

# Q1FY25 Result Update 06<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024

# Saregama India Ltd

Diversifying for long-term growth amidst carvaan challenges

CMP: INR 492
Rating: Buy
Target Price: INR 625

Stock Info	
BSE	532163
NSE	INE979A01025
Bloomberg	SARE:IN
Reuters	SARE.NS
Sector	Media & Entertainment
Face Value (INF	) 1
Mkt Cap (INR M	n) 94,862
52 week H/L (IN	R) 580/310
Avg. Yearly Volu	me (in ,000) 549
Shareholding	Pattern %

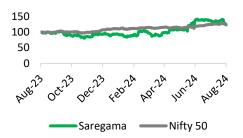
(As on March,2024)	
Promoters	59.22

40 78

Stock Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m	
Saregama	-10.2	14.2	23.3	
Nifty 50	-1.1	7.9	22.8	

#### Saregama Vs Nifty 50

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Saregama India Q1FY25 revenue stood at INR 2,053 Mn, up by 25.7% YoY & down by 22% QoQ) below our estimate of INR 2,140 Mn. EBITDA for Q1FY25 was INR 515 Mn, representing a 6.5% YoY increase but an 18.4% QoQ decrease, which is below our estimate of INR 696 Mn. The EBITDA margin declined by 557 bps YoY and by 155 bps QoQ to 25.1% in Q1FY25, below of our estimate of 32.5%. PAT for Q1FY25 was INR 371 Mn, representing a 14.4% YoY decrease and a 31.2% QoQ decrease, below our estimate of INR 537 Mn. The PAT margin decreased by 845 bps YoY and by 242 bps QoQ to 18.1% in Q1FY25, which is below our estimate of 25.1%.

#### **Investment Rationale**

**Music licensing & Artist management:** Saregama's core music business, including licensing and artist management, is set for strong growth. In Q1 FY25, they released over 330 original and premium regression songs in multiple languages. The artist management vertical generated INR 160 Mn in revenue. The song "Tauba Tauba" from "Bad News" was #1 on Spotify and YouTube globally for 29 days. Saregama projects 26% YoY revenue growth for FY25 in this vertical. They plan to invest over INR 10,000 Mn in new music content over the next 3 years to drive long-term growth and solidify their position as a leading music label.

**Growing video content production:** While still in early stages, Saregama is building its video content business under brands like Yoodlee Films and Dice Media. The company is focusing on regional cinema, digital series, and short-format content. Their strategy involves pre-licensing or pre-commissioning content to ensure profitability. Management expects this vertical to grow at a 25% CAGR over the next 5 years. Though margins are currently low, they aim to reach 8-10% margins in 12-18 months.

**Expansion in Live Events and artist management:** Saregama is growing in live events and artist management, including the "Dil luminati" tour of Diljit Dosanjh in North America with record-breaking attendance in Vancouver. They launched "That's So Viraj-With Friends," a live comedy show. Over 30 new influencers and music artists were added to their portfolio, now totalling over 150 artists with a combined social media following exceeding 100 mn. This high-revenue, low-margin business offers additional monetization opportunities and is expected to benefit from India's growing digital advertising market.

**Carvaan's new retail strategy:** Saregama is shifting Carvaan's retail strategy to focus on e-commerce and modern trade channels, aiming to improve profitability through better cost control despite potential short-term lower unit sales. Carvaan revenues are now disclosed separately, with management viewing it as a profitable niche product rather than a major growth driver.

#### **Outlook and Valuation**

Saregama India experienced a revenue decline in its Carvaan product line this quarter, offsetting growth in other areas. The transition of some streaming platforms from free to paid models led to a temporary revenue dip, described as a "base effect" confined to this quarter. Increased investment in new content resulted in higher content charge-offs, impacting profitability despite overall revenue growth. Strategically, Saregama is positioning itself as a diversified IP company focused on long-term growth in music, video, and live entertainment. Management projects a 30% CAGR in revenue (excluding Carvaan) over the next three years and expects profits to double in 3-4 years, highlighting significant growth potential across its business segments. We expect Saregama's revenue, EBITDA, and PAT to grow at a CAGR of 29.5%, 32.4%, and 26.7%, respectively, over FY25-27E and arrive at a TP of INR 625 per share. Accordingly, we maintain a "BUY" rating on the stock.

