

Retail Research	IPO Note
Sector: BFSI - Stock Broking	Price Band (Rs): 269 - 283
16 th December 2024	Recommendation: Subscribe for
16 December 2024	Long term

DAM Capital Advisors Ltd

Company Overview:

DAM Capital Advisors Ltd (DAM Capital) is one of the leading merchant banks in India providing a wide range of financial solutions particularly in the areas of **(i) Merchant banking** (equity capital markets, mergers & acquisitions, private equity, structure financial advisory) and **(ii) Institutional equities** (broking and research). DAM Capital commanded a market share of 12.1% in FY24.

Key Highlights:

- 1. Fastest growing merchant bank in India: DAM Capital is the fastest growing merchant bank in India in terms of revenue growth between FY22-24 and had a market share of 12.1% in FY24 based on the number of IPOs and QIPs undertaken by the company as the book running lead manager (BRLM). As of 1HFY25/FY24, DAM Capital was the BRLM to 5/17 IPOs and QIPs respectively.
- 2. In-depth understanding of sectors and products coupled with proven execution: The company employs a team of 40 experienced employees in its merchant banking division allowing it to identify niche sub-sectors and product opportunities early. DAM Capital has consummated transactions across sectors like pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, manufacturing, retail, technology, etc.
- **3. Institutional equities platform:** DAM Capital houses a comprehensive research and experienced sales and trading team under its institutional equities platform providing services to its clients across investor categories. The company's strength lies in its ability to facilitate investor interactions and liaise between corporates and investors through conferences, roadshows and expert calls.
- **4. Long-standing relationships with clients:** The company has long standing relationships with institutional investors, financial sponsors, corporates and family offices as a result of its experienced team and consistent coverage of clients, which has helped DAM Capital to earn repeat business. The company's business development efforts are designed to penetrate new markets and enhance its senior team with professionals who bring valuable client relationships.

Valuation: At the upper price band of Rs 283, DAM Capital Advisors Ltd is valued at FY24 P/E multiple of 28.4x on post issue capital. The company is one of the leading merchant banks in India and provides services across the Merchant banking and Institutional Equity domains. The company has showcased remarkable financial performance over the years with Revenue/EBITDA/PAT growing at a CAGR of 38.9%/76.7%/79.5% respectively over the FY22-FY24 period and had the highest net profit margin among peers as of FY24. The domestic broking industry is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16%-18% from FY24-FY29, which shall augur well for the company's growth. We recommend investors to subscribe to the issue at cut-off price for long term.

Issue Details	
Date of Opening	19th December 2024
Date of Closing	23 rd December 2024
Price Band (Rs)	269 – 283
Offer for sale (No. of shares)	2,96,90,900
Fresh Issue (Rs cr)	-
Issue Size (No. of shares)	2,96,90,900
No. of shares	2,96,90,900
Face Value (Rs)	2
Post Issue Market Cap (Rs cr)	1,901 – 2,000
BRLMs	Nuvama Wealth Management Ltd
Registrar	Link Intime India Pvt Ltd
Bid Lot	53 shares and in multiple thereof
QIB shares	50%
Retail shares	35%
NII shares	15%

Shareholding Pattern						
Pre-Issue	No. of Shares	%				
Promoter & Promoter Group	3,24,33,300	45.9				
Public & Others	3,82,52,700	54.1				
Total	7,06,86,000	100.0				

Post Issue @ Lower Price Band	No. of Shares	%
Promoter & Promoter Group	2,93,34,450	41.5
Public & Others	4,13,51,550	58.5
Total	7,06,86,000	100.0

Post Issue @ Upper Price Band	No. of Shares	%
Promoter & Promoter Group	2,93,34,450	41.5
Public & Others	4,13,51,550	58.5
Total	7,06,86,000	100.0

Source: RHP, SSL Research

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Key Financials

Particulars (Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	1HFY25
Revenue from operations	93.4	84.9	180.0	107.8
EBITDA	32.0	17.1	99.8	59.9
PAT	21.9	8.7	70.5	43.8
EBITDA Margin (%)	34.2	20.2	55.5	55.6
PAT Margin (%)	23.5	10.2	39.2	40.6
RoE (%)	24.9	9.1	43.4	-
RoCE (%)	31.4	12.1	57.0	-
P/E (x)*	91.4	230.6	28.4	-

