

NSE Ltd.

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Parameter	Details
Company	National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)
Sector	Financial Market Infrastructure / Stock Exchange
Issue Type	100% Offer for Sale (OFS) – No Fresh Issue
OFS Size	Up to 126,436,650 Equity Shares (FV ₹1 each)
Total Issue size	₹21,494 – 22,569crs
Price Band	₹1,700 (Floor) – ₹1,785 (Cap) per Equity Share
Bid Open / Close	Anchor: Sep 16, 2026; Opens: Sep 17, 2026; Closes: Sep 21, 2026, Listing: Sep 24, 2026
Bid Lot:	8 shares and in multiples thereon
Key shareholders:	LIC: 10.72%, Aranda: 4.54%, SHCIL: 4.44%, SBI Group entities, etc.
Implied Market Cap (Floor–Cap)	₹ 4,20,750crs – ₹ 4,41,788crs
Employee Discount:	₹170 per share
Listing Exchange	BSE Limited (NSE cannot self-list per SECC Regulations)
Issue Break Up	Retail: 35%
	QIB: 50%
	NII: 15%

Company Overview

National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is India's leading market infrastructure institution, operating one of the largest and most liquid exchange ecosystems globally. Incorporated in 1992, NSE pioneered electronic trading in India and today provides a comprehensive suite of services including trading, clearing and settlement, listing, market data, indices, and technology solutions across asset classes such as equities, derivatives, fixed income, currency, and mutual funds.

The exchange holds a dominant position in the Indian capital markets with market shares of ~93% in cash equities, near 100% in equity futures, and ~75% in equity options, reflecting strong network effects and high entry barriers. Its integrated model—spanning trading platforms, clearing corporations, and data services—enables efficient price discovery, risk management, and settlement processes.

NSE's revenue model is primarily driven by transaction charges on trading volumes, complemented by listing fees, data services, connectivity charges, and treasury income from its large cash reserves. The company benefits from India's structural growth in financialization, increasing retail participation, and rising institutional flows.

With robust profitability (EBITDA margins ~65–70%) and high return ratios (~30%+ RoE), NSE represents a highly scalable, asset-light franchise with strong cash flows, underpinned by technology leadership and regulatory oversight.

Objects of the Issue

The Offer comprises an Offer for Sale by the Selling Shareholders. NSE will not receive any proceeds. Each Selling Shareholder shall be entitled to its respective portion of the proceeds of the Offer for Sale, after deducting its respective portion of the Offer-related expenses and the relevant taxes thereon, in accordance with the terms of the Offer Agreement. Further, the Company expects that listing of the Equity Shares will enhance the visibility and brand image, provide liquidity to the shareholders and will also provide a public market for the Equity Shares in India.

Exhibit 1: Top Selling Shareholders

Seller	Shares Offered
State Bank of India	1,59,69,410
Canada Pension Plan Investment Board	1,18,74,060
Aranda Investments (Mauritius) Pte Ltd	1,12,46,336
MS Strategic (Mauritius) Limited	1,10,00,000
The New India Assurance Company Ltd.	1,05,00,000
SBI Capital Markets Limited	87,80,590
Bank of Baroda	76,90,375
Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd	61,87,500
General Insurance Corporation of India	61,87,500
United India Insurance Company Ltd	60,00,000

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 2: Top Shareholders

Shareholder	Shareholding (%)
LIC	10.72%
Aranda Investments (Mauritius) Pte Ltd	4.54%
Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd (SHCIL)	4.44%
SBI Capital Markets Limited	4.33%
Mahagony Limited:	3.73%
State Bank of India	3.23%
PI Opportunities Fund I	2.35%
Crown Capital Limited	2.07%
DVI Fund (Mauritius) Limited	1.83%
TIMF Holdings	1.75%

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

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Business Segments & Revenue Streams

Core Business Segments

a) Trading Services

- Provides platforms for trading in equities, derivatives (F&O), currency, debt, ETFs, REITs/InvITs, and mutual funds
- Key driver of volumes and revenues
- Includes both cash market and derivatives segments

b) Clearing & Settlement Services

- Conducted through subsidiary (NSE Clearing Ltd)
- Ensures counterparty risk management and settlement guarantee mechanisms
- Generates clearing and settlement fees

c) Listing Services

- Facilitates listing of equity, debt, SME, and other instruments
- Earns listing and annual maintenance fees from corporates

