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Thangamayil Jewellery

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Reiterate coverage with a high-conviction BUY: We recently met Thangamayil management and came back positive about its medium-term growth prospects. We reiterate our high-conviction BUY with a TP of Rs 2,550 (Dec-26 EPS). Key takeaways from our meeting are as follows: a) Jewellery demand remains strong, underpinned by tailwinds of hallmarking, the recent customs duty reduction from 15% to 6%, and aggressive store expansion. However, in the near term, the demand environment is challenging due to the sharp surge in gold prices. b) Store addition momentum is expected to sustain as the company plans to add 8-10 stores annually over the medium term. The flagship Chennai store (9000-10,000 sq ft) is likely to commence operations from Jan 2025. c) Adjusted EBITDA margin to see at least c100bps improvement from 5.2% in FY24 to 6.2%, led by improving mix, operating leverage, and higher making charges on gold jewellery. d) Risk capital for store addition is well supported by the announced rights issue of up to Rs 6 bn and increased contributions from the Digi Gold app/advanced purchase scheme. Key risks to our call: a) increased volatility in gold prices could impact consumer demand and b) mainstream jewellery branded players could foray into T2/T3/T4 cities, where Thangamayil primarily operates.

- **Demand environment**: Jewellery demand remains strong, underpinned by tailwinds of hallmarking, a recent reduction in custom duty from 15% to 6%, and aggressive store expansion. TJL saw a decent uptick in demand in the first two months of 2QFY25 due to customs duty cut and the Aadi Purukku festival (which was celebrated on 2 August 2024; a festival relevant in Tamil Nadu, paying tribute to water's life-sustaining properties). However, from September onwards, jewellery demand has slowed, as the MCX gold rate shot up from Rs 68,000-69,000/10 grams in July 2024 to Rs 75,000-76,000/per 10 grams.
- Store expansion momentum remains strong: Management intends to double its store area in the next 3-4 years from 88,518 sq. ft area in FY24. It is looking to add 8-10 stores annually over the medium term. Despite Chennai contributing to 40% of Tamil Nadu's jewellery demand, TJL does not have a store in that area; hence, it plans to open its flagship Chennai store (9000-10,000 sq ft) in Jan 2025. In our view, TJL is poised to capture a significant share of the Tamil Nadu market as initially, many customers may shift from small, traditional jewellers to value-focused retailers. This shift will be led by TJL's ability to offer a better customer experience, a wide range of products in larger store formats, reasonable making charges, and access to finance at competitive interest rates (with the average borrowing cost decreasing from 6.7% in FY20 to 4.8% in FY24).

Financial Summary (INR mn)

Year Ending March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	28,766	36,908	46,285	60,590	74,181
EBITDA	1,290	1,922	2,776	3,759	4,669
APAT	630	1,066	1,633	2,326	2,980
Diluted EPS (Rs)	23.0	38.9	59.5	84.8	108.6
P/E (x)	107.7	63.6	41.5	29.2	22.8
EV / EBITDA (x)	56.2	37.5	26.6	19.7	15.7
Core RoCE (%)	10.3	13.7	16.9	18.5	19.7

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

CMP (as on 01 Oct 2024)	INK 2,472
Target Price	INR 2,550
NIFTY	25,797
KEY STOCK DATA	
Bloomberg code	TJL IN
No. of Shares (mn)	27
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	68/809
6m avg traded value (INR m	n) 181
52 Week high / low INR	2,525/1,140

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6 M	12M
Absolute (%)	43.6	88.7	99.8
Relative (%)	37.6	74.8	71.8

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Mar-24	Jun-24
Promoters	67.32	67.32
FIs & Local MFs	11.52	12.08
FPIs	0.98	1.08
Public & Others	20.18	19.52
Pledged Shares	1.60	1.60

Source: BSE

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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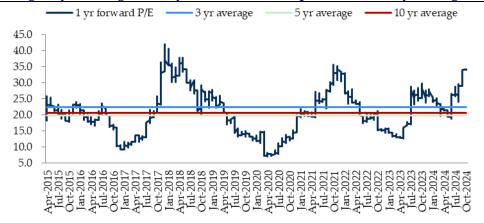




