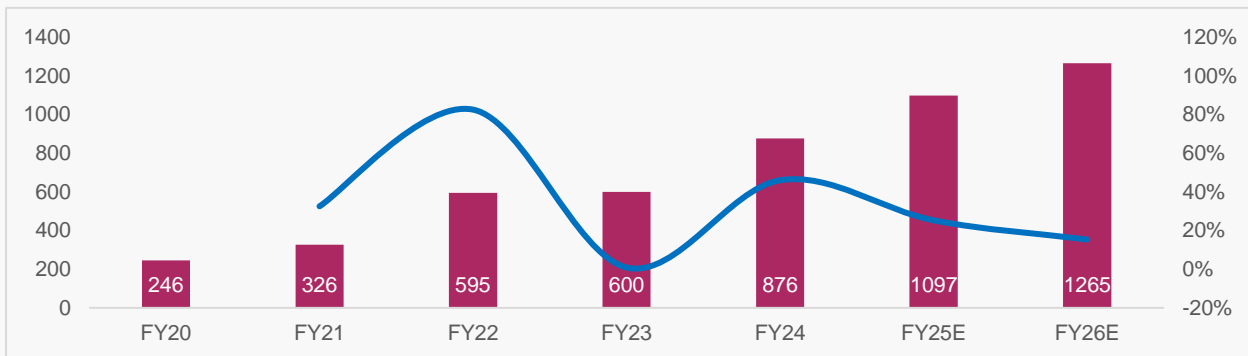


Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Collections Driving Strong Cashflows and Balance Sheet

The company's collections grew at a CAGR of 37% over FY20-FY24, reflecting a strong track record in sales and inventory movement. With a robust project pipeline, collections are expected to continue on a strong growth trajectory. Arvind's business model, with a focus on horizontal projects, facilitates quicker turnaround times and more frequent cash cycles, leading to healthy pre-sales and collections. Consequently, a CAGR of 41% is forecasted for collections from FY24 to FY26E. As of FY24, the company holds a net cash position of Rs 41 Cr from interest-bearing funds. This financial stability is reassuring, particularly given the aggressive expansion of their project portfolio while maintaining a positive cash position.