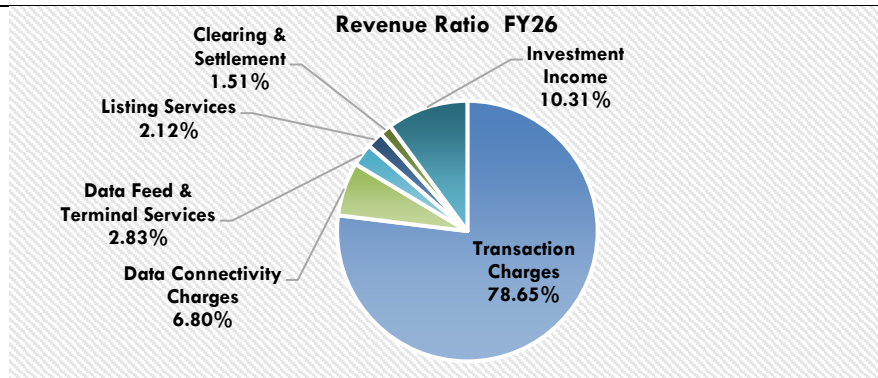
d) Data & Analytics / Technology Services

- Includes market data feeds, data terminals, index licensing, and connectivity services
- Also includes colocation services for trading members
- Growing annuity-like business stream

e) Investment / Treasury Operations

- Income generated from treasury investments and surplus funds
- Meaningful contributor to profitability

Exhibit 3: Revenue Streams



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 4: Performance Metrics

Particulars	Units	FY24	FY25	FY26
Operating Metrics				
Unique Registered Investors	# mn	91.75	112.81	129.09
Listed Entities on Exchange	#	2,438	2,719	2,978
Market Capitalisation of Listed Entities	₹ tn	384.21	410.87	411.25
Total AUM of India Passive Funds Linked to Nifty Indices	₹ tn	6.3	7.63	8.14
Colocation Member Racks	# (full rack equivalent)	934	1,300	1,680
Nifty Indices	#	388	412	425
Trading Metrics				
Average Daily Trading Volume (ADTV)				
Cash market	₹ mn	8,17,213	11,29,632	10,55,167
Equity futures	₹ mn	13,40,003	18,59,014	15,94,432
Equity options (premium value)	₹ mn	6,17,788	6,24,487	5,76,618
Equity options (notional value)	₹ mn	32,35,69,230	31,28,38,244	25,82,84,697
Listing Metrics				
No. of IPOs				
Mainboard	#	75	79	108
SME	#	138	163	111
Total equity raised	₹ tn	2.43	4.5	4.78
Total debt raised	₹ tn	11.42	14.18	15.55
Total fund mobilisation	₹ tn	13.86	18.68	20.33
Financial Metrics				
Revenue from operations	₹ mn	1,47,800	1,71,407	1,66,013
• Transaction charges	₹ mn	1,21,296	1,36,358	1,30,570
Cash market	₹ mn	12,359	16,885	15,546
Futures	₹ mn	12,490	17,273	14,801
Options	₹ mn	95,502	1,01,940	99,976
Mutual Fund	₹ mn	97	131	180
Others	₹ mn	849	128	67
• Listing services	₹ mn	2,226	3,138	3,524
• Data Centre - Rack charges	₹ mn	1,338	1,544	2,052
• Data Connectivity charges	₹ mn	8,247	11,045	11,288
• Data Feed & Terminal services	₹ mn	3,393	4,071	4,701
• Licensing services	₹ mn	975	1,205	1,518
• Clearing & Settlement services	₹ mn	1,348	3,213	2,515
• Other operating revenue: income on investments	₹ mn	8,121	9,572	8,417
• Others	₹ mn	856	1,260	1,428
Other income: investment income	₹ mn	15,547	19,322	19,291
Other income: others	₹ mn	174	1,040	1,830
Total Income	₹ mn	1,63,521	1,91,768	1,87,134
Profit before tax from Continuing operations	₹ mn	1,11,843	1,54,748	1,38,956

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 5: Key Financial

Particulars	Units	FY24	FY25	FY26
Profit for the year (PAT)	₹ mn	83,057	1,21,877	1,03,021
Operating EBITDA	₹ mn	98,698	1,26,469	1,10,979
Operating EBITDA Margin	%	66.78%	73.78%	66.85%
Operating Profit	₹ mn	94,303	1,21,003	1,04,744
Operating Profit Margin	%	63.80%	70.59%	63.09%
Normalised Operating EBITDA	₹ mn	1,14,425	1,33,171	1,26,559
Normalised Operating EBITDA Margin	%	77.42%	77.69%	76.23%
PBT Margin (continuing ops)	%	67.64%	75.43%	69.40%
Normalised PBT (₹ mn)	₹ mn	1,26,755	1,49,141	1,41,207
Normalised PBT Margin	%	77.04%	77.34%	75.55%
Profit After Tax Margin	%	47.13%	55.30%	50.98%
Book Value per share	₹	96.86	122.64	129.75
Return on Capital Employed	%	45.50%	52.11%	42.80%
Return on Equity	%	37.37%	44.87%	32.98%
Treasury investments	₹ mn	4,80,164	4,86,307	6,47,713
Settlement obligations payable	₹ mn	2,13,271	1,58,799	3,01,467
Number of IPFT claims	#	6,851	4,671	3,392