*Note: Pre-issue P/E based on upper price band

Source: RHP, SSL Research

Risk Factors

- Regulatory risk: DAM Capital operates in a highly regulated industry which is subject to changes in laws and regulations and government policies. The company is subject to periodic inspections and oversight by various regulatory authorities especially SEBI. Further, the company is also required to maintain various licenses and permits for its business from time to time. Thus, any failure or delay in obtaining or renewing licenses/permits or non-compliance to the changing laws may adversely impact its business and operations.
- **Dependent on market and economic conditions:** The company's merchant banking and institutional equities businesses are highly dependent on the prevailing market and economic conditions both in India and globally. In the event of a market downturn, both these businesses could be affected adversely with impacts seen on revenues and profitability.
- **Dependency on two income streams:** The company derives a significant portion of its revenue from only two income streams namely, advisory fee income and brokerage. Both of these income streams are highly dependent on general macro-economic conditions. As of 1HFY25, advisory fee income accounted for ~55% of the total income stream while brokerage comprised of ~39% of the total income.
- KMP risk and inability to grow talent pool: The company's success is highly dependent on its promoter and managing director Mr. Dharmesh Mehta, who has been instrumental in setting up the business and is the brand image of the company. Any inability to attract and retain talented employees, or the resignation or loss of key management personnel, may have an adverse impact on the business and future financial performance

Growth Strategies

- Strengthen competitive position in the existing lines of business
- Enhance its merchant banking platform
- Strengthen the institutional equities platform
- Build other complementary fee-based businesses
- Explore potential strategic tie-up with a global merchant bank for cross-border transactions
- Strengthen its talent pool by adding highly qualified and motivated professionals

No. of Transactions handled by DAM Capital as BRLM

Particulars	FY22	FY23	FY24	Apr'24-Oct'24
IPO	8	4	9	3
QIP	-	1	8	3
OFS	-	2	1	1
Rights	1	1	-	1
Buyback	1	4	2	1
Open offer	2	1	1	-
Preferential issue	1	1	1	-
Total	13	14	22	9

Source: RHP, SSL Research

Amount raised by DAM Capital as BRLM (Rs cr)

Particulars	FY22	FY23	FY24	Apr'24-Oct'24
IPO	13,667.9	3,273.6	8,706.7	6,915.1
QIP	-	475.0	10,059.4	3,877.7
OFS	-	299.8	2,115.9	2,010.9
Rights	400.0	343.6	-	199.3
Buyback	200.0	578.6	285.0	278.4
Open offer	62.1	38.6	1,343.1	-
Preferential issue	298.0	57.0	200.0	-
Total	14,628.0	5,066.0	22,710.0	13,281.5

Source: RHP, SSL Research

Revenue split – Segment wise

Doubleylous		FY22		FY23		FY24		1HFY25	
Particulars	Rs cr	% of OR*	Rs cr	% of OR	Rs cr	% of OR	Rs cr	% of OR	
Merchant Banking	60.5	64.8	51.0	60.1	122.4	68.0	59.2	55.0	
Stock Broking	30.9	33.0	30.4	35.8	51.5	28.6	43.3	40.1	
Others	2.0	2.2	3.5	4.1	6.2	3.4	5.3	4.9	
Total	93.4	100.0	84.9	100.0	180.0	100.0	107.8	100.0	

*OR = Overall Revenue Source: RHP, SSL Research

Operational Metrics

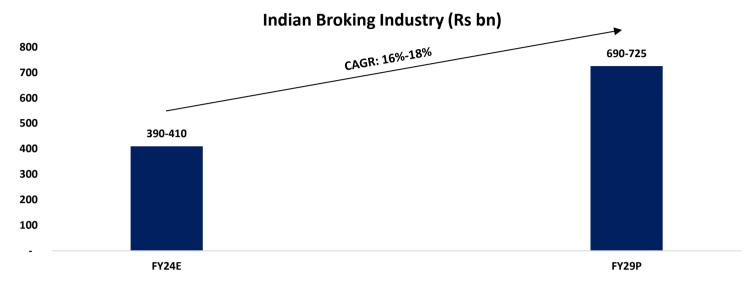
Particulars	FY22	FY23	FY24	1HFY25
Total Number of Employees	92	100	111	120
Capital Market Issuances	12	13	21	6
No. of Stocks Covered by Research	128	153	168	162
No. of Sectors Covered by Research	19	20	19	20

Source: RHP, SSL Research

Industry Overview

Domestic Broking Industry:

The domestic broking industry is estimated at Rs 390-410 bn as of FY24, and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16%-18% to reach Rs 690-725 bn by FY29P.