Exhibit 1: Financial Performance

Year-end March (INR Mn)	Net Sales	EBITDA	PAT	EPS (INR)	EBITDA Margin (%)	EV/EBITDA	P/E (x)
FY23	7,366	2,210	1,850	9.6	30.0%	40.6	51.3
FY24	8,030	2,466	1,976	10.2	30.7%	36.3	48.0
FY25E	10,451	3,214	2,384	12.4	30.8%	26.8	39.8
FY26E	13,391	4,222	2,914	15.1	31.5%	20.5	32.5
FY27E	17,544	5,633	3,825	19.8	32.1%	15.5	24.8

Source: Arihant Research, Company Filings

**Exhibit 2: Q1FY25 - Quarterly Performance (Consolidated)** 

Quarterly Results								
Consolidated (INR Mn)	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	Q1FY24	QoQ	YoY			
Net sales	2,052.8	2,630.5	1,633.4	-22.0%	25.7%			
COGS	679.5	946.6	343.6	-28.2%	97.8%			
GP	1,373.3	1,683.9	1,289.8	-18.4%	6.5%			
GP Margin	66.90%	64.01%	78.96%	288.44bps	-1206.53bps			
Employees benefits expense	263.0	277.9	199.8	-5.4%	31.6%			
Advertisement and sales								
promotion	242.5	266.6	190.4	-9.0%	27.4%			
Royalty expense	151.4	159.7	159.5	-5.2%	-5.1%			
Other expenses	201.8	279.5	239.7	-27.8%	-15.8%			
EBITDA	514.6	700.2	500.4	-26.5%	2.8%			
EBITDA Margin	25.07%	26.62%	30.64%	-155.03bps	-556.73bps			
Depreciation and amortisation								
expense	127.3	116.0	70.4	9.7%	80.8%			
EBIT	387.3	584.2	430.0	-33.7%	-9.9%			
EBIT margin	18.9%	22.2%	26.3%	-334.18bps	-745.85bps			
Other Income	121.8	179.8	175.2	-32.3%	-30.5%			
Finance Cost	2.1	3.7	14.4	-43.2%	-85.4%			
РВТ	507.0	760.3	590.8	-33.3%	-14.2%			
Тах	136.1	221.3	157.6	-38.5%	-13.6%			
Reported PAT	370.9	539.0	433.2	-31.2%	-14.4%			
PAT Margin	18.1%	20.5%	26.5%	-242.24bps	-845.34bps			
EPS	1.9	2.8	2.3	-31.2%	-14.7%			

	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	Q1FY24	QoQ(bps)	YoY(bps)
RMC/Sales	33.10%	35.99%	21.04%	-288.44	1206.53
Employee exp/Sales	12.81%	10.56%	12.23%	224.72	57.96
Advertisement and sales/Sales	11.81%	10.13%	11.66%	167.82	15.65
Royalty expenses/Sales	7.38%	6.07%	9.76%	130.42	-238.96
Other exp/Sales	9.83%	10.63%	14.67%	-79.49	-484.44

Source: Arihant Research, Company Filings

# Saregama India- Q1FY25 Concall KTAs CMP INR 490 | 94,544 Mn

Expect consolidated revenue (excluding Carvaan) to grow at a CAGR of 30% over the next 3 years and Adjusted margin guidance to maintain 30-32%

#### Music vertical

- Released over 330 original and premium recreation songs across multiple languages, including Hindi, Bhojpuri, Gujarati, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, and Bengali.
- The company aims to grow its music vertical revenue, which includes licensing and artist management, by a minimum of 26% in FY25.
- Saregama is targeting to acquire 25-30% of all new music released in India, with the licensing vertical expected to double its revenue in 3-3.5 years (25-36% YoY growth).
- The charge-off for new content increased by 48% YoY in Q1FY25.
- The company is investing more in newer content, which initially impacts profitability but is expected to yield higher returns in about 18 months.
- · Music licensing revenue, combined with artist management, is showing steep growth.
- The company emphasizes viewing music performances on a 12-month basis rather than quarterly due to seasonal variations.