Exhibit 26: Collections driving strong cashflows

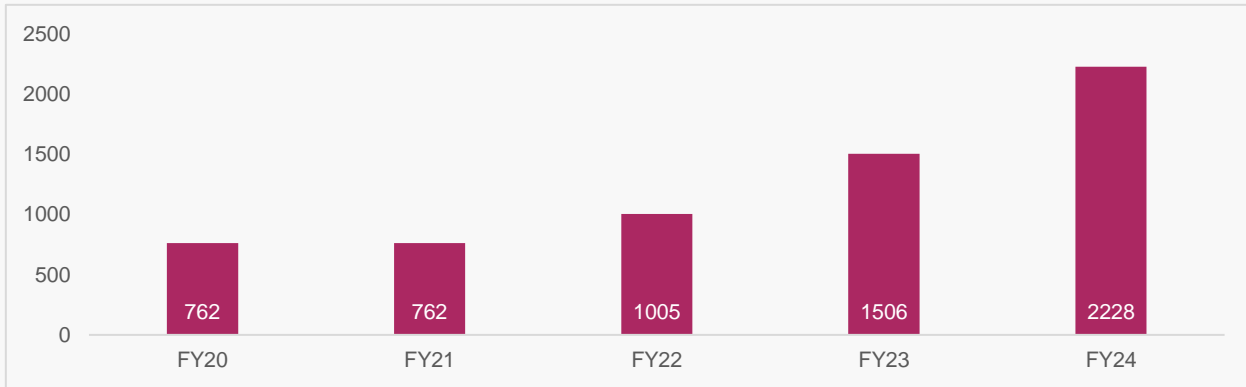


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EBITDA Margins

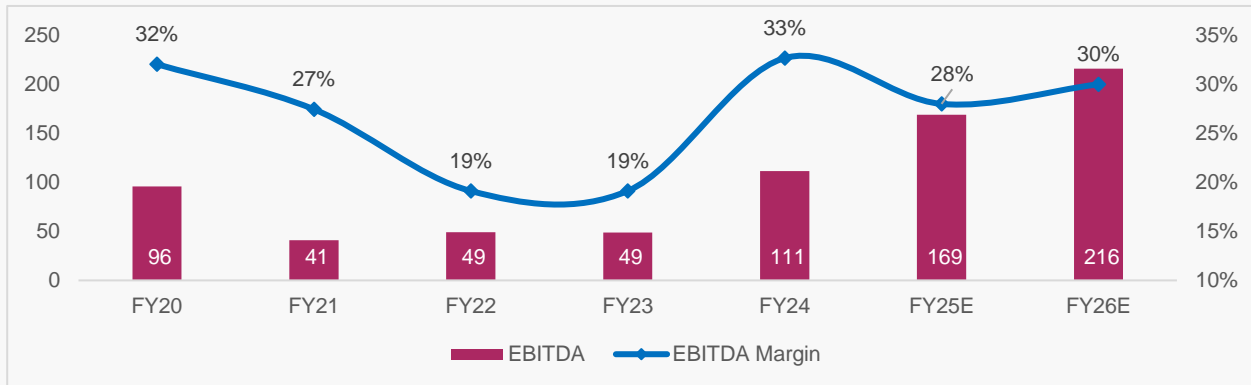
During FY24, the company's EBITDA margin stood at 33%, a 1355bps growth YoY. Although the company has seen exceptional growth, this is mainly due to the dominance of horizontal projects being recognised this year. Even though the company is shifting to a combination of vertical and horizontal projects, we may see an EBITDA CAGR of 39% over FY24- FY26E and EBITDA margins of 25%-30%. For FY25E and FY26E, we are expecting a margin of 28% and 30% respectively.

Exhibit 27: Unrecognized Revenue to Drive Revenues and EBITDA (Rs Cr)



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Exhibit 28: EBITDA growth over FY24-FY26E, expect a 39% CAGR growth (Rs Cr)



Source: Company, Axis Securities Research

Outlook & Valuation

We are Initiating Coverage on Arvind Smartspaces Ltd., with a BUY recommendation and a target price of Rs 1,085/share, which implies an upside of 43% from the CMP.

Our recommendation is supported by:

1. New Launch Visibility,
2. Asset-light business and Quick turnaround time,
3. Geographical Play and Product Innovation,
4. Low leverage, Strong cashflows and Strategic Partnerships

Valuing the company at a CAGR of 41% on the bookings for FY24-FY26E, we get a booking value of Rs 2,201Cr. We apply an EBITDA margin of 28%, giving an EBITDA of Rs 616 Cr. Applying an 8x FY26E EV/EBITDA multiple we arrive at a target price of Rs 1,085/share, implying an upside of 43% from the CMP.

Key Assumptions:

- We have used a WACC of 11% to discount the cash flows.
- Based on the robust pipeline and completion of projects we expect a 41% CAGR growth for our bookings/pre-sales figures
- We have assumed an EBITDA margin of 28%

Valuation

Metrics	Value	Comments
FY26E PreSales/Bookings	2,201	A 41% CAGR on FY24 bookings
EBITDA FY26E (based on collections)	616	A margin of 28% on bookings
Attributable EV/EBITDA Multiple	8.0	
EV	4,930	
Less: Net Debt	42	
Market Cap	4,888	
Per Share Value	1,085	
Upside %	43%	

Peer Comparison

Company Name	CMP (Rs)	Mcap (Rs Cr)	EV (Rs Cr)	Revenue (Rs Cr)				ROE (%)				EV/EBITDA (x)			
				FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Arvind Smartspaces Ltd.	758	3,452	3,237	256	341	563	721	5.5	8.4	15.8	17.9	66	29	21	15
Macrotech Developers Ltd	1,425	1,41,807	1,15,367	9,470	10,316	13,395	16,057	3.9	10.3	13.6	15.5	56	43	30	24
Godrej Properties Ltd.	3,192	88,767	70,714	2,252	3,036	4,463	6,296	6.9	7.6	11.7	12.7	277	NA	98	60
Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd.	545	8,456	9,804	607	212	1,139	1,323	5.6	5.3	8.2	10.4	NA	NA	166	94
Oberoi Realty Ltd	1,900	69,072	54,866	4,193	4,496	5,860	7,150	16.8	14.8	15.6	17.0	26	23	18	14
DLF Ltd	910	2,25,167	2,20,940	5,695	6,255	7,739	9,806	5.5	7.1	8.6	10.3	129	115	80	61