- EBITDA margin to move northwards on the back of gross margin gains: Adjusted EBITDA margin to see at least c100bps improvement to 6.2%, from 5.2% levels seen in FY24, owing to improving mix, operating leverage, and increase in company's making charges of gold jewellery. Gross margins are expected to improve by ~100 bps over FY24-27 due to: (a) increased contribution from high-margin studded jewellery as the company expands into metros and Tier 1 cities and focuses on enhancing the mix of value-added jewellery; (b) economies of scale and opportunistic increases in making charges for plain gold jewellery; (c) a reduction in benefits provided under the Advance Purchase Scheme, with the making charge waiver reduced from 100% to 75%; and (d) the redemption of deposits collected through the Digi Gold app, which we believe is relatively high margin since the company does not have to provide a waiver on making charges, though this is partially offset by the 4-5% incentives offered for driving deposits.
- Risk capital for store addition is not much of a challenge and it is bolstered by the announcement of a rights issue up to Rs 6 bn and increased contribution from the Digi Gold app/advanced purchase scheme (which has moved up from Rs 2.5 bn in FY23 to Rs 4.2 in FY24; likely to go up to Rs 6 bn in FY25, in our view). We believe the DigiGold app can be a game changer, offering significant opportunities to increase the volume of deposits collected through the app. This potential arises from (a) the ability for customers to conduct transactions virtually anywhere in Tamil Nadu, and indeed across India; (b) the flexibility in instalment amounts, unlike the fixed monthly deposits required by the Advance Purchase Scheme; and (c) the option for customers to deposit any amount at their convenience within 11 months, as opposed to the Advance Purchase Scheme, which requires deposits to be made at the start of each month.
- Outlook and valuation: Entering a golden era; reiterating the high-conviction BUY: We believe Thangamayil Jewellery, a leading jewellery player in Tamil Nadu, is set to achieve 26%, 33%, and 41% revenue, EBITDA, and PAT CAGR, respectively, over FY24-27. This growth will be driven by the benefits of formalisation, accelerated store expansion, its value-for-money offerings, and the easy availability of capital at competitive interest rates. We view TJL as the D-Mart of Tamil Nadu's jewellery retail sector, applying principles of "high inventory turns and reasonable margins," in contrast to other listed jewellery players who focus on "high operating margins and low inventory turns" to generate respectable return ratios. We reiterate our high-conviction BUY with a target price of INR 2,550 (25x Dec-2026 EPS, representing a 25% premium to its 5-year one-year forward average PE). We anticipate significant rerating, as TJL's ROE improves from 18% in FY23 to 32% in FY27, substantially surpassing that of Titan, the market leader in the organised jewellery space.



Thangamayil trading at 34x 1 yr forward P/E, 50% premium to its 3 yr average



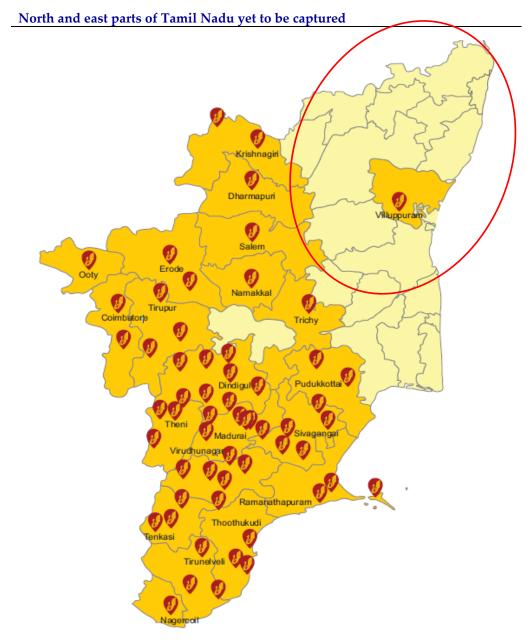
Source: Company, HSIE Research

Markets in Tamil Nadu yet untapped; c40% of market by GDP yet to be tapped

District	FY24E GDDP (Rs. Bn.)	Number of Stores (FY24)	Non-penetrated districts' Contribution to Tamil Nadu GSDP
Thiruvallur	2,476		9.1%
Chennai	2,252		8.3%
Coimbatore	2,061	2	
Kancheepuram	1,891		6.9%
Vellore	1,384		5.1%
Erode	1,244	2	
Tiruchirapalli	1,169	1	
Thiruppur	1,049	3	
Salem	1,036	1	
Madurai	1,036	6	
Namakkal	944	1	
Thirunelveli	936	6	
Krishnagiri	855	2	
Kanniyakumari	759	1	
Cuddalore	758		2.8%
Virudhunagar	757	5	
Thanjavur	740		2.7%
Villupuram	725	1	
Thoothukudi	664	4	
Dindigul	630	6	
Thiruvannamalai	524		1.9%
Dharmapuri	484	1	
Pudukkotai	412	2	
Nagapatinam	358		1.3%
Karur	356		1.3%
Ramanathapuram	333	3	
Theni	321	4	
Sivagangai	300	6	
The Nilgiris	255	1	
Thiruvarur	236		0.9%
Ariyalur	184		0.7%
Perambalur	97		0.4%
Total	27,225	58	41.3%

Source: DES Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Budget, Company, HSIE Research





Source: Company, HSIE Research



Standalone P&L

(INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	28,766	36,908	46,285	60,590	74,181
Growth (%)	38.8	28.3	25.4	30.9	22.4
Material Expenses	26,213	33,580	41,795	54,652	66,837
Employee Expense	584	682	832	1,068	1,329
Other Expenses	678	724	941	1,176	1,428
EBITDA	1,290	1,922	2,776	3,759	4,669
EBITDA Growth (%)	46.0	49.0	44.4	35.4	24.2
EBITDA Margin (%)	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.2	6.3
Depreciation	134	164	178	213	238
EBIT	1,156	1,759	2,598	3,546	4,430
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	349	363	416	438	449
PBT	807	1,395	2,183	3,108	3,982
Tax	282	418	549	782	1,002
Profit from minority/associates	-	-	-	-	-
RPAT	797	1,233	1,633	2,326	2,980
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	630	1,066	1,633	2,326	2,980
APAT Growth (%)	53.7	69.3	53.2	42.4	28.1
Adjusted EPS	23.0	38.9	59.5	84.8	108.6
EPS Growth (%)	53.7	69.3	53.2	42.4	28.1

