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# Vakrangee Ltd

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# Unique Business Model - Focussing on Expansive Growth Potential

**Expecting huge growth with Asset Light model:** The company is focusing more on asset light model like Vakrangee Kendras from capital intensive E-Governance vertical. Hence, the capex and working capital requirements of the company are going to be reduced. Revenue of Vakrangee has grown with a CAGR of 26.8% and PAT by 50.2% from FY13-FY17. During FY17, the revenue grown by 25.4% and net profit rose by 34.5% to Rs. 5308 Mn over revenue of Rs. 40005 Mn. We have strong conviction on the company's performance for FY18E & FY19E due to the structural reforms initiated by the Indian Government towards digitalizing financial transactions with long cherished objective of Financial Inclusion.

**Unique Opportunity, Expansive Growth Potential:** The company is planning to extend its network to 75,000 outlets by FY20E from the present level of over 35,000 centres. It has recently made strategic tie-up with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), to set up Vakrangee Kendras in more than 20,000 IOC Retail Outlets (Filling/Gas Stations) located in pan India. It has an exclusive five-year tie-up with Amazon for sale of products through Assisted E-Commerce model. Alliance with various partners like Amazon India, Redbus for offering bus ticketing services; Mahindra for promoting and booking automobile products.

**Financial Inclusion opportunity will aid Vakrangee:** The key growth driver has been the government's massive push towards financial inclusion through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. As a part of the Indian Government's financial inclusion plan, Vakrangee has been appointed as National Business Correspondent by 8 Indian Banks.

#### **Valuation and Outlook**

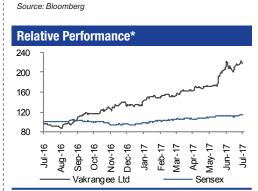
Vakrangee has been historically consistent on its growth profile. Increased focus on high growth and untapped businesses like Urban Retail, Financial Inclusion and Digital India over the next few years with first mover advantage shall put Vakrangee into a new growth trajectory. At CMP of Rs.446, the stock is trading at P/E of 24.9x, we give a "**BUY**" recommendation with a target price of Rs.530 per share at P/E of 29.6x FY19E EPS, which represents an upside potential of 19%.

Exhibit 1: Valuation Summary									
YE Mar (Rs. Mn)	FY15	FY16	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E				
Net Sales	27805	31907	40005	57892	81324				
EBITDA	7232	8220	9460	12472	14985				
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.0	25.8	23.6	21.5	18.4				
Adj. Net Profit	3218	3948	5308	7823	9475				
EPS (Rs.)	6.4	7.6	10.0	14.8	17.9				
RoE (%)	39.4	31.1	29.2	32.6	29.9				
PE (x)*	27.3	36.0	41.7	30.1	24.9				

Source: Company, Karvy Research, \*Represents multiples for FY15, FY16 & FY17 are based on historic market price

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Recommendation (Rs.)						
СМР				446		
Target Price 53						
Upside (%)				19		
Stock Information						
Mkt Cap (Rs.mn/US\$ m	n)	235	901 /	3667		
52-wk High/Low (Rs.)			458	/ 163		
3M Avg. daily volume (m	nn)			1.5		
Beta (x) 0						
Sensex/Nifty	ensex/Nifty 31711/982					
O/S Shares(mn)			Ę	529.4		
Face Value (Rs.)				1.0		
Shareholding Pattern (%	6)					
Promoters				41.6		
Flls				24.1		
DIIs				7.1		
Others				27.2		
Stock Performance (%)	_					
	1M	3M	6M	12M		
Absolute	0	29	52	127		



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Source: Bloomberg; \*Index 100

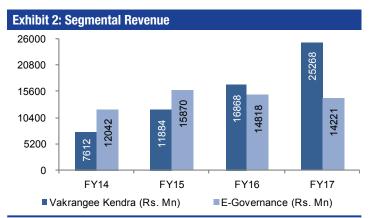
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#### From its e-governance legacy business to Kendra - an Outlet based Business:



Vakrangee is well known for e-governance project which used to be 100% of their business five years back. The e-Governance Projects segment offers collection services such as payment of utility bills, recruitment application processing, including online registration and issuance of birth, death and marriage certificates, land record digitization which enable citizens to get formal access with the government through local agencies. However, working capital is a major issue in this business as the process of payment from government is challenging task and its debtor days is as high as 120-150 days. Apart from working capital, the company has to build and maintain capex in terms of

Source: Company, Karvy Research

infrastructure setup to implement these projects. Due to this, management is planning to tamper-off its e-governance legacy business as they are not participating in any fresh tenders; and expected to decline by 8-10% YoY and management expects, by FY20E, the contribution from this segment would be less than 5% which was 36.0% in FY17. Over the next few years, Vakrangee intends to focus more on franchisee-based model of Kendras while e-governance projects run through their contract periods.