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 6: Risk Management Metrics

Particulars	Units	FY24	FY25	FY26
Risk Reserve	₹ mn	85,330	85,330	48,050
Core SGF (Settlement Guarantee Fund)	₹ mn	88,572	1,20,752	1,30,792
Investor Protection Fund Trust	₹ mn	19,196	24,590	28,704
IPFT Claim Expenditure	₹ mn	528	303	221
Number of IPFT claims	#	6,851	4,671	3,392

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 7: Revenue mix – Quarterly Segment Revenue

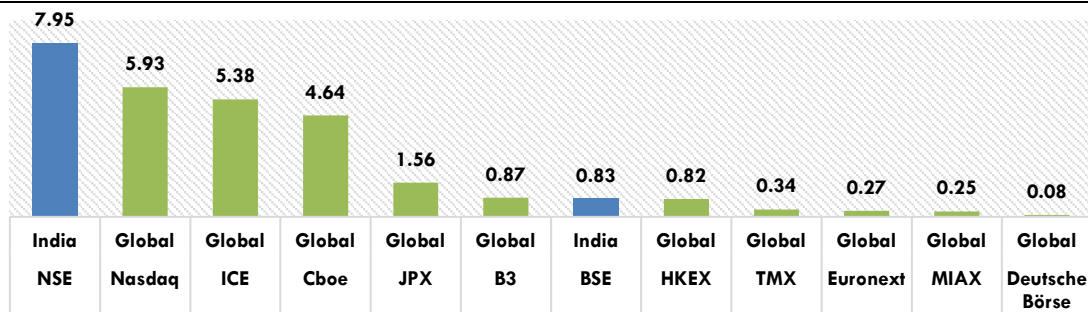
Particulars (₹ mn)	Q1FY27	Q4FY26	Q1FY26	YoY	QoQ	FY26
(a) Trading	41,033	45,549	36,388	13%	(10%)	150,437
(b) Clearing	4,938	4,905	4,530	9%	1%	17,624
(c) Others	1,978	1,697	1,492	33%	17%	6,445
Total	47,949	52,151	42,410	13%	(8%)	174,505
Less: Inter Segment Revenue	2,345	2,476	2,088	12%	(5%)	8,492
Total Segment Revenue	45,604	49,676	40,322	13%	(8%)	166,013

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

NSE vs Major Global Exchanges

Number of trades in cash equities on Indian exchanges is comparable to leading listed stock exchange groups globally.

Exhibit 8: Cash equities – Number of Trades (Bn)



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **NSE leads globally** with **7.95Bn trades**, significantly ahead of Nasdaq (5.93Bn)
- NSE executes **~35% higher trades than Nasdaq** → highlights **exceptional liquidity and retail participation**
- **BSE (0.83Bn)** trails significantly behind NSE (~10% of NSE volumes)
- Indian exchanges (especially NSE) show **much higher trade intensity vs most global peers**
- The sharp skew indicates **high retail-driven activity and derivatives-linked churn in India**

Exhibit 9: Single stock futures

Number of Contracts Traded (Mn)



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **NSE ranks #2 globally** in single stock futures with **~482Mn contracts**
- Significant gap vs **B3 (Brazil)**, which leads with **~1,104Mn contracts**
- Sharp drop after top 2–3 exchanges → indicates **concentrated global activity**
- **BSE is negligible (~0.01Mn)**, highlighting NSE's dominance in India
- Indian markets remain **globally competitive in derivatives scale**, though leadership varies by segment

Exhibit 10: Single stock options



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **NSE ranks among top 3 globally**, with ~1,754 Mn contracts traded
- US exchanges (Nasdaq, Cboe) lead the segment
- Close clustering among NSE, B3, and ICE → **high competitive intensity globally**
- **BSE negligible (~0.01 Mn)** → reinforces NSE's dominance in India
- Unlike index options (where India dominates), **single stock options are more globally distributed.**

Exhibit 11: Equity Index Futures



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- NSE ranks 8th globally, with ~64.91 Mn contracts traded
- B3 and CME Group dominate the segment
- NSE trails Asian peers (JPX, Deutsche Börse, SGX, HKEX) in this segment despite leading in cash equities and other derivatives
- BSE negligible (~0.56 Mn) → **NSE still dominates domestically**

Exhibit 12: Equity Index Options – Contracts Traded (FY26)