Source: LSEG Refinitiv, Axis Securities Research

Key Risks

- **Geographically Concentrated:** Arvind predominantly operates within Ahmedabad and Bangalore. Indications regarding peak absorptions signalling a potential increase in inventory overhang or execution delays could potentially impact sales.
- **Rise in Input Costs & Regulatory Changes:** Fluctuations in input prices have the potential to impact margins, while delays in approval processes could hinder cash flows.
- **Cash Conversion:** Company's ability to utilise its cash position or deploy funds efficiently since they are generating cash at a relatively high pace and are leaned towards low cash outlay projects.
- **Labor Intensive Business:** Any hindrance caused by labour shortages or labour-related issues has the potential to disrupt project timelines and increase overall project costs.
- **Property Litigation:** One of the common issues in India that could lead to project delays and adversely impact costs is bureaucratic red tape and regulatory hurdles. Delays in obtaining necessary approvals and permits from various government agencies can significantly prolong project timelines and increase associated costs.

Management Profile

Key Management Personnel	Experience
Mr. Kamal Singal <i>Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associated with Lalbhai group since 2001 in various capacities. He was elevated to head the real estate business of the Lalbhai Group in 2008. He is responsible for giving strategic direction to the real estate business and also identifying new business opportunities and further expanding the product portfolio of the real estate business. He holds an EPGM from the Indian Institute of Management, Indore, with an overall experience of 30 years.
Mr. Jagdish Dalal <i>Senior Vice President</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With over 30 years of experience, he excels in corporate finance.
Mr. Avinash Suresh <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall experience of over 19 years with Godrej and Aditya Birla among others.
Mr. Mitanshu Shah <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall experience of over 30 years in finance with Alembic Pharma, Schneider Electric, Sun Pharma, etc. With Arvind since 2004.
Mr. Sharvil Shah <i>Chief Business Officer, West</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall experience of over 13 years. Worked in real estate companies like BSafal, and Bechtel Corporation Houston, with Arvind since 2004.
Mr. Manoj Chellani <i>Chief Business Officer, South</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall experience of over 20 years with Lodha, Runwal, Tech Mahindra and Radius Developers.
Mr. Saurabh Agarwal <i>Head – Business development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall experience of over 20 years in real estate companies like RNA, Raheja, Ashiana Housing and DLF, with ASL since 2010.
Mr. Prakash Makwana <i>Company Secretary & Compliance Officer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of Arvind group for over 25 years
Mr. Pankaj Jain <i>Head of CRM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall experience of over 30 years with more than 20 years in the Arvind Group

Source: Company

Industry Overview

Indian Residential Market

India has been among the fastest-growing economies globally over the past few years. Notably, its GDP witnessed robust growth, with rates of 8.3% in 2016, 6.8% in 2017, and 6.5% in 2018. However, in 2019, the growth rate moderated to 4%. The first quarter of 2021 saw the International Monetary Fund initially estimating a significant decline of approximately 10.3% in India's real GDP growth rate for 2020. Nonetheless, the actual contraction turned out to be -7.3%, indicating an improvement of 3% from the initial estimates.

Residential demand continues to remain strong. Consumer sentiments are high with timely project completions, mostly by branded developers. Positive sentiment may continue in the upcoming quarters as well.

Real Estate Sector in India

In the past three to four years, the Indian real estate sector has undergone significant transformations due to demonetization, liquidity crises, and the enforcement of RERA and GST regulations. The residential market has been on a steep recovery with positive homebuyer sentiment and supportive market demand.