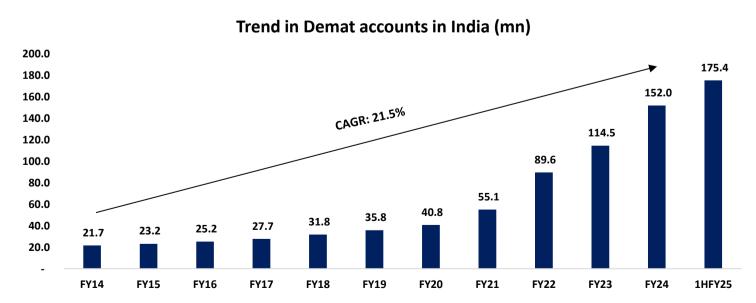


Source: RHP, SSL Research

Indian Capital Markets:

The Indian Capital Market is one of the most dynamic and high growth organized markets in the world. During the period FY11-24, the Indian capital market witnessed a strong performance with the market capitalization of National Stock Exchange (NSE) growing at a CAGR of 14.4%, while the Nifty 50 index grew by a CAGR of 10.9% during the same period.

The Demat accounts in India have grown at a CAGR of 21.5% from FY14-24, indicating the increasing awareness and willingness of the people to participate in capital markets for either trading or investing. As of 1HFY25, the total demat accounts stood at 175.4 mn accounts, up from 152.0 mn accounts in FY24.



Source: RHP, SSL Research

Equity Capital Market (ECM):

The performance of entities in the capital markets business is primarily influenced by two factors: the performance of the primary and secondary equity markets, and fund-raising through equity (initial public offer, rights issue, qualified institutions placement) or debt markets. The Indian capital market has shown a strong growth in FY24 in terms of the number of issues which have increased from 234 in FY23 to 316 in FY24. Strong rally in capital markets, increased participation from retail investors and HNIs and more companies reaching the scale for IPO are some of the key drivers for rising growth in number of issuances.

NO. OF ISSUES							
Product	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25*	Total
IPO	13	30	53	37	76	46	255
QIP	13	31	29	11	64	56	204
OFS	26	38	22	19	30	14	149
Rights Issue	13	20	10	12	13	12	80
Buyback	52	61	40	62	41	37	293
Open Offer	60	46	76	90	79	47	398
InvIT / ReIT	1	4	6	3	13	2	29
FPO	-	1	1	-	-	1	3
Total	178	231	237	234	316	215	1,411

*Data till Oct'24 Source: RHP, SSL Research

	TOTAL ISSUE AMOUNT (Rs cr)									
Product	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25*	Total			
IPO	20,350	31,268	1,11,547	52,116	61,923	90,077	3,67,280			
QIP	51,216	78,046	28,532	9,019	71,306	79,464	3,17,583			
OFS	17,327	28,441	14,530	11,159	22,498	15,611	1,09,565			
Rights Issue	55,998	64,256	25,301	5,779	13,966	8,337	1,73,637			
Buyback	19,972	39,295	31,316	21,781	51,143	7,771	1,71,278			
Open Offer	21,459	25,017	25,546	37,674	13,509	2,512	1,25,718			
InvIT / ReIT	2,306	37,200	15,442	2,383	33,972	3,327	94,629			
FPO	-	15,000	4,300	-	-	18,000	37,300			
Total	1,88,629	3,18,522	2,56,513	1,39,910	2,68,316	2,25,099	13,96,989			

*Data till Oct'24 Source: RHP, SSL Research

Average BRLM fees per Deal:

Issue Size (Rs bn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25*
0 to 2.5	3.1%	5.2%	5.5%	5.1%	4.3%	5.0%
2.5 to 5	2.9%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%
5 to 10	1.6%	2.8%	3.3%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%
10 to 20	2.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%
20 to 50	1.5%	0.9%	2.1%	2.7%	1.6%	2.1%
50 and above	0.5%	1.1%	2.1%	1.0%	-	1.7%

*Data till Oct'24

Source: RHP, SSL Research

Financial Snapshot

INCOME STATEMENT				
(Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	1HFY25
Revenue from Operations	93	85	180	108
YoY growth (%)	-	(9.0%)	112.0%	-
Cost Of Revenues (incl Stock Adj)	7	7	8	4
Gross Profit	87	78	172	104
Gross margins (%)	92.8%	91.7%	95.7%	96.1%
Employee Cost	48	54	65	39
Other Operating Expenses	6	7	7	5
EBITDA	32	17	100	60
EBITDA margins (%)	34.2%	20.2%	55.5%	55.6%
Other Income	1	0	2	2
Depreciation	5	5	6	3
PBT	28	12	95	59
Tax	6	3	25	15
PAT	22	9	71	44
PAT margin (%)	23.5%	10.2%	39.2%	40.6%

