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Industry View In-Line

India Retail

Impact of Mumbai terrorist attacks on consumption

Quick Comment: The city of Mumbai witnessed its worst ever terrorist attack last week. The ordeal lasted for four days, beginning the evening of November 26 and ending the morning of November 29. These events impacted consumer sentiment and disrupted normal life. In order to assess the actual impact on consumption, we gathered data from Pantaloon Retail and Shoppers' Stop, which are two of the leading listed retail companies in India. We only looked at the weekend sales data as most malls and retailers were shut on Thursday and Friday.

Pantaloon's total sales in Mumbai declined 4.2% last weekend compared with the previous weekend. Mumbai Lifestyle retailing revenues declined sharply by 18%, whereas Mumbai value retailing revenues actually grew 3%. However, during the same period, the rest of India grew by 15.1%, with value retailing growing at 16.5% and lifestyle retailing growing by 10.8%. PRIL has 2 Pantaloon and Big Bazaar stores each within 6-10 kms from the terrorist attack sites. Shoppers' Stop also witnessed a similar sales growth trend. Mumbai revenues declined 12% whereas the rest of India grew 5%. The closest Shoppers' Stop store is at least 20-25 kms from the terror attack sites.

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A chart detailing sales growth last weekend over the previous weekend follows.

28th and 29th November sales compared with 22nd and 23rd November sales

Pantaloon	
Lifestyle - Mumbai (%)	-18.0
Value - Mumbai (%)	3.0
Total (%)	-4.2
Lifestyle - Rest of India (%)	10.8
Value - Rest of India (%)	16.5
Total (%)	15.1
Shoppers' Stop	
Mumbai (%)	-12.0
Rest of India (%)	5.0

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

It will be interesting to see how the growth trend pans out over the near term. We will keep you posted.

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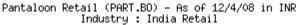
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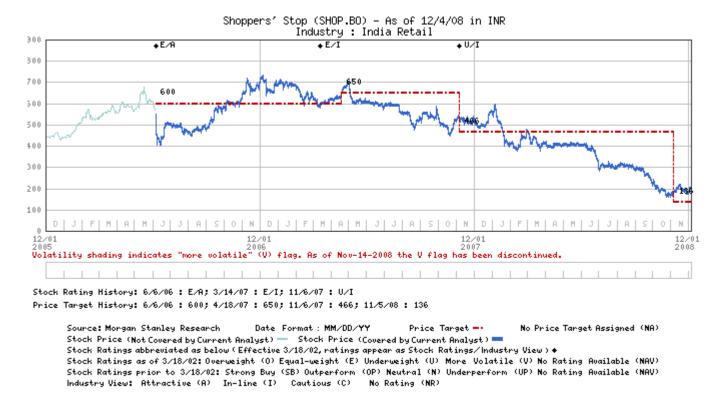




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