#### Youtube

- A large portion of YouTube views now come from the Shorts platform.
- April-May saw advertising money diverted to elections and IPL, affecting YouTube revenues, but June stabilized, and July has been steady.

#### **Events vertical**

- Started the Dil Luminati Tour of Diljit Dosanjh in Vancouver, with over 50,000 fans attending. The company held 11 concerts in Canada and the USA, with more shows planned in India and UAE in the coming quarters.
- The events business operates on short gestation periods, typically investing two months before an event.
- Margins in the events business are usually in the mid-single digits, but the IRR can be triple digits if money is managed properly.

#### **Artist management**

- Added 30+ new influencers and music artists, bringing their portfolio to over 150 artists.
- Music revenues, including artist management, grew by over 23% YoY.
- Margins in artist management vary: 20-40% for music artists and 15-20% for influencers, before deducting team expenses.
- The strategy includes investing in younger artists to potentially benefit from both their music and non-music earnings (like brand endorsements).

#### **Carvaan business**

- Implemented a new retail strategy for Carvaan, focusing on e-commerce and modern retail stores.
- Carvaan revenue for Q1FY25 was INR 247 Mn, a significant drop compared to Q1FY24.
- The company is cutting down its retail network for Carvaan over the next two quarters.
- · By the end of FY25, Carvaan is expected to become primarily an e-commerce and modern trade product.

#### Video business

- Aims to grow its video business at a 25% CAGR over the next five years.
- The company released two Punjabi films and several web series across different platforms during the quarter.

#### Capex

Plans to invest around INR 3,000 Mn in content acquisition this year, part of a broader INR 10,000 Mn investment plan over three years.

#### Music licensing and Copyright protection

- Saregama requires brands to obtain a separate license when using their music for commercial promotions on platforms like YouTube and Meta.
- The company has invested in technology over the last 3-5 years to track unauthorized use of their music or its derivatives on social media platforms.
- Their system can detect even cover versions of their songs, allowing them to take down unauthorized content and pursue legal action for licensing.

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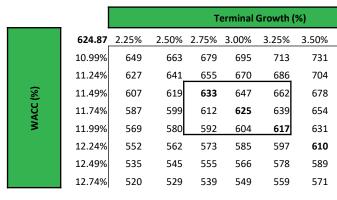
#### **DCF Valuation**

Valuation Assumptions	
g (World Economic Growth)	3.00%
Rf	7.11%
Rm	13.20%
Beta (2 Yr)	0.8
CMP (INR)	492
Valuation Data	
Total Debt (long term borrowings) (2023)	54
Cash & Cash Equivalents (2023)	5,421
Number of Diluted Shares (2023)	193
Tax Rate (2024)	27%
Interest Expense Rate (2024)	11%
MV of Equity	94,862
Total Debt	54
Total Capital	94,916