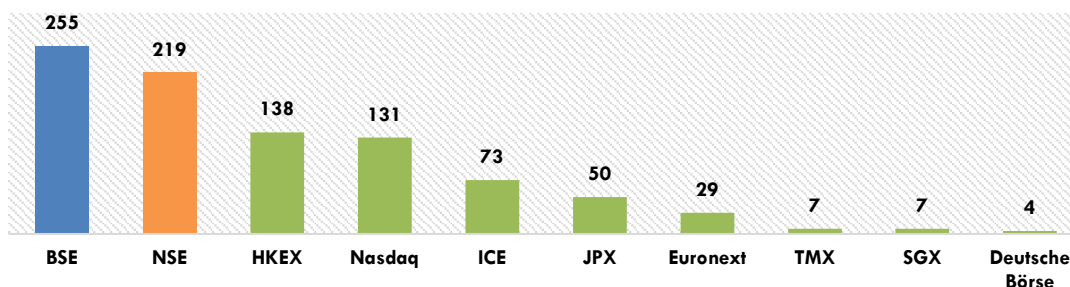


Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **NSE is the global leader** with 34.7bn contracts, ahead of BSE
- India dominates globally: NSE + BSE volumes are ~10–30x higher than global peers
- Sharp drop after top 2 players → indicates **extreme concentration in India**
- US exchanges (Cboe, CME) significantly lower vs Indian exchanges
- Highlights **explosive growth in index options trading in India**, especially retail-driven

Exhibit 13: IPO Listings

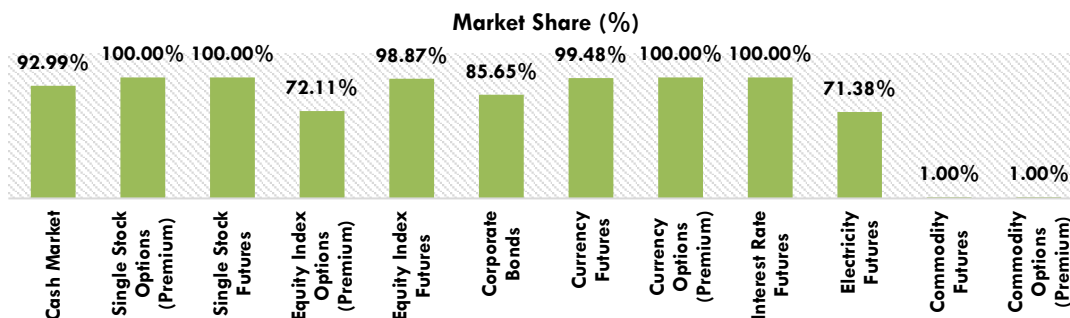
Absolute Number of IPO Listings (FY26)



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **India leads globally:** BSE (255) and NSE (219) are the **top 2 exchanges globally in IPO listings**
- Combined, Indian exchanges significantly outperform global peers like HKEX and Nasdaq
- NSE ranks **#2 globally**, indicating strong pipeline and capital market depth
- Strong IPO activity supports NSE's **listing fee and capital market ecosystem revenues**

Exhibit 14: NSE is the market leader across major asset classes in the Indian market

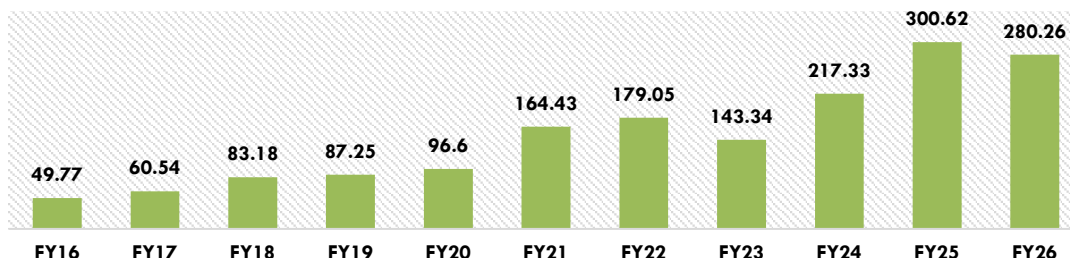


Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **Near-monopoly dominance** in most segments ($\approx 100\%$ in futures & currency derivatives)
- Strong leadership in cash equities ($\sim 93\%$), the core segment
- **Options segment divergence:**
- Single-stock options: near 100%
- Index options: relatively lower ($\sim 72\%$) $\rightarrow$ reflects competition (primarily BSE)
- Weak presence in **commodity markets** ($<1\%$) $\rightarrow$ not a focus area