#### Huge growth potential with Asset Light model:

Currently, Vakrangee has ~35,000 Kendras across 16 states in India and planning to extend its network to 75,000 outlets by FY20E from the present. This execution of this plan is primarily through asset light model, which is Vakrangee Kendra franchise model. Hence, the capex and working capital requirements of the company are going to be reduced and would maintain zero debt. Under franchisee model, the franchisee runs the Kendra and the supervision will be done by Block coordinators (i.e, one block coordinator for 40 outlets) who are appointed by the company. As the company is focussing to target 75,000 outlets by 2020E, the number of employees could be ~4000 by the year 2020E as against ~1800 employees in FY17. As it is franchisee based business, Vakrangee does not incur set-up capex on the Kendras, infact franchisee owners incur typically Rs. 0.15 Mn to 0.2 Mn in rural centres and Rs. 0.6 Mn to 0.9 Mn in urban centres to setup the outlet.

Exhibit 3: Expansion Plan					
	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Rural Kendras	15671	25131	35000	45000	50000
Urban Kendras	5006	10075	15000	20000	25000
Total	20677	35206	50000	65000	75000

Source: Company, Karvy Research

#### Financial Inclusion opportunity will aid Vakrangee:

The key growth driver has been the Government's massive push towards financial inclusion through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana aims to ensure that at least one bank account is to be opened per household. This was done to push digital mode of transaction in the country, especially in low & middle class categories and also to provide financial services such as banking, insurance at an affordable cost to every citizen. With its large distribution network, Kendras model is majorly focusing on rural and unserved urban areas which shall put Vakrangee into a new growth trajectory.

#### Growth driven by mix of Products Avenue:

The different services provided through the Vakrangee Kendra include Banking, Insurance, ATM, e-Governance, e-Commerce and Logistics services to people in the rural and urban markets. All the Kendras run under commission based model which ranges from (Franchisee to Vakrangee - 65:35/80:20). Regarding product and services, Kendras provide access to more than 80 Mn products and over 1000 services under one roof across various verticals such as E-Governance, Banking, Insurance, E-commerce and Logistics.



It has recently made strategic tie-up with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), to set up Vakrangee Kendras in more than 20,000 IOC Retail Outlets (Filling/Gas Stations) located pan India. It has an exclusive five-year tie-up with Amazon for sale of products through Assisted E-Commerce model. The company has entered into alliance with various partners like Redbus for offering bus ticketing services, Railway Ticket Booking, Mobile/DTH recharge, Mahindra for promoting and booking automobile products. Banking services like account deposit, withdrawals, money transfer, ATM services, corporate agency tie-up for insurance, etc.,

#### **Business Verticals**

#### **Banking and Insurance**

- Bank Account Opening (Savings, Current, Self Help Group (SHG), etc).
- Cash deposits, Withdrawals, Money Transfer.
- Fixed/Recurring Deposits.
- Retail Loans.
- Balance Enquiry.
- Statement of Accounts.
- Disbursement of Money under Direct Benefit Transfer.
- Real time cash withdrawals from all banks through White Label Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).
- Co-located ATM in urban, semi-urban branches to cater to holistic banking needs of customers, while optimising the cost of operations.
- Corporate agency tie-up for Life, Non-Life, Health Insurance.
- Micro Insurance Schemes under Atal Pension Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.

#### **E-Governance Services**

- Enrolments-UID Card, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) Job Card, Election Card
- Land Record Digitisation, Electoral Rolls
- Payment of Utility Bills, Taxes, Levies
- Railway tickets, Certificates, Hall Tickets
- Exam Fee Payments
- Online Form Filling
- Partnered with My Mobile Payments Ltd (MMPL) for rendering bill payment collection solution.