WACC	
We	99.9%
Wd	0.1%
Ke	11.74%
Kd	7.67%
WACC	11.74%

				FCFF &	Target Pri	ce						
FCFF & Target Price		Expli	icit Foreca	ast Period				Line	ar Decline	Phase		Terminal Yr
Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
EBIT * (1-Tax Rate)	2,003	2,603	3,439	4,417	5,514	6,683	7,856	8,949	9,868	10,524	10,839	11,164
Dep	470	656	923	1,112	1,419	1,732	2,012	2,305	2,542	2,705	2,790	2,873
Purchase of Assets	1,045	1,272	1,579	1,767	1,930	2,005	2,200	2,327	2,171	2,210	2,168	2,233
Changes in Working Capital	-1,115	-1,665	-2,311	-2,752	-3,556	-4,322	-5,013	-5,756	-6,343	-6,750	-6,964	-7,170
FCFF	2,543	3,652	5,094	6,514	8,560	10,731	12,681	14,683	16,582	17,769	18,425	18,974
% Growth in Post Tax EBIT		29.97%	32.11%	28.47%	24.83%	21.19%	17.55%	13.91%	10.28%	6.64%	3.00%	3.00%
As % of Post Tax EBIT												
Dep	23.48%	25.21%	26.83%	25.18%	25.74%	25.91%	25.61%	25.75%	25.76%	25.71%	25.74%	25.74%
Purchase of Assets	52.19%	48.88%	45.92%	40.00%	35.00%	30.00%	28.00%	26.00%	22.00%	21.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Changes in Working Capital	-55.68%	-63.97%	-67.22%	-62.29%	-64.49%	-64.67%	-63.82%	-64.33%	-64.27%	-64.14%	-64.25%	-64.22%
FCFF	2,543	3,652	5,094	6,514	8,560	10,731	12,681	14,683	16,582	17,769	18,425	18,974
Terminal Value												2,17,220
Total Cash Flow	2,543	3,652	5,094	6,514	8,560	10,731	12,681	14,683	16,582	17,769	18,425	2,36,195

Enterprise Value (EV)	1,15,113
Less: Debt	54
Add: Cash	5,421
Equity Value	1,20,480
Equity Value per share (INR)	625
% Returns	27.0%
Rating	BUY



Source: Arihant Research, Company Filings

3.75%

4.00%

#### Story in charts (INR in Mn)

Exhibit 3: Carvaan revenue decline offset growth in other areas

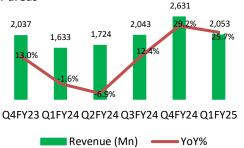


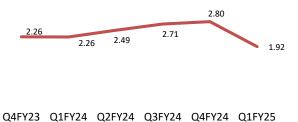
Exhibit 5: Increased investment in new content led to higher content charge-offs impacting profitability



Exhibit 4: Transition of some streaming platforms from free to paid models impacted margins

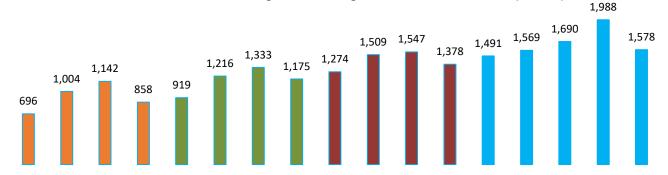


Exhibit 6: EPS expected to improve in the coming quarters



**EPS** 

Exhibit 7: Music – Licensing + Artist Management Revenue Per Quarter (INR Mn)



Q1FY21Q2FY21Q3FY21Q4FY21Q1FY22Q2FY22Q3FY22Q4FY22Q1FY23Q2FY23Q3FY23Q4FY23Q1FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY24Q2FY24Q3FY24Q4FY24Q1FY25Q1FY24Q2FY

Exhibit 8: Youtube Views (Bn) Per Quarter

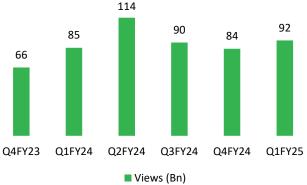
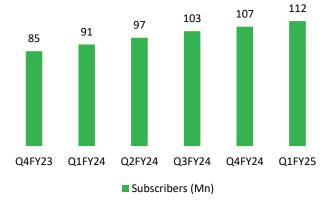


Exhibit 9: Youtube Subscribers (Mn) Per Quarter



Source: Company, Arihant Research

Exhibit 10: Share of Saregama's Songs by Language (in %)