Exhibit 15: Indian cash market turnover has grown $\sim 6x$ over the last decade

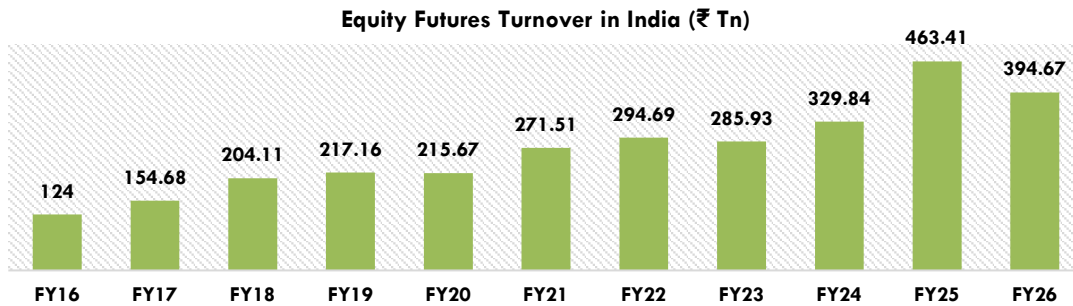
Growth of Cash Market Turnover (₹ tn) Value



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- Strong growth post FY20 (sharp jump in FY2021)
- Peak achieved in FY25 (300.62)
- Slight moderation in **FY26 (280.26)**
- Overall **$\sim 5-6x$ growth trend** over the period (as indicated in chart)

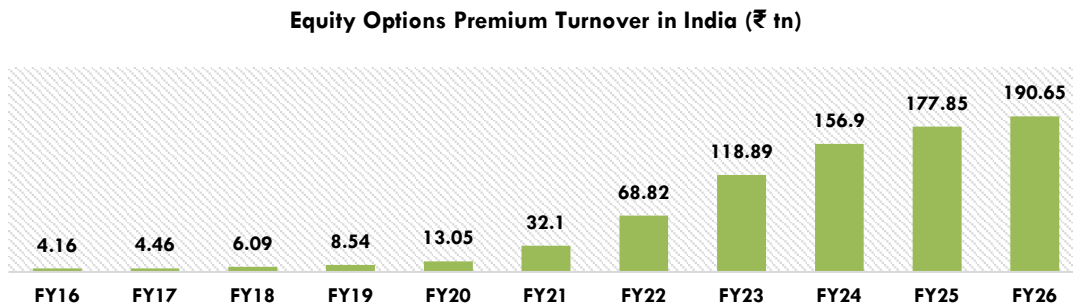
Exhibit 16: Equity derivatives turnover in India has surged substantially in the past decade



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- Strong structural growth: ~**3.2x increase from FY16 to FY26**
- Sharp acceleration post-COVID (FY21 onward)
- Peak in FY25 (**₹463T**), followed by moderation in FY26
- Indicates **high expansion of derivatives market TAM**, critical for NSE revenue growth

Exhibit 17: Growth of equity options



Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- **Explosive growth: ~45x increase from FY16 to FY26**
- Strong acceleration post FY20 (retail + weekly options boom)
- Consistent upward trend with **no major correction unlike futures**
- Derivatives growth is overwhelmingly driven by **options segment**

Growth Projection

Exhibit 18: Capital Markets – Turnover Projections (to FY30P)

Segment	FY26	FY30P (Redseer)	CAGR
Cash market turnover	₹280 tn	₹473–507 tn	14–16%
Equity futures turnover	₹395 tn	₹715–765 tn	16–18%
Equity options premium turnover	₹191 tn	₹269–289 tn	9–11%
Corporate bond turnover	₹21 tn	₹35–41 tn	13–18%
FX + commodity futures	₹175 tn	₹307–363 tn	15–20%
FX + commodity options (premium)	₹17 tn	₹35–41 tn	20–25%

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 19: NSE-Specific Revenue / Business Projections (to FY30P)

Segment	CAGR Projection
Index fund + ETF AUM (ex-gold)	~20–25% (₹11.2T → ₹23–27T by FY30P)
Colocation racks (External FREs, industry)	20–25%
Listing services revenue	15–20%
Clearing & settlement revenue	15–17%

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 20: Historical CAGRs

Metric	Period	CAGR
Demat accounts	FY21–26	32.43%
Mutual fund AUM	FY21–26	18.60%
NSE total income	FY22–26	20.51%
NSEIX equity index futures	FY23–26	67.29%
Equity index options contracts	Past decade	47.54%

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

- The **cash equity market turnover** is expected to grow to **₹473–507 tn by FY30**, implying a **~14–16% CAGR**.
- The **equity derivatives segment (options premium turnover)**—which is NSE's primary revenue driver—is projected to reach **₹269–289 tn by FY30**, growing at a **~9–11% CAGR**.
- Broader ecosystem indicators such as **mutual fund AUM (₹73.7 tn)** and rapidly increasing **investor accounts (200+ mn)** signal continued deepening of market participation.

