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Company Overview

Travel Food Services Ltd. (TFS), incorporated in 2009, is a leading player in India's rapidly growing airport travel quick-service restaurant ("Travel QSR") and lounge ("Lounge") sectors, based on revenue in Fiscal 2025, as reported by CRISIL. The company's Travel QSR business features a diverse range of curated food and beverage ("F&B") concepts, spanning various cuisines, brands, and formats, specifically designed to meet travellers' needs for speed and convenience. TFS leverages its extensive F&B brand portfolio, which includes 127 partner and in-house brands, to operate 442 Travel QSRs across India and Malaysia as of March 31, 2025. Travel QSRs are predominantly located within airports, with select outlets also found at highway sites. The Travel QSR division comprises a mix of global and regional partner brands, including KFC, Subway, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Hatti Kaapi, and Bikanervala, as well as proprietary brands such as Caféccino and Dilli Streat. In FY25, partner brands contributed approximately 54% of Travel QSR revenue, with in-house brands accounting for the remaining 46%. Travel Food Services Ltd (TFS) also operates designated lounge areas within airport terminals, catering primarily to first- and business-class passengers, members of airline loyalty programs, select credit and debit cardholders, and participants in other loyalty programs. As of March 31, 2025, TFS managed 37 lounges across India, Hong Kong and Malaysia. The company has launched its global lounge brand strategy under the ARAYA umbrella, offering a tiered experience ranging from luxury to value lounges. Under this strategy, it will directly operate lounges across India, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East (excluding Egypt), while SSP will operate in Europe, North America, and Australasia using the ARAYA system under a franchise model. The company is present in 14 airports across India, three airports in Malaysia and one in Hong Kong as of March 31, 2025. Among the Indian airports where TFS operated, 13 were ranked among the 15 largest airports in the country by passenger traffic in Fiscal 2025, based on air passenger data reported by CRISIL. These 14 airports collectively handled 74% of India's total domestic and international air traffic in Fiscal 2025. Notable locations include Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Chennai airports, as highlighted in the CRISIL report.

Objects of the issue

The company will not receive any proceeds from the offer, and all the offer proceeds will be received by the promoter selling shareholder.

Investment Rationale

Leading player with diversified portfolio of partner F&B brands in the Travel QSR and Lounge sectors in Indian airports

The company is India's leading airport Travel QSR and Lounge operator by revenue in FY25, with a diverse Travel QSR portfolio comprising 90 F&B brands, including international and regional Indian brands such as KFC, Wagamama, and Bikanervala, as well as 37 in-house brands like Caféccino and Idli.com. According to the CRISIL Report, the company holds a 26% market share in Travel QSR and 45% in Lounge operations, positioning it as a dominant player in the sector. This brand mix enables tailored offerings for airport passengers, strengthening its competitiveness in winning multi-unit concessions. With a robust presence across 14 major airports—including 13 of the top 15 by passenger traffic—the company effectively serves 89% of India's air traffic. Its extensive airport footprint, including 384 QSR outlets and 28 private lounges in key hubs like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, gives it unparalleled scale and operational depth. The company's high 93.9% contract retention rate and average concession terms of 8.21 years highlight its execution strength and long-term strategic partnerships. Moreover, its strong promoter backing positions it as the preferred partner for global F&B brands seeking entry into the Indian market, offering strategic access, faster market entry, and optimized operations in high-traffic travel environments. Its leadership, long-term airport partnership and strong brand mix position it to benefit significantly from India's booming aviation and travel retail sectors.

Strong expertise in operating and handling the distinct challenges of F&B in the operationally complex and highly secure airport environment

Since opening its first Travel QSR in 2009, the company has developed strong operational capabilities in response to various challenges posed by the complex and highly secure airport environment, offering 16 years of experience. To operate within the airport environment, the company Research Team - 022-61596138

Issue Details	
Offer Period	07 th Jul 2025 - 09 th Jul 2025
Price Band	Rs. 1,045 to Rs.1,100
Bid Lot	13
Listing	BSE & NSE
Issue Size (no. of shares in mn)	18.2
Issue Size (Rs. in bn)	20
Face Value (Rs.)	1
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Issue Structure	
QIB	50%
NIB	15%
Retail	35%

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	Batlivala & Karani
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Particulars	Pre Issue %	Post Issue %
Promoters and pro- moter group	100	86
Public	0	14
Total	100	100

(Assuming issue subscribed at higher band)

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must maintain dedicated teams for regulatory compliance, including staff clearances mandated by the BCAS and CISF. Food preparation, equipment, and menus are adapted to airport safety standards. To support 24/7 operations, it uses structured shift planning and on-call engineering teams. With a diverse network of Travel QSRs across terminals, the company operates centralised kitchens near airports. These kitchens enable efficient multi-cuisine food supply, fast service, and consistent quality, even during fluctuating passenger volumes, enhancing their reliability and appeal to airport operators. These capabilities have improved the company's value proposition to airport operators and enhanced the competitiveness of the company's bids for airport concessions.

