

# Industrials Airlines Equity – India

#### Overweight (V) Target price (INR) 590.00 Share price (INR) 485.45 Potential return (%) 21.5 Performance 3M 12M -10.5 3.8 68.3 Absolute (%) Relative<sup>^</sup> (%) -5.3 1.8 39.9 Index<sup>^</sup> BOMBAY SE IDX RIC. JET.RO JETIN IN Bloombera Market cap (USDm) 895 Market cap (INRm) 41.911

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Note: (V) = volatile (please see disclosure appendix)

Enterprise value (INRm)

Free float (%)

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## Jet Airways (JETIN IN)

OW(V): Strong Q4 supports our bullish outlook

- > Strong Q4 numbers with profit in every segment
- Improvement in yield, load factor and profitability to continue in FY11. We raise our FY11 EPS to INR39 (from INR12)
- ▶ Retain OW(V); raise TP to INR590 from INR580

**Strong Q4:** Despite being a seasonally lean quarter, Jet Airways reported net profit of INR482m (vs a loss of INR 1.8bn in Q4FY09 despite jet fuel prices being 50% higher y-o-y) as against our expectation of losses. Profit was reported in all the segments namely, Domestic, International and Jetlite. The consolidated EBITDAR margin was 24% vs our expectation of 17%. The surprise was driven by (1) improved load factor, (2) yield recovery, and (3) low commissions (reversible due to seasonality). The first two factors are sustainable in our view (given the strong demand and tight supply situation) and have improved the earnings outlook. We raise our FY11 EPS to INR39 (from INR12) and are now 104% above consensus. (Please refer page 4 for details).

**Outlook is improving:** The company is seeing a revival in business class traffic with the load factor improving from 30% to 55% in the last six months. Yields have also started to improve, most strongly on the domestic routes. The supply situation is tight in the domestic market given disciplined capacity addition (in line with our thesis on Jet). Management expect to close the fund raising through the sale of land at Bandra in the next month which could potentially add 5% to FY11e earnings (if the company chooses to use the proceeds from the land to enable the replacement of high cost debt with low cost debt). This potential upside is not built into our numbers.

**Retain OW(V):** We value the company on the basis of EV/EBITDAR, and benchmark it to regional Asian peers. Our target FY12 EV/EBITDAR multiple of 7.5x (average of Chinese airlines and regional international airlines' multiples) implies a target price of INR590 (previously INR580). On FY11, the stock is trading at 8.1x, which we expect to contract as EBITDAR growth slows to 6% in FY12 compared to 48% in FY11.

**Key triggers/risk:** Higher-than-expected passenger traffic growth and upside earnings surprises should act as positive triggers, whereas key downside risks include sharper-than-expected increases in jet fuel prices and higher-than-expected capacity addition and any scenario of a double dip recession.

Key financial data							
	FY09a	FY10e	FY11e	FY12e			
Revenue (INRm)	130,779	118,765	148,006	165,901			
EBITDA margin (%)	1.4	18.7	22.2	21.1			
HSBC EPS (INR)	-254.72	-74.49	38.55	76.62			
EV/EBITDA (x)	149.5	12.8	8.1	7.2			