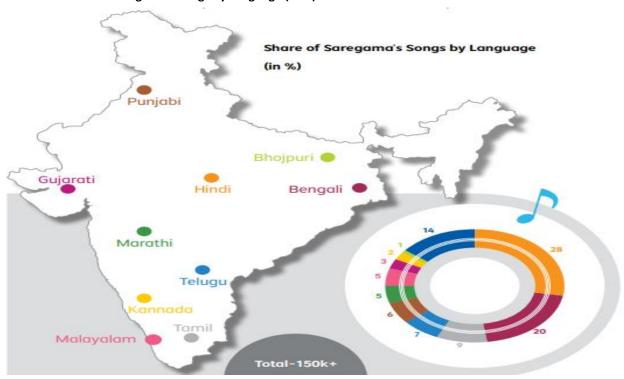


Exhibit 11: Strong FY25



Exhibit 12: New Music Partners - Film Music



Source: Company, Arihant Research

### **Key Financials**

Incom	Income statement (INR Mn)							
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E			
Gross Sales	7,366	8,030	10,451	13,391	17,544			
Net Sales	7,366	8,030	10,451	13,391	17,544			
YoY (%)	26.86%	9.01%	30.16%	28.13%	31.01%			
Adjusted COGS	2,250	2,320	3,233	4,074	5,282			
YoY (%)	57.25%	3.11%	39.31%	26.02%	29.66%			
Personnel/ Employee benefit expenses	750	932	1,216	1,544	2,006			
Advertisement and sales promotion	775	760	981	1,244	1,611			
Royalty expense	643	613	738	946	1,240			
Manufacturing & Other Expenses	737	940	1,070	1,362	1,772			
Total Expenditure	5,156	5,565	7,238	9,169	11,911			
YoY (%)	18.09%	11.58%	30.35%	31.37%	33.42%			
EBITDA	2,210	2,466	3,214	4,222	5,633			
YoY (%)	18.09%	11.58%	30.35%	31.37%	33.42%			
EBITDA Margin (%)	30.00%	30.70%	30.75%	31.53%	32.11%			
Depreciation	208	362	470	656	923			
% of Gross Block	5.38%	7.26%	7.41%	7.96%	8.44%			
ЕВІТ	2,002	2,104	2,744	3,566	4,710			
EBIT Margin (%)	27.17%	26.20%	26.25%	26.63%	26.85%			
Interest Expenses	57	32	31	29	28			
Non-operating/ Other income	536	637	524	446	490			
РВТ	2,481	2,708	3,237	3,982	5,173			
Tax-Total	630	732	853	1,068	1,348			
Profit After Tax	1,850	1,976	2,384	2,914	3,825			
PAT Margin	25.12%	24.60%	22.81%	21.76%	21.80%			
Shares o/s/ paid up equity sh capital	193	193	193	193	193			
Adj EPS	10	10	12	15	20			
Dividend per share	3	4	5	5	6			
Dividend payout (%)	31.26%	39.04%	36.39%	33.08%	27.73%			
Retained earnings	1,272	1,204	1,517	1,950	2,764			

Bal	Balance sheet (INR Mn)							
Year-end March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E			
Sources of Funds								
Equity Share Capital	193	193	193	193	193			
Reserves & Surplus/ Other Equity	13,262	14,533	16,917	19,831	23,656			
Networth	13,455	14,726	17,110	20,024	23,849			
Unsecured Loans/ Borrowings/ Lease Liabilities	15	38	40	40	41			
Other Liabilities	1,947	1,797	1,836	1,835	1,847			
Total Liabilities	3,586	5,612	5,995	6,468	7,131			
Total Funds Employed								
Application of Funds	17,041	20,338	23,104	26,492	30,980			
Net Fixed Assets								
Investments/ Notes/ Fair value measurement	3,418	7,478	5,331	6,743	8,703			
Current assets	3,491	1,817	2,234	2,763	3,437			
Inventory	12,520	12,221	17,071	18,975	21,426			
Days	1,643	2,393	2,811	3,542	4,593			
Debtors	219	317	317	317	317			
Days	1,480	1,587	1,991	2,556	3,348			
Other Current Assets	63	70	70	70	70			
Cash and Cash equivalent	1,928	1,642	2,096	2,699	3,568			
Current Liabilities/Provisions	5,083	5,421	8,642	8,189	7,331			
Creditors / Trade Payables	3,080	2,969	3,164	3,474	3,942			
Days	703	934	1,049	1,259	1,621			
Liabilities	54	62	56	54	54			
Net Current Assets	922	738	771	805	840			
Total Asset	9,441	9,252	13,907	15,500	17,484			
Total Capital Employed	17,041	20,338	23,104	26,492	30,980			