#### **E-Commerce Services**

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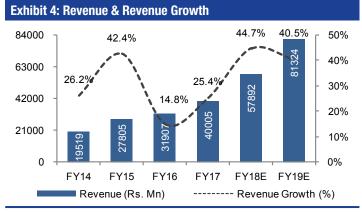
- Telecom Mobile Recharge
- Direct-to-Home (DTH) service -Recharge, Bill payments
- Assisted e-Commerce Model: Alliance with Amazon India to facilitate sale of products
- Alliance with RedBus for offering ticketing services
- Alliance with Mahindra eMarket Limited, a subsidiary of M&M, for promoting and booking automobile products.

Logistics

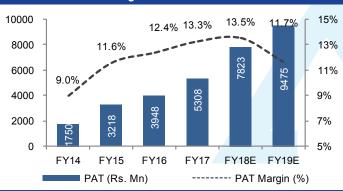
Alliance with Aramex India Private Limited and Delhivery Private Limited for courier and logistics services (Forward Delivery and Reverse Pick-up Services).

#### Expecting Strong performance in FY18E & FY19E:

Revenues of Vakrangee have grown with a CAGR of 26.8% and PAT by 50.2% from FY13-FY17. During FY17, the revenue grown by 25.4% and net profit rose 34.5% to Rs. 5308 Mn over revenue of Rs. 40005 Mn. EBITDA and Net Profit Margins stood at 23.6% and 13.3% as against 25.8% and 12.4% respectively in FY16. Consolidated EPS for FY17 stands at Rs. 10.0 against Rs. 7.6 in FY16. Vakrangee's business is progressing rapidly driven by the rising share of Vakrangee Kendra Business. We have strong conviction on the company's performance for FY18E & FY19E structural reforms initiated by the Indian Government towards digitalizing, rising penetration of ATM; and strong potential of Vakrangee will drive the revenue growth ahead. We expect the revenues to increase by CAGR of 42.3% from FY17-19E. However, there could be some reduction in EBITDA margins which is due to commission sharing ratio ranging from 65% up to 80% depending upon the milestone revenue target.



#### Exhibit 5: PAT & PAT Margins



Source: Company, Karvy Research

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#### Strong corporate governance & execution capacity:

Vakrangee operates on a franchisee model making it asset light, offering real-time banking and other services to unserved and underserved rural and urban population. Starting with E-governance projects, the company has gained exceptional understanding on consumer behaviour and expanded its business more on franchisee-based model of Kendras.

Besides enhancing bouquet of service offerings, the target of strategic tie-ups is to enhance profitability of Vakrangee Kendra outlets by serving a platter of products and services to customers and fulfilling his needs. The company is also planning to further enhance the services by adding GST Registration and Payment services, Railway Ticket booking services and providing Loan products through Tie-ups with NBFCs and Banks.

The company's board has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) as a new statutory auditor from FY18E onwards. As on date, the company is fully debt free which is another key milestone achieved in FY18E. In last five years, the long term and short term debt peaked at Rs. 3900 Mn & Rs. 7500 Mn which are now fully paid-up through internal accruals as free cash flow generation is very strong due to asset light franchisee model. Vakrangee has a tax rate at ~35%. Vakrangee's Legacy Business (E-Governance vertical) has been Capex Intensive as well as Working Capital Intensive, thus limiting the Free Cash Flow generation. Going forward, the company's plan is to focus on Vakrangee Kendra outlet business, which will free the cash enabling the company to distribute in the form of dividend. In FY17, the company declared a dividend of Rs. 2 per share equivalent to 200% of face value and resulting into a healthy payout ratio. Going forward, the company is planning to maintain the dividend payout in the range of 15% to 25% of profit after tax on consolidated financials.

#### **Exhibit 6: Peer Group Comparision FY18E FY19E** Company Sector Market Cap (Rs. Mn) **EV/EBITDA EV/EBITDA** P/E P/E Vakrangee e-retailer - Consumption & Services 235928 18.8 30.1 15.3 24.9 Info Edge **Online - E-Commerce** 48.6 68.4 35.7 48.9 126616 41.9 74.0 Dmart **Retail stores - Consumption** 558836 32.2 55.1 Domino's Franchisee - Consumption Jubilant Foodworks 23.0 67.4 47.4 72107 18.5 Titan Tanishq Jewellery Franchisee - Consumption 472746 31.6 46.4 26.5 39.0 WestLife Development McDonalds Franchisee - Consumption 36326 47.6 496.8 33.8 139.0

Source: Bloomberg, Karvy Research

## **Key Risks**

- Swift change in government policies.
- Slow ramp-up in addition of Vakrangee Kendras.