Additionally, growth is expected to be supported by **increasing adoption of derivatives, passive investing (ETFs/indices), and algorithmic trading**, alongside sustained activity in IPOs and capital raising. Ancillary segments such as **data services, connectivity, and index licensing** are also expected to scale in line with trading activity, providing incremental high-margin revenue streams.

Competitive Moat

- Near-monopoly exchange with **92.99% cash market share** and **99.79% equity futures share** in India
- **Globally #1** by trades in cash equities and contracts traded in equity derivatives (51.18% global market share in equity derivatives, per WFE)
- Self-reinforcing network effects: more issuers → more liquidity → more investors → more issuers
- Deep technology infrastructure: **21.89 billion peak order messages/day** (March 2026); nanosecond acknowledgement latency
- **7 data centres**, 200,000+ terminals across 1,400+ cities and towns
- Nifty brand: 425 indices with ₹8.14 tn AUM in linked passive funds

Market Opportunity

- India is the **fastest-growing G20 economy**, on track to become world's 3rd largest by Fiscal 2032
- Unique registered investors grew from **91.75M (FY24) → 129.09M (FY26)** – long runway to formal equity participation.
- NSE was among the **top 3 exchange groups globally by new IPO listings** from FY23–FY26
- Total fund mobilisation on NSE: ₹20.33 tn in FY26 (vs ₹13.86 tn in FY24)

Financial Highlights

Exhibit 21: Q1FY27 — Consolidated results summary

Particulars (₹ mn)	Q1FY27	Q1FY26	YoY	Q4FY26	QoQ
Revenue from operations	45,604	40,322	13	49,676	(8)
Other income (non-op.)	6,918	7,662	(10)	3,922	76
Total	52,522	47,985	9	53,598	(2)
Employee cost	2,426	1,976	23	2,141	13
Regulatory fees	1,883	1,699	11	2,197	(14)
Depreciation	1,626	1,501	8	1,512	8
Other expenses	5,786	5,350	8	9,013	(36)
Total expenses	11,720	10,526	11	14,863	(21)
Share of profit from associates	258	302	(15)	221	17
Core SGF contribution	(50)	0	NA	0	NA
Exceptional items	686	0	NA	0	NA
PBT	41,695	37,760	10	38,956	7
Tax expense	10,476	9,642	9	10,320	2
PAT	31,219	28,118	11	28,637	9
EPS (₹)	12.6	11.8	7	11.6	9

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

The recent results reinforce NSE's position as a **highly scalable, cash-generative, monopoly-like financial market infrastructure business**. Despite an 8.2% QoQ decline in operating revenue from a strong Q4FY26 base, profitability improved meaningfully due to lower operating expenses, higher treasury income and increased contribution from associates. Based on Q1FY27 PAT of ₹31,201 million, annualized earnings are approximately ₹124,803 million, supporting the premium valuation being discussed ahead.

Exhibit 22: P & L Account

Particulars	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	YoY
Revenue from Operations	1,47,800	1,71,407	1,66,013	(3.1)
Other Income	15,721	20,362	21,121	3.7
Total Income	1,63,521	1,91,768	1,87,134	(2.4)
Employee costs	4,604	6,721	7,900	17.5
Regulatory fees	9,806	9,626	7,964	(17.3)
D&A	4,396	5,466	6,235	14.1
Other expenses	17,283	26,249	37,901	44.4
Operating EBITDA	98,698	1,26,469	1,10,979	(12.2)
Operating EBITDA Margin	66.80%	73.80%	66.90%	(690)
Normalised Op. EBITDA	1,14,425	1,33,171	1,26,559	(5.0)
Normalised EBITDA Margin	77.40%	77.70%	76.20%	(150)
PBT (Continuing Operations)	1,11,843	1,54,748	1,38,956	(10.2)
PBT Margin (Continuing)	67.60%	75.40%	69.40%	(600)
PAT (Total)	83,057	1,21,877	1,03,021	(15.5)
PAT Margin	47.10%	55.30%	51.00%	(430)
EPS (₹, Basic & Diluted)	33.56	49.24	41.62	(15.5)
Dividend Per Share (₹)	18	35	35	-

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Revenue Pressure: FY26 revenue from operations declined 3% YoY for the first time in recent history, primarily due to SEBI's regulatory interventions in the equity options segment (revised lot sizes, expiry day structures, upfront premium requirements). Options remain the single largest revenue contributor at ~60% of transaction charges.