Cash Flo	Cash Flow Statement (INR Mn)				
Year End-March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Profit After tax	2,481	2,708	3,237	3,982	5,173
Adjustments: Add					
Depreciation and amortisation	208	362	470	656	923
Interest adjustment	-479	-604	-493	-416	-462
Change in assets and liabilities	2,158	2,504	3,229	4,118	5,345
Inventories	-588	-750	-418	-731	-1,051
Trade receivables	-402	-108	-403	-565	-792
Trade payables	57	231	116	210	361
Other Liabilities and provisions	545	-184	63	66	70
Other Assets	-207	218	-294	-372	-471
Taxes	-135	116	-161	-274	-429
Net cash from operating activities	1,429	2,044	2,114	2,453	3,034
Net Sale/(Purchase) of tangible and intangible assets, Capital work in progress	-831	-4,422	1,677	-2,069	-2,883
Net Sale/(Purchase) of investments	4,373	1,211	-353	-459	-597
Others	-255	1,100	460	375	413
Net cash (used) in investing activities	3,286	-2,111	1,784	-2,153	-3,067
Interest expense	-39	88	-20	-24	-26
Dividend paid	-578	-771	-868	-964	-1,060
Other financing activities	-2,253	-1,001	2	5	8
Net cash (used) in financing activities	-2,870	406	-677	-754	-825
Closing Balance	5,083	5,421	8,642	8,189	7,331
FCF					
Capex ( % of sales )	1,155	1,650	260	1,205	1,374

Key Ratios					
Year-end March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Solvency Ratios					
Debt / Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Debt / Equity	-0.38	-0.36	-0.50	-0.41	-0.31
Debt / EBITDA	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
Current Ratio	-2.30	-2.18	-2.68	-1.93	-1.29
DuPont Analysis					
Sales/Assets	0.43	0.39	0.45	0.51	0.57
Assets/Equity	1.27	1.38	1.35	1.32	1.30
RoE	13.75%	13.42%	13.93%	14.55%	16.04%
Per share ratios					
Reported EPS	9.60	10.25	12.37	15.12	19.84
Dividend per share	3.00	4.00	4.50	5.00	5.50
BV per share	69.78	76.37	88.74	103.86	123.69
Cash per Share	8.54	11.19	15.03	17.71	21.36
Revenue per Share	38.20	41.65	54.21	69.45	90.99
Profitability ratios					
Net Profit Margin (PAT/Net sales)	25.12%	24.60%	22.81%	21.76%	21.80%
Gross Profit / Net Sales	69.45%	71.10%	69.07%	69.58%	69.89%
EBITDA / Net Sales	30.00%	30.70%	30.75%	31.53%	32.11%
EBIT / Net Sales	27.17%	26.20%	26.25%	26.63%	26.85%
ROCE (%)	14.34%	12.11%	13.76%	15.49%	17.42%
Activity ratios					
Inventory Days	218.71	317.37	317.39	317.39	317.39
Debtor Days	63.37	69.71	69.52	69.66	69.66
Creditor Days	53.85	62.03	56.15	54.48	54.48
Leverage ratios					
Interest coverage	35.02	64.93	89.13	121.94	169.57
Debt / Asset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Valuation ratios					
EV / EBITDA	40.63	36.30	26.84	20.54	15.55
PE (x)	51.27	48.02	39.79	32.55	24.80
OCF/EBITDA (%)	64.67	82.89	65.77	58.11	53.86

Source: Company, Arihant Research

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Stock Rating Scale	Absolute Return
BUY	>20%
ACCUMULATE	12% to 20%
HOLD	5% to 12%
NEUTRAL	-5% to 5%
REDUCE	-5% to -12%
SELL	<-12%

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