- India's central bank policies have been successful in curtailing the inflation levels without compromising on growth and ended the year 2023 with stable interest rates.
- The residential market has sustained its momentum in CY24 with sales growing 9% in Q1. Sales grew across all markets except Bangalore where we saw a marginal dip of 2%YoY. The highest sales volume growth was seen in Mumbai, a 17% increase on a YoY basis.
- The steady growth in the real estate sector has also led to an exceeding level of units launched. Kolkata saw the highest growth in units launched at 89% YoY.
- Sales of units priced above Rs 1 Cr have experienced substantial growth of 51% and have been a primary driver of overall sales growth in the first quarter of 2024. There has been a noticeable shift towards the premium-priced category from the mid-segment. The decline in mid-segment sales represents a normal correction within an upward long-term trend. Sales of units priced below Rs 50 Lc have decelerated in an otherwise strong market, primarily due to high interest rates and rising prices adversely impacting homebuyers in this segment.
- Homebuyers are increasingly inclined to purchase ready or near-ready inventory to minimize the risk of completion delays. However, due to high demand, the overall inventory overhang has decreased to low levels. This reduction in inventory overhang has led to an increase in new launches and enhanced consumer willingness to invest in newly launched projects.
- Because large developers have undergone a lot of land capex in 2024, we may see a healthy pipeline of projects and new launches in the coming quarters.
- We foresee a significant uptick in the property values on a QoQ basis. This is further enhanced if one looks at the yearly price increase. These escalations are driven by an increase in housing demand and high raw material costs.

Exhibit 29: Sales Trend in Top Markets

Market	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q1 YoY Growth %
Mumbai	20,498	22,308	23,765	23,743	17%
NCR	14,722	13,981	15,907	15,527	1%
Bengaluru	12,857	13,169	14,630	13,133	-2%
Pune	11,302	13,079	14,517	11,832	14%
Hyderabad	7,055	8,325	9,200	9,550	15%
Ahmedabad	3,757	4,108	4,023	4,673	11%
Chennai	3,500	3,870	3,900	3,950	8%
Kolkata	3,823	3,772	3,903	3,937	12%
Total	77,514	82,612	75,328	86,345	9%

Source: Knight Frank Research

Exhibit 30: Launch Trend in Top Markets

Market	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q1 YoY Growth %
Mumbai	24,811	19,512	22,993	25,263	-2%
NCR	15,252	16,108	16,803	14,893	3%
Bengaluru	11,469	13,353	14,231	13,135	9%
Pune	9,694	10,568	10,635	13,293	15%
Hyderabad	11,865	11,034	13,100	11,140	1%
Ahmedabad	5,207	5,996	5,945	5,159	-4%
Chennai	4,170	4,000	4,150	4,350	10%
Kolkata	3,598	4,978	3,976	6,021	89%
Total	86,066	85,549	91,833	93,254	7%

Source: Knight Frank Research

Available Inventory Trend

- Around 60% of the available inventory falls under the mid-end and high-end budget segments (each having a share of 30%). This is followed by the affordable segment at 24% and luxury and ultra-luxury segments combined contribute a significant 16% of the overall available inventory.
- The MMR has the highest available inventory across affordable, mid-range, and even luxury segments due to overall housing stock in MMR compared to other cities. However, in the high-end luxury segment, Hyderabad takes the lead, showcasing a potential oversupply in these properties.
- Taking a closer look at the dominance of available inventory across each of India's top 7 cities, MMR and Kolkata showcase the highest volume of available units concentrated in the affordable segment. Pune and Chennai showcase a different dynamic, with a higher proportion of available units residing in the mid-range segment. Bengaluru stands out with the most significant available inventory in the luxury category. The National Capital Region (NCR) and Hyderabad recorded the highest available inventory within the ultra-luxury segment.