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Standalone Balance Sheet

(INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Share Capital - Equity	137	274	274	274	274
Reserves	3,751	4,657	5,964	7,825	10,208
Total Shareholders Funds	3,888	4,932	6,239	8,099	10,483
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Short Term Debt	5,483	5,005	6,904	7,504	7,654
Total Debt	5,483	5,005	6,904	7,504	7,654
Net Deferred Taxes	(24)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
Other Non-current Liabilities & Provns	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	9,347	9,912	13,117	15,578	18,111
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
Net Block	1,201	1,535	1,728	1,840	1,927
CWIP	16	24	24	24	24
Other Non Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-current Assets	1,217	1,559	1,752	1,864	1,950
Inventories	9,823	11,892	16,380	19,380	22,380
Debtors	32	43	43	43	43
Other Current Assets	606	474	563	642	716
Cash & Equivalents	764	818	821	1,435	2,039
Total Current Assets	11,225	13,227	17,807	21,500	25,178
Creditors	198	175	254	332	406
Other Current Liabilities & Provns	2,897	4,699	6,188	7,454	8,611
Total Current Liabilities	3,095	4,874	6,442	7,786	9,018
Net Current Assets	8,129	8,352	11,365	13,714	16,161
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	9,347	9,912	13,117	15,578	18,111

Source: Company, HSIE Research



Standalone Cash Flow

(INR mn)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Reported PBT	1,080	1,651	2,183	3,108	3,982
Non-operating & EO Items	12	10	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	321	314	-	-	-
Depreciation	134	164	178	213	238
Working Capital Change	(1,173)	1,584	(3,010)	(1,734)	(1,843)
Tax Paid	(269)	(419)	(549)	(782)	(1,002)
OPERATING CASH FLOW (a)	105	3,304	(1,199)	804	1,375
Capex	(314)	(371)	(371)	(325)	(325)
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	(210)	2,933	(1,569)	479	1,050
Investments	(578)	25	-	-	-
Non-operating Income	28	49	-	-	-
INVESTING CASH FLOW (b)	(864)	(297)	(371)	(325)	(325)
Debt Issuance/(Repaid)	1,258	(2,393)	1,899	600	150
Interest Expenses	(327)	(343)	-	-	-
FCFE	(1,690)	5,743	(3,468)	(121)	900
Share Capital Issuance	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend	(151)	(192)	(327)	(465)	(596)
Others	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCING CASH FLOW (c)	780	(2,928)	1,572	135	(446)
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	20	79	3	614	604
EO Items, Others	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Cash & Equivalents	57	136	139	753	1,358

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Ratios

KEY RATIOS	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PROFITABILITY (%)					
GPM	8.9	9.0	9.7	9.8	9.9
EBITDA Margin	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.2	6.3
EBIT Margin	4.0	4.8	5.6	5.9	6.0
APAT Margin	2.2	2.9	3.5	3.8	4.0
RoE	17.7	24.2	29.2	32.4	32.1
RoIC (or Core RoCE)	9.6	13.9	18.1	20.0	21.9
RoCE	10.3	13.7	16.9	18.5	19.7
EFFICIENCY					
Tax Rate (%)	35.0	30.0	25.2	25.2	25.2
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	15.5	16.7	17.9	20.8	22.9
Inventory (days)	124.6	117.6	129.2	116.7	110.1
Debtors (days)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Other Current Assets (days)	7.7	4.7	4.4	3.9	3.5
Payables (days)	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0
Other Current Liab & Provns (days)	36.8	46.5	48.8	44.9	42.4
Cash Conversion Cycle (days)	93.5	74.5	83.2	74.0	69.5
Net D/E (x)	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.5
Interest Coverage (x)	3.3	4.8	6.3	8.1	9.9
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)					
EPS	23.0	38.9	59.5	84.8	108.6
CEPS	27.8	44.8	66.0	92.5	117.3
Dividend	6.0	10.0	11.9	17.0	21.7
Book Value	141.7	179.7	227.4	295.2	382.0
VALUATION					
P/E (x)	107.7	63.6	41.5	29.2	22.8
P/BV (x)	17.4	13.8	10.9	8.4	6.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	56.2	37.5	26.6	19.7	15.7
EV/Revenues (x)	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.0
OCF/EV (%)	0.1	4.6	(1.6)	1.1	1.9
FCF/EV (%)	(0.3)	4.1	(2.1)	0.6	1.4
FCFE/Mkt Cap (%)	(2.5)	8.5	(5.1)	(0.2)	1.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
Source: Company, HSIE Research					

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Rating Criteria

BUY: >+15% return potential
ADD: +5% to +15% return potential
REDUCE: -10% to +5% return potential
SELL: > 10% Downside return potential

Thangamayil Jewellery: Company Update



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