BALANCE SHEET				
(Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24	1HFY25
Assets				
Net Block	14	11	9	7
Other Non-current Assets	6	6	5	7
Current Assets				
Current Investment	8	6	4	4
Trade receivables	47	187	24	49
Cash and Bank Balances	77	755	159	178
Other Current Assets	14	235	13	12
Total Current Assets	146	1,183	200	243
Current Liabilities & Provisions				
Trade payables	47	1,070	3	4
Other current liabilities	9	6	5	12
Short-term provisions	18	21	29	24
Total Current Liabilities	74	1,098	37	40
Net Current Assets	73	86	163	203
<u>Total Assets</u>	93	104	178	217
Liabilities				
Share Capital	14	14	14	14
Reserves and Surplus	74	81	148	188
Total Shareholders Funds	88	95	163	202
Total Debt	1	3	5	5
Other Long-Term Liabilities	4	5	11	10
Total Liabilities	93	104	178	217

Cash Flow (Rs cr)	FY22	FY23	FY24
Cash flow from Operating Activities	37	679	(595)
Cash flow from Investing Activities	(28)	(671)	658
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(3)	(4)	(4)
Free Cash Flow	36	676	(599)

RATIOS				
	FY22	FY23	FY24	
Profitability				
Return on Capital Employed	31.4%	12.1%	57.0%	
Return on Equity	24.9%	9.1%	43.4%	
Margin Analysis				
Gross Margin	92.8%	91.7%	95.7%	
EBITDA Margin	34.2%	20.2%	55.5%	
Net Profit Margin	23.5%	10.2%	39.2%	
Short-Term Liquidity				
Current Ratio (x)	2.0	1.1	4.8	
Quick Ratio (x)	2.0	1.1	4.8	
Avg. Days Sales Outstanding	185	803	48	
Avg. Days Inventory Outstanding	-	-	-	
Avg. Days Payables	279	5,763	12	
Fixed asset turnover (x)	6.8	7.7	19.2	
Debt-service coverage (x)	19.9	3.6	19.4	
Long-Term Solvency				
Total Debt / Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	-	-	-	
Valuation Ratios*				
EV/EBITDA (x)	60.2	72.9	18.5	
P/E (x)	91.4	230.6	28.4	
P/B (x)	22.7	21.0	12.3	
EV/Sales (x)	20.6	14.7	10.3	
P/Sales (x)	3.0	3.3	1.6	

^{*}Valuation ratios are based on pre-issue capital at the upper price band Source: RHP, SSL Research

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Peer Comparison – FY24

Particulars (Rs cr)	DAM Capital Advisors	ICICI Securities	IIFL Capital Services	JM Financial*	Motilal Oswal Financial Services
CMP (Rs)	283.0	891.0	358.0	140.0	998.0
Sales	180.0	5,049.0	2,218.0	4,786.0	7,069.0
EBITDA	99.8	3,372.0	933.0	2,768.0	4,067.0
Net Profit	70.5	1,697.0	513.0	877.0	2,446.0
Mkt Cap.	2,000.4	28,951.0	11,100.0	13,366.0	59,787.0
Enterprise Value	1,846.1	34,390.0	6,632.0	7,922.0	47,716.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	55.5	66.8	42.1	57.8	57.5
Net Profit Margin (%)	39.2	33.6	23.1	18.3	34.6
P/E (x)	28.4	17.0	21.5	18.1	24.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.5	10.2	7.1	2.9	11.7
RoE (%)	43.4	43.3	28.7	10.3	28.0
RoCE (%)	57.0	15.8	45.8	32.0	45.6
EV/Sales (x)	10.3	6.8	3.0	1.7	6.8

For DAM Capital Advisors Ltd, the Market Cap, P/E (x), Enterprise Value, EV/EBITDA (x) and EV/Sales (x) are calculated on post-issue equity share capital based on the upper price band.

CMP of peer companies is as of 16th December, 2024.

*Net Profit, P/E, RoE, RoCE adjusted for one time exceptional loss

Source: RHP, SSL Research

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