# **Financials**

YE Mar (Rs. Mn)	FY15	FY16	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E
Revenues	27805	31907	40005	57892	81324
Growth (%)	42.4	14.8	25.4	44.7	40.5
Operating Expenses	20573	23687	30545	45420	66339
EBITDA	7232	8220	9460	12472	14985
Growth (%)	35.3	13.7	15.1	31.8	20.1
Depreciation & Amortization	1649	1640	734	419	434
Other Income	59	56	53	75	80
EBIT	5643	6636	8779	12128	14631
Interest Expenses	749	560	501	55	0
PBT	4893	6076	8278	12073	14631
Tax	1675	2128	2970	4250	5155
Adjusted PAT	3218	3948	5308	7823	9475
Growth (%)	83.9	22.7	34.5	47.4	21.1

Source: Company, Karvy Research

Exhibit 8: Balance Sheet					
YE Mar (Rs. Mn)	FY15	FY16	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E
Cash & Equivalents	382	1672	6032	9846	17382
Sundry Debtors	11993	8595	8244	9789	10254
Inventories	1694	5071	4992	5318	5789
Loans & Advances	207	2	1	0	0
Investments	16	15	18	18	18
Gross Block	10495	10607	10306	10656	11056
Net Block	2728	1322	287	218	184
CWIP	101	0	0	0	0
Other Assets	3251	4246	3110	3069	3069
Total Assets	20372	20923	22684	28259	36698
Other Liabilities & Provisions	2213	846	400	428	410
Debt	3530	2950	1440	0	0
Deferred tax liabilities	425	130	0	0	0
Trade payables	2131	1166	307	322	338
Total Liabilities	8299	5091	2147	750	748
Shareholders Equity	503	529	529	529	529
Reserves & Surplus	11570	15302	20008	26979	35420
Total Networth	12073	15831	20538	27509	35949
<b>Total Networth &amp; Liabilities</b>	20372	20923	22684	28259	36698

Source: Company, Karvy Research



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PBT	4893	6076	8278	12073	14631
Depreciation	1649	1640	734	419	434
Interest	677	544	501	55	0
Tax Paid	(1422)	(2927)	(2945)	(4250)	(5155)
Inc/dec in Net WC	(5770)	(2603)	74	(1786)	(939)
Others	(38)	(57)	46	0	0
Cash flow from operating activities	(11)	2673	6687	6511	8971
Inc/dec in capital expenditure	(44)	(134)	(112)	(350)	(400)
Inc/dec in investments	16	2	0	0	0
Others	25	22	648	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	(2)	(109)	537	(350)	(400)
Inc/dec in borrowings	(549)	(577)	(122)	(1440)	0
Issuance of equity	1478	7	1	0	0
Dividend paid	(151)	(159)	(796)	(852)	(1035)
Interest paid	(677)	(544)	(501)	(55)	0
Cash flow from financing activities	102	(1273)	(1419)	(2347)	(1035)
Net change in cash	89	1291	5806	3814	7536

Source: Company, Karvy Research

Exhibit 10: Key Ratios					
YE Mar	FY15	FY16	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.0	25.8	23.6	21.5	18.4
EBIT Margin (%)	20.3	20.8	21.9	20.9	18.0
Net Profit Margin (%)	11.6	12.4	13.3	13.5	11.7
Dividend Payout Ratio (%)	3.9	3.3	19.9	16.9	16.8
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.4	0.2	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4)
RoE (%)	39.4	31.1	29.2	32.6	29.9
RoCE (%)	45.0	40.9	42.9	49.0	46.1

Source: Company, Karvy Research

Exhibit 11: Valuation Parameters					
YE Mar	FY15	FY16	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E
EPS (Rs.)	6.4	7.6	10.0	14.8	17.9
DPS (Rs.)	0.3	0.3	2.0	2.5	3.0
BVPS (Rs.)	19.0	29.9	38.8	52.0	67.9
PE (x)	27.3	36.0	41.7	30.1	24.9
P/BV (x)	9.2	9.1	10.8	8.6	6.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.6	17.9	23.5	18.8	15.3
EV/Sales (x)	3.3	4.6	5.6	4.0	2.8

Source: Company, Karvy Research; \*Represents multiples for FY15, FY16 & FY17 are based on historic market price



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