Valuation

India's aviation sector is poised for strong growth, driven by rising domestic and international passenger traffic, fueled by increased affordability through low-cost carriers (LCCs), and significant investments in airport infrastructure, with the number of airports expected to reach 185-205 by Fiscal 2034. This growth directly benefits the Travel QSR and Lounge segments, supported by higher airport dwell times, limited in-flight food and beverage options on low-cost carriers (LCCs), expanding loyalty programs, and underpenetration of air travel compared to global peers. Being the leading player in the Travel QSR and Lounge sectors in Indian airports, the company is well-positioned to capaitlize on this growing market trend. Its diversified brand portfolio, comprising international partner brands (such as KFC, Wagamama, and Bikanervala) and 37 in-house brands (including Caféccino and Curry Kitchen), enables it to cater to diverse passenger preferences and secure competitive airport tenders. The company's digital innovations — self-order kiosks, Food@Gate delivery, and travel -friendly packaging — enhance traveller convenience and drive customer loyalty. Its lounges further elevate the travel experience with curated dining, live music, and entertainment. Further, the company has plans to optimise its product offerings and service to grow like-for-like ("LFL") sales. Financially, the company has reported steady growth in both its top line and bottom line. Revenue grew from Rs. 10,672 million in FY23 to Rs. 16,877 million in FY25, whereas Net Profit grew from Rs. 2,513 million in FY23 to Rs. 3,797 million in FY25. With a proven track record, strategic locations, and adaptable formats, the company offers long-term growth opportunities aligned with India's aviation growth trajectory. The issue is valued at a P/E of 39.9x on the upper price band, based on FY25 earnings, which represents a discount to listed QSR companies. Therefore, we recommend a SUBSCRIBE rating for the issue.

Key Risks

- ⇒ Any terminations or adverse changes in the terms of existing concession agreements, or an inability to obtain new concessions, could adversely affect the business and results of operations.
- ⇒ The company is dependent on franchised brands, which comprise approximately 54.37% of total revenue from travel QSR in FY25. If there is a failure to attract new brand partners or maintain or develop existing ones, it could adversely affect the business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.
- ⇒ The company's Lounge business, which contributed 44.93% of revenue in FY25, is highly dependent on maintaining and renewing agreements with key Lounge Partners—such as airlines, card issuers, and access programmes—and failure to retain or attract such partners on favorable terms could materially impact its revenue, operations, and competitive standing.

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Income Statement (Rs. in millions)

Particulars	FY23	FY24	FY25
Revenue			
Revenue from Operations	10,672	13,963	16,877
Total Revenue	10,672	13,963	16,877
Expenses			
Cost of materials consumed	1,931	2,611	2,761
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade	169	265	210
Change in Inventories of Stock-in-Trade	4	-29	-7
Employee Benefits Expenses	1,594	2,299	2,765
Other expenses	3,235	4,696	5,607
Total Operating Expenses	6,933	9,842	11,336
EBITDA	3,739	4,121	5,541
Depreciation & amortization	831	1,108	1,263
EBIT	2,908	3,013	4,278
Finance costs	478	517	457
Other Income	364	661	750
Share of net loss of joint venture accounted for using equity method	478	718	473
РВТ	3,271	3,875	5,043
Total tax	758	893	1,247
PAT	2,513	2,981	3,797
Diluted EPS	18.5	21.9	27.6

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

Cash Flow Statement (Rs. in millions)

Particulars	FY23	FY24	FY25
Cash Flow from operating activities	3,221	3,529	5,148
Cash flow from investing activities	-1,968	-1,549	-1,912
Cash flow from financing activities	-1,044	-1,721	-3,427
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	210	259	-191
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	212	422	681
Adjustment on account of common control business combination and loss of control	0	0	237
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	422	681	253

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

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Balance Sheet (Rs. in millions)

Particulars	FY23	FY24	FY25
ASSETS	v		
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	956	1,222	1,210
Capital Work-in-Progress	65	228	386
Goodwill	15	15	-
Right-of-use Assets	2,546	2,625	2,488
Other Intangible Assets	8	8	22
Investments accounted for using the equity method	1,381	2,181	2,791
Financial Assets			
(i) Investments	0	0	0
(ii) Loans	889	1,353	1,086
(iii) Other Financial Assets	457	630	692
Deferred Tax Assets (Net)	516	557	563
Income Tax Assets (Net)	89	374	258
Other Non-Current Assets	123	320	47
Current assets	120	020	.,
Inventories	106	116	89
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Financial assets	0.055	0.750	F 00.4
(i) Investments	3,255	3,756	5,894
(ii) Trade Receivables	1,140	1,050	1,062
(iii) Cash and Cash Equivalents	422	681	253
(iv) Bank balances other than (iii) above	922	1,105	122
(v) Loans	60	107	312
(vi) Other Financial Assets	222	411	1,485
Other Current Assets	150	227	270
TOTAL ASSETS	13,323	16,964	19,027
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Equity Share Capital	39	39	132
Other Equity	6,516	8,697	10,402
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	6,555	8,736	10,534
Non-controlling interest	96	143	168
TOTAL - EQUITY	6,650	8,879	10,702
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Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Financial liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	220	582	-
(ii) Lease Liabilities	2,863	2,659	2,177
(iii) Other Financial Liabilities	87	102	61
Provisions	59	71	68
Other Non-Current Liabilities	9	6	1
Current liabilities			
Financial liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	90	55	_
(ii) Lease Liabilities	656	864	1,154
(iii) Trade Payables	1,784	2,747	3,391
(iv) Other Financial Liabilities	350	512	899
Other Current Liabilities	213	195	214
Provisions	240	256	312
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	101	36	49
Total Equity and Liabilities	13,323	16,964	19,027
Source: RHP, BP Equities Research	·	·	•

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