Exhibit 23: Key Ratios

Metric	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
RoE	37.37	44.87	32.98
RoCE	45.50	52.11	42.80
Book Value/Share (₹)	96.86	122.64	129.75
EPS (₹)	33.56	49.24	41.62

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 24: Balance Sheet (₹ mn)

Particulars	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Total Assets	6,54,640	6,94,666	8,79,374
Total Equity	2,39,739	3,03,533	3,21,135
Lease Liabilities	1,246	5,062	4,124
Debt	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cash & Equivalents*	2,31,764	1,72,979	3,22,612
Treasury Investments	4,80,164	4,86,307	6,47,713
Settlement Obligations*	2,13,271	1,58,799	3,01,467

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research *Cash includes ₹301.5B settlement obligations/margin money from members (ring-fenced)

Net treasury (ex-settlement obligations): ~₹346.2bn in FY26 – effectively debt-free with substantial financial buffer

Strengths & Positives

- **Market leadership** – #1 in India across every major segment (equities, futures, options, currency) for 25+ years; meaningful moat unlikely to erode
- **Global scale** – Largest exchange globally by equity derivatives contracts traded; 51.18% global market share; validates platform depth
- **Extraordinary unit economics** – Normalised EBITDA margins of ~76–77% among the highest of any publicly listed exchange globally
- **Structurally growing market** – Unique registered investors growing at ~19% CAGR (FY24-26); long runway given India's low equity penetration relative to GDP
- **Debt-free balance sheet** with ₹346 billion+ in investable treasury assets generating significant other income (~₹19-21 billion/year)
- **Nifty franchise** – 425 indices; ₹8.14 tn AUM in linked passive funds; growing index licensing revenue (recurring, high-margin)
- **Technology differentiation** – Designated Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) by NCIIIPC; nanosecond latency; zero data breaches in FY2024–2026
- **Diversifying revenue streams** – Co-location (1,680 racks, +29% YoY), data feeds, licensing, clearing & settlement growing faster than core trading

Risks & Concerns

- **Regulatory concentration risk** – ~60% of transaction revenues from options; SEBI's FY2026 interventions (new lot sizes, restricted weekly expiries, upfront premiums) demonstrably compressed revenues (-3.1% in FY26). Further tightening could structurally impair earnings
- **FY2026 earnings decline** – PAT fell 15.5% YoY; RoE contracted from 44.9% to 33.0%; any sustained volume normalisation would affect near-term multiples
- **Colocation matter – Supreme Court risk** – SEBI's disgorgement order (originally ₹6,249 mn + 12% interest) is pending final hearing before the Supreme Court. While SAT reduced exposure significantly, an adverse Supreme Court order could impose material penalties
- **PSU seller overhang** – Government-linked sellers (SBI, BoB, insurance companies) exiting at effective cost of <₹1/share; any post-listing follow-on OFS could create supply pressure
- **No identifiable promoter** – Ownership is highly dispersed (no single shareholder >10.72%); governance relies on SECC-regulated Public Interest Directors. Coordination during crisis or strategic pivots could be slower
- **FDI cap constraints** – SECC Regulations cap any single foreign entity at 5% (15% for select entities). This limits strategic FDI and foreign capital raising options
- **Single-exchange listing** – Listing only on BSE (cannot self-list per regulations); could affect liquidity discovery in early trading and limit retail participation on NSE's own platform
- **Valuation premium risk** – At the upper price band of ₹1,785/share, implied P/E of ~42.9x FY2026 EPS is a discount to BSE's 54x but commands significant premium vs. global peers; any earnings miss could sharply reprice the stock.

NSE vs BSE – Key Metrics Comparison Table
Exhibit 25

Particulars	Unit	NSE FY26	NSE FY25	NSE FY24	BSE FY26	BSE FY25	BSE FY24
Operating Metrics							
Unique Registered Investors	Mn	129.09	112.81	91.75	NA	NA	NA
Listed Entities	#	2,978	2,719	2,438	5,955	5,616	5,358
Market Capitalisation of Listed Entities	₹ Tn	411.25	410.87	384.21	411.55	413.76	386.98
Passive Funds AUM	₹ Tn	8.14	7.63	6.3	2.5	2.18	1.92
Colocation Member Racks	#	1,680	1,300	934	NA	NA	NA
Indices	#	425	412	388	203	NA	NA
Trading Metrics (ADTV)							
Cash Market	₹ Mn	10,55,167	11,29,632	8,17,213	79,500	77,666	66,221
Equity Futures	₹ Mn	15,94,432	18,59,014	13,40,003	NA	NA	NA
Equity Options (Premium)	₹ Mn	5,76,618	6,24,487	6,17,788	NA	NA	NA
Equity Options (Notional)	₹ Mn	25,82,84,697	31,28,38,244	32,35,69,230	NA	NA	NA
Listing Metrics							
IPOs - Mainboard	#	108	79	75	109	79	76
IPOs - SME	#	111	163	138	146	78	58
Total Equity Raised	₹ Tn	4.78	4.5	2.43	3.9	2.99	2.33
Total Debt Raised	₹ Tn	15.55	14.18	11.42	12.93	14.37	13.89
Financial Metrics							
Revenue from Operations	₹ Mn	1,66,013	1,71,407	1,47,800	48,340	29,573	13,710
Transaction Charges	₹ Mn	1,30,570	1,36,358	1,21,296	37,950	20,299	7,090
Listing Services	₹ Mn	3,524	3,138	2,226	5,190	4,900	3,497
Data Centre Rack Charges	₹ Mn	2,052	1,544	1,338	NA	NA	NA
Data Connectivity Charges	₹ Mn	11,288	11,045	8,247	NA	NA	NA
Data Feed & Terminal Services	₹ Mn	4,701	4,071	3,393	NA	504	431
Licensing Services	₹ Mn	1,518	1,205	975	NA	240	-
Clearing & Settlement	₹ Mn	2,515	3,213	1,348	NA	NA	NA
Other Operating Revenue (Investments)	₹ Mn	8,417	9,572	8,121	1,714	2,178	1,840
Other Fees	₹ Mn	1,428	1,260	856	NA	1,452	852
Other Income - Investment	₹ Mn	19,291	19,322	15,547	2,903	2,547	1,971
Other Income - Others	₹ Mn	1,830	1,040	174	239	243	277
Total Income	₹ Mn	1,87,134	1,91,768	1,63,521	51,481	32,363	15,959
PBT	₹ Mn	1,38,956	1,54,748	1,11,843	32,991	17,483	9,922
PAT	₹ Mn	1,03,021	1,21,877	83,057	24,873	13,223	7,717
Normalised EBITDA	₹ Mn	1,26,559	1,33,171	1,14,425	NA	NA	NA
Normalised EBITDA Margin	%	76.23	77.69	77.42	NA	NA	NA
Normalised PBT	₹ Mn	1,41,207	1,49,141	1,26,755	NA	NA	NA
Normalised PBT Margin	%	75.55	77.34	77.04	NA	NA	NA
Book Value per Share	₹	129.75	122.64	96.86	NA	327	244
Return on Capital Employed	%	42.8	52.11	45.5	NA	NA	NA
Return on Equity	%	32.98	44.87	37.37	NA	NA	NA
Treasury Investments	₹ Mn	6,47,713	4,86,307	4,80,164	NA	NA	NA
Settlement Obligations	₹ Mn	3,01,467	1,58,799	2,13,271	NA	NA	NA
Risk Management Metrics							
Risk Reserve	₹ Mn	48,050	85,330	85,330			
Core SGF	₹ Mn	1,30,792	1,20,752	88,572	12,468	11,326	9,550
Investor Protection Fund	₹ Mn	28,704	24,590	19,916			
IPFT Claim Expenditure	₹ Mn	221	303	528			
Number of IPFT Claims	#	3,392	4,671	6,851			

Note: NSE's revenues are 3.4x BSE's; PAT is 4.1x BSE's. NSE commands significantly higher absolute profitability but somewhat lower RoNW than BSE.

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

Exhibit 26: NSE IPO Valuation Upper Price Band (₹1,785)

Metric	NSE @ ₹1,785	BSE
Revenue (₹ mn)	1,66,013	48339.5
EPS (₹)	42	60.61
BVPS (₹)	129.8	163.6
RoNW (%)	33%	45%
P/E (x)	42.9x	54.28x

Source: RHP, Way2Wealth Research

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At 42.9x FY26 earnings, NSE commands a premium to most global exchange operators, which typically trade in the 20x-30x earnings range, but remains at a discount to domestic peer BSE Limited at 54.3x.

The premium versus global peers appears justified by NSE's dominant market share in Indian equity derivatives, strong network effects, asset-light business model, high profitability (RoE ~33%), debt-free balance sheet, and direct exposure to India's structurally growing capital markets. Conversely, the key valuation risk remains regulatory intervention in derivatives trading, which contributes a significant portion of exchange revenues and profitability.

Recommendation

Subscribe (Long-Term) NSE is an exceptional business – arguably one of the finest large-cap opportunities to emerge from India in years. The quality of the franchise (dominant market share, margin profile, debt-free balance sheet) justifies a long-term subscribe for patient investors.

However, given

a. the near-term earnings headwind from regulatory-led volume moderation, the premium valuation leaving limited margin of safety, and the substantial PSU exit overhang, **investors should approach with a 2–3-year horizon rather than seeking short-term listing gains.**

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