## INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED



Sector: Hospitality & Tourism

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Issue Details				
Issue Opens	30th Sep'2019			
Issue Closes	3rd Oct' 2019			
Equity shares offered	2,01,60,000			
Face Value (INR)	10			
Price Band (INR)	315-320			
Issue Size (INR Cr)	645			
Minimum Application Lot	40			
Listing	NSE, BSE			
Book Running Lead Managers	IDBI Capital SBI Capital Mkt Yes Securities			
Registrar To The Offer	Alankit Assignments Ltd			

Allocation					
QIB	50%				
HNI	15%				
Retail	35%				
Stock Scan					
Lower Price Band (INR)	315				
Upper Price Band (INR)	320				
EPS (FY2018-19)	17.04				
P/E at Lower Price Band	18.5				
P/E at Upper Price Band	18.8				
Rating	Subscribe				

Share of Revenue (in %)							
Particulars	FY17	FY18	FY19				
Internet Ticketing	30.16	13.63	12.35				
Catering	25.62	48.70	54.99				
Packaged Drinking	10.22	11.13	9.28				
Travel & Tourism	33.99	26.54	23.38				

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# **Company Overview**

IRCTC was incorporated on September 27, 1999 as a public limited company and is the only entity authorized by Indian Railways to provide catering services to railways, online railway tickets and packaged drinking water at railway stations and trains in India. The Co. was conferred the status of Mini ratna (Category-I Public Sector Enterprise) by the Government of India, on May 1, 2008. IRCTC operates as one of the most transacted websites, www.irctc.co.in, in the Asia-Pacific region with transaction volume averaging 15 to 18 million transactions per month during the three months ended June 30, 2019. The Co. have diversified into other businesses, including non-railway catering and services such as e-catering, executive lounges and budget hotels, which are in line with the objective to build a "one stop solution" for the customers.

#### **Scope & Business of the Company:**

- Catering: The Co. provides food catering services to Indian Railway passengers on trains and at stations for approximately 350 pre-paid and post-paid trains and 530 static units through mobile catering units, base kitchens, cell kitchens, refreshment rooms, food plazas, food courts, train side vending, and Jan Ahaars over the Indian Railways network.
- Internet Ticketing & Travel and Tourism: Mandated by Indian Railways to provide
  tourism and travel related services, the Co. has footprints in across all major
  tourism segments such as hotel bookings, rail, land, cruise and air tour packages
  and air ticket bookings, and are known as one of India's leading travel and tourism
  companies catering to the needs of diverse tourist segments.
- Packaged Drinking Water (Rail Neer): IRCTC is the only entity authorized to
  manufacture and distribute packaged drinking water at all railway stations and on
  trains through 10 plants (capacity ~1.09 m litres per day) catering to 45% of the
  overall demand of packaged drinking water at railway premises and in trains. To
  increase presence and meet the increasing demand, IRCTC is expanding via setting
  up around 10 additional plants.

**Valuation and Recommendation:** The stock is valued at a PE of 18.8 and 18.5 based on upper and lower issue price band. We believe the stock is valued reasonably and thus recommend to **SUBSCRIBE.** 

Financial Performance at a glance				
Particulars ( INR Cr )	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
Revenue from Operations	1,535.39	1,470.46	1,867.88	
Growth (%)	N/A	-4.23	27.03	
EBITDA (Ex OI)	312.55	273.10	372.17	
EBITDA Margins (%)	13.90	16.70	15.90	
Net Profit	229.08	220.62	272.59	
Net Profit Margin (%)	14.30	14.10	13.90	
Net Profit Growth (%)	N/A	-3.69	23.56	
EPS	14.32	13.79	17.04	
RoNW (%)	29.12	23.11	26.14	

Source: Company RHP, SMIFS Research

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The stake sale will result in the government reducing its stake in the company to about 87.5%.

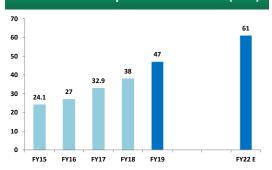
Trial of running 2 trains from October (Lucknow-Delhi, Mumbai-Ahmedabad) with flexibility in pricing leading to higher revenue.

IRCTC's stake sale is a part of Modi government's full year divestment programme. The government has budgeted to raise INR105000 crore by way of CPSE disinvestment in the current fiscal up from INR90000 crore in interim budget.

### Railway Passenger Traffic (in mn)



#### Trend of internet penetration in India (in %)



#### **Opportunities:**

- As per the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), the food services industry was
  estimated at INR3.09 trillion in FY16 and has grown at a ~11% CAGR to reach INR4.24 trillion
  in FY19. The growth was driven by growing young population, rising disposable incomes,
  uptick in discretionary spending on eating out, and growing number of women in work
  force.
- Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) to all States/UTs in India have seen strong growth largely on account of rising disposable incomes, increase in connectivity via air and rail travel, affordability of air travel thanks to low-cost carriers, state-level policy initiatives for tourism and increasing room inventory across budget, mid-segment and premium hotels in the country. Other softer factors like increase in business travel, concept of weekend getaways and shorter stays gaining popularity, ease in bookings due to growing proliferation of online agents and aggregators and rising inclination of young travellers to explore untapped tourist destinations have also played a role in strong growth in DTV's in India.
- The direct contribution of India's travel and tourism industry to GDP grew at a strong 11.2% CAGR between FY13 and FY18 to reach INR~6.8 trillion driven by rising incomes and improved availability and affordability of travel, though the growth moderated in FY17 due to liquidity crunch caused by demonetization.
- The government had announced a planned outlay of INR1.6 trillion for the railways in the
  Union Budget 2020, 8% higher than the preceding year's INR1.48 trillion, thus driving
  investment in the sector. About 41% of the planned outlay is expected to be financed
  through budgetary support, and the remaining through internal sources and market
  borrowings/institutional finance.
- By 2030, India's population is projected to touch 1.5 billion and urbanisation likely to reach 40% - Thus with increased digitization and increased internet penetration, the company is expected to see good growth on the topline.

IRCTC has restored Convenience fee on e-tickets booked through its website. However, to the relief of passengers, it has decided to levy less charge as compared to what was charged prior to 2016 (after which it was removed). The convenience fee will be charged at INR15 per ticket for non-AC class, INR30 per ticket for AC class. Unlike 50% sharing of convenience fees with Railways earlier, now will be fully retained with IRCTC which will flow straight to the bottom-line.

### **Risk Factors:**

**Increase in Air-Traffic:** Of late, railway traffic has been flat while the air traffic has been growing in double digits owing to low air fares by no frill carriers. If there is a general trend among travelers to shift to air traffic resulting from low air fares which can happen if crude prices remain on the lower side with significant increase in capacity with the airlines, this might impact topline.

**Business and revenues are substantially dependent on Indian Railways**. Any adverse change in policy of the Ministry of Railways may adversely affect the business and operations.

**Failure to manage online security**, security of customers' personal information and credit card fraud may expose the company to litigations and liabilities.



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