Exhibit 31: Asset Value and Inventory Overhang

City	Avg Selling Price (per sq ft.)	QoQ	YoY	Inventory Overhang (in months)	QoQ Change	YoY Change
NCR	6,200	7%	19%	16	-7%	-30%
MMR	14600	7%	20%	14	-9%	-32%
Bengaluru	7200	10%	25%	8	-6%	-34%
Pune	7100	5%	15%	13	-7%	-34%
Hyderabad	6350	10%	32%	18	-5%	-12%
Chennai	6200	4%	15%	16	9%	-21%
Kolkata	5300	3%	10%	16	-2%	-24%

Source: Anarock Research

- Q1FY24 witnessed a significant uptick in property values across the top 7 Indian cities. Compared to the previous quarter, prices rose anywhere between 3% to 10%. This trend is even more pronounced on a YoY basis, with a remarkable 10% to 32% jump compared to Q1FY23. These price escalations can be attributed to two key factors – rising construction raw material costs and a sustained increase in housing demand.
- As Q1FY24 concluded, a reduction in available inventory was evident across the top 7 cities. Considering current inventory levels, it's estimated that selling off the existing stock would take approx.14 months. This suggests a healthy sales velocity, further supported by the robust demand witnessed in Q1.

Financials (Consolidated)

Profit & Loss					(Rs Cr)
Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	
Net sales	256	341	563	721	
Growth, %	(0.4)	33.3	65.1	28.0	
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	
Total income	256	341	563	721	
Raw material expenses	(123)	(141)	(225)	(281)	
Employee expenses	(37)	(54)	(79)	(101)	
Other Operating expenses	(47)	(35)	(101)	(123)	
EBITDA (Core)	49	111	158	216	
Growth, %	(0.3)	127.8	41.5	37.1	
Margin, %	19.1	32.7	28.0	30.0	
Depreciation	(3)	(5)	(4)	(4)	
EBIT	46	107	154	212	
Growth, %	(3)	131	44	38	
Margin, %	18	31	27	29	
Interest paid	(14)	(41)	(28)	(43)	
Other Income	7	10	10	15	
Share of profits from associates	0	0	0	0	
Pre-tax profit	40	76	136	184	
Tax provided	(12)	(25)	(45)	(61)	
Profit after tax	28	51	91	124	
Growth, %	2.2	62.4	118.5	36.0	

Source: company, Axis Securities

Balance Sheet					(Rs Cr)
Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	
Cash & bank	64	63	25	9	
Marketable securities at cost	223	199	199	199	
Debtors	0	0	0	0	
Inventory	957	1,362	1,791	2,254	
Loans & advances	-	-	-	-	
Other current assets	101	89	89	89	
Total current assets	1,345	1,713	2,104	2,552	
Investments	-	-	-	-	
Gross fixed assets	56	64	114	134	
Less: Depreciation	(8)	(11)	(15)	(19)	
Net fixed assets	64	72	118	134	
Non-current assets	21	136	136	136	
Total assets	1,510	2,102	2,539	3,003	
Current liabilities	869	1,377	1,677	1,927	
Provisions	3	4	4	4	
Total current liabilities	872	1,381	1,682	1,932	
Non-current liabilities	143	95	151	251	
Total liabilities	1,015	1,476	1,832	2,182	
Paid-up capital	45	45	45	45	
Reserves & surplus	421	449	530	644	
Shareholders' equity	495	626	707	821	
Total equity & liabilities	1,511	2,102	2,539	3,003	

Source: company, Axis Securities

Cash Flow
(Rs Cr)

Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	40	76	136	184
Add: Depreciation	3	5	4	4
Interest Paid	14	41	28	43
Op profit before WC changes	52	116	168	232
Change in Working Capital	(117)	(70)	(128)	(213)
Cash from operations	(65)	46	39	18
Taxes paid	(36)	(15)	(45)	(61)
Cash from operating activities	(101)	31	(5)	(42)
Change in Fixed Assets	(10)	(15)	(50)	(20)
Net cash from investing activities	(82)	(28)	(50)	(20)
Proceeds from Borrowings	86	(40)	56	100
Finance Costs Paid	(5)	(41)	(28)	(43)
Dividend paid	(15)	(15)	(10)	(10)
Net Cash from Financing	95	(3)	17	47
Net cash for the period	(87)	(1)	(38)	(16)
Cash at end of period	64	63	25	9

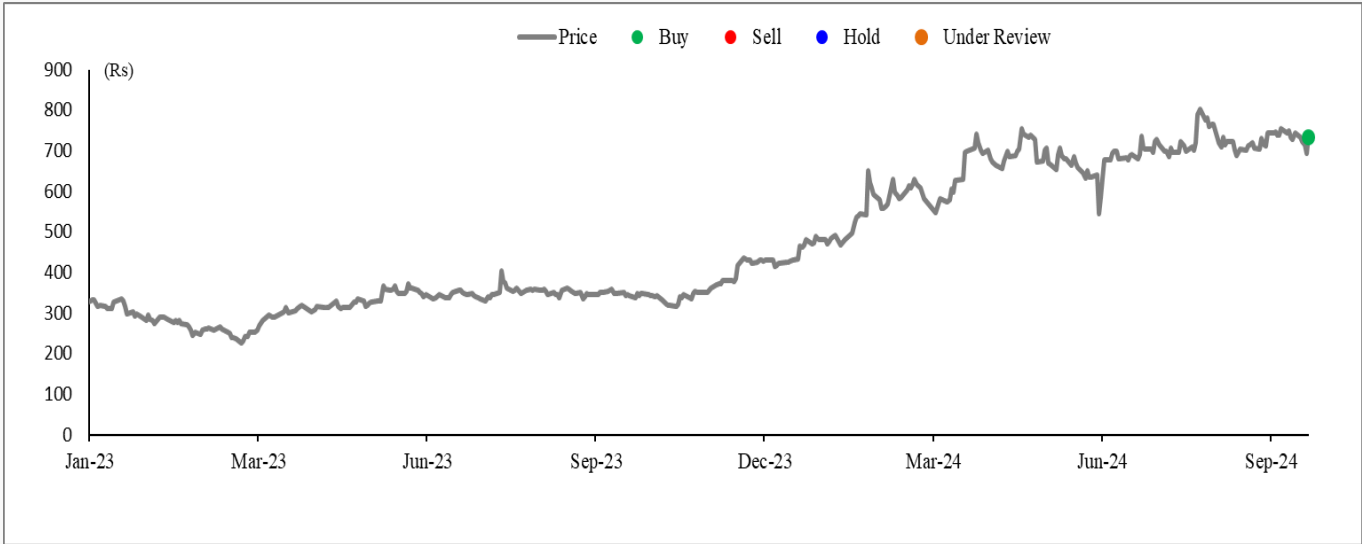
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Ratio Analysis
(x) / (%)

Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
EPS (INR)	5.6	9.2	20.0	27.2
Growth, %	2.2	62.4	118.5	36.0
Book NAV/share (INR)	102.9	109.1	126.9	151.9
FDEPS (INR)	5.6	9.2	20.0	27.2
DPS (INR)	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2
Return ratios				
Return on assets (%)	3.2	5.1	5.1	6.0
Return on equity (%)	5.5	8.4	15.8	17.9
Return on capital employed (%)	7.3	13.4	15.0	17.2
Turnover ratios				
Asset turnover (x)	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.2
Sales/Total assets (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Sales/Net FA (x)	4.3	5.0	5.9	5.7
Working capital/Sales (x)	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6
Liquidity ratios				
Current ratio (x)	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.3
Quick ratio (x)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Interest cover (x)	3.3	2.6	5.5	4.9
Total debt/Equity (%)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Net debt/Equity (%)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Valuation				
PER (x)	133.5	82.2	37.6	27.7
PEG (x) - y-o-y growth	60.9	1.3	0.3	0.8
Price/Book (x)	7.3	6.9	5.9	5.0
EV/Net sales (x)	12.8	9.5	5.9	4.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	67.0	29.2	21.2	16.0
EV/EBIT (x)	70.9	30.4	21.8	16.3

Source: company, Axis Securities

Arvind Smartspaces Price Chart and Recommendation History



Date	Reco	TP	Research
24-Sep-24	BUY	1,085	Initiating Coverage

Source: Axis Securities Research

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