Source: Company, HSBC estimates



### Financials & valuation

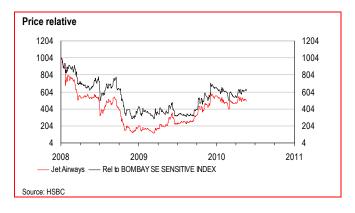
Financial statements							
Year to	03/2009a	03/2010e	03/2011e	03/2012e			
Profit & loss summary (INR	m)						
Revenue	130,779	118,765	148,006	165,901			
EBITDAR	1,842	22,215	32,926	34,988			
Depreciation & amortisation	-19,450	-21,282	-21,928	-22,277			
Operating profit/EBIT	-17,608	934	10,998	12,710			
Net interest	-8,023	-10,474	-9,524	-7,487			
PBT	-10,270	-4,097	4,059	8,068			
HSBC PBT	-10,270	-4,097	4,059	8,068			
Taxation	656	-104	-731	-1,452			
Net profit	-9,614	-4,201	3,328	6,615			
HSBC net profit	-21,993	-6,431	3,328	6,615			
Cash flow summary (INRm)	)						
Cash flow from operations	-9,536	9,440	24,509	27,481			
Capex	-30,842	-7,562	-3,496	-10,303			
Dividends	0	-1	0	(			
Change in net debt	55,380	8,088	-15,678	-14,399			
FCF equity	-38,796	1,878	21,013	17,178			
Balance sheet summary (II	NRm)						
Intangible fixed assets	18,724	18,724	18,724	18,724			
Tangible fixed assets	162,948	160,819	154,269	154,177			
Current assets	43,943	38,128	76,389	81,676			
Cash & others	15,662	10,634	45,386	48,525			
Total assets	232,186	224,243	255,953	261,148			
Operating liabilities	43,284	39,595	44,941	48,520			
Gross debt	249,179	252,239	271,313	260,054			
Net debt	233,517	241,605	225,927	211,528			
Shareholders funds	21,970	17,770	21,098	27,714			
Invested capital	255,489	259,323	246,973	239,190			

Ratio, growth and per share analysis								
Year to	03/2009a	03/2010e	03/2011e	03/2012e				
Y-o-y % change								
Revenue	27.6	-9.2	24.6	12.1				
EBITDAR	-72.0	1106.2	48.2	6.3				
Operating profit			1077.7	15.6				
PBT				98.8				
HSBC EPS				98.8				
Ratios (%)								
Revenue/IC (x)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7				
ROIC	-5.0	2.6	5.4	6.2				
ROE	-69.3	-32.4	17.1	27.1				
ROA	-0.9	2.9	4.6	4.9				
EBITDA margin	1.4	18.7	22.2	21.1				
Operating profit margin	-13.5	0.8	7.4	7.7				
EBITDAR/net interest (x)	0.2	2.1	3.5	4.7				
Net debt/equity	1062.9	1359.6	1070.8	763.3				
Net debt/EBITDAR (x)	126.8	10.9	6.9	6.0				
CF from operations/net debt		3.9	10.8	13.0				
Per share data (INR)								
EPS reported (fully diluted)	-111.35	-48.65	38.55	76.62				
HSBC EPS (fully diluted)	-254.72	-74.49	38.55	76.62				
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Book value	254.45	205.80	244.35	320.97				

Key forecast drivers								
Year to	03/2009a	03/2010e	03/2011e	03/2012e				
Capacity growth (ATK) %, y-o-y	36	-11	7	10				
Traffic (RTK) %, y-o-y	25	6	15	10				
Overall load factor	55.8	66.4	71.7	71.8				
Change in overall yield %, y-o	0.4	-19.1	9.5	4.7				
Change in unit costs per ATK %	-4.7	-7.4	8.4	1.3				
Spot jet fuel price, post hedg	105	77	90	90				

Valuation data							
Year to	03/2009a	03/2010e	03/2011e	03/2012e			
EV/sales	2.1	2.4	1.8	1.5			
EV/EBITDA	149.5	12.8	8.1	7.2			
EV/IC	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1			
PE*			12.6	6.3			
P/Book value	1.9	2.4	2.0	1.5			
FCF yield (%)	-92.6	4.5	50.1	41.0			
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			

Note: \* = Based on HSBC EPS (fully diluted)



Note: price at close of 21 May 2010



#### Strong Q4 supports our investment thesis on Jet

The company reported profits in all three segments. Improving load factor, yield recovery and cost savings resulted in a Q4 profit of INR482m vs our expectation of losses. The EBITDAR margin was maintained at the Q3 level of 24% despite Q4 being a seasonally weak quarter. A noteworthy performance came from Jetlite where the improvement in profitability was strongest. The performance at Jetlite is likely to get stronger given that the company will replace its old fleet with new aircraft and all three grounded aircraft will be redeployed.

Q4 results summary								
Consolidated	Q4FY10	Q4FY09	Q3FY10	% у-о-у	% q-o-0			
Operating Revenue (INR m)	31,834	27,744	33,020	15%	-4%			
EBITDAR	7,489	5,048	7,924	48%	-5%			
EBITDAR Margin (%)	24%	18%	24%	533 bps	-47 bps			
Net Profit (Recurring)	482	-1824	715	-126%	-33%			
Net Profit (Reported)	2,262	-763	1,097		106%			
Domestic Operations								
Operating Revenue (INR m)	11,624	10,815	12,771	7%	-9%			
EBITDAR )	2,672	1,814	3,108	47%	-14%			
EBITDAR Margin (%)	23%	17%	24%	621 bps	-135 bps			
ASKM	2600	2330	2729	12'%	-5'%			
RPKM	1895	1504	2058	26%	-8%			
Load Factor (%)	73%	65%	75%	834 bps	-253 bps			
Passengers carried (m)	2.22	1.75	2.40	26%	-8%			
Revenue per passenger ex fuel	2603	5305	2504	-51%	4%			
surcharge (Rs)								
Fuel surcharge per passenger	2233	1615	2402	38%	-7%			
Yield ( per RPK)	6.13	7.19	6.21	-15%	-1%			
International Operations	****							
Operating Revenue (INR m)	16155	13841	16085	17%	0%			
EBITDAR	3,679	3,327	4,028	11%	-9%			
EBITDAR Margin (%)	23%	24%	25%	-126 bps	-227 bps			
ASKM	5160	4639	5151	11%	0%			
RPKM	4208	3492	4248	21%	-1%			
Load Factor (%)	82%	75%	82%	628 bps	-92 bps			
Passengers carried (m)	1.03	0.78	1.02	31%	1%			
Yield ( per RPK) (incl fuel surcharge)	3.84	3.96	3.79	-3%	1%			
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Operating Revenue (INR m)	4055	3,087	4,164	31%	-3%			
EBITDAR	1,040	165	787	530%	32%			
EBITDAR Margin (%)	26%	5%	19%	2030 bps	675 bps			
ASKM	1223	1271	1294	-4%	-5%			
RPKM	928	879	1020	6%	-9%			
Load Factor (%)	76%	69%	79%	672 bps	-295 bps			
Passengers carried (m)	0.89	0.80	0.98	11%	-233 bps			
Yield ( per RPK) (incl fuel surcharge)	4.37	3.51	4.08	24%	7%			

Source: Company, HSBC

#### Raising estimates on improved business outlook

We are raising our FY11/12 revenue by 4/1% to INR148/166bn to factor in higher lease income (in line with management guidance of USD1.4mn per month per flight) and higher cargo revenue. Improvement in the EBITDAR margin is driven by positive operating leverage and fuel cost savings (we are assuming the fuel cost per ATK will be sustained at the Q4 level in FY11). Accordingly our FY11 EPS increases from INR12 to INR39.

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Raising estimates						
		FY11			FY12	
	Old	New	Diff	Old	New	Diff
ASKM	36,426	36,672	1%	39,977	40,265	1%
RPKM	30,022	29,938	0%	32,165	32,326	0%
Yield	4.2	4.2	0%	4.5	4.5	-1%
Revenue (INRm)	142,286	148,006	4%	164,900	165,901	1%
Passenger Load Factor (%)	82%	82%	0%	80%	80%	0%
EBITDAR (INRm)	29,288	32,926	12%	34,153	34,988	2%
EBITDAR Margins (%)	21%	22%	1%	21%	21%	0%
EPS (INR)	12	39	223%	77	77	0%
Fuel Price	90	90	0%	90	90	0%

Source: Company data, HSBC estimates, Note: RPK is revenue passenger kilometre while ASKM is available seat kilometre

#### Fund raising is on track

The company guided that it may announce a land development deal in the next month. In an earlier forum, the company had indicated that a land development deal could raise INR5.25bn which the company may use to enable the replacement of high cost debt with low cost debt. Our sensitivity suggests that a 4ppt saving on the interest rate for the said amount would be 5% earnings accretive in FY11. We have not built this into our numbers.

#### Investment case

Jet Airways is the largest airline company in India. We expect it to be a key beneficiary of the revival in passenger traffic. Industry discipline has lowered the risk of price wars, while cost-cutting measures are leading to margin improvement. Higher-than-expected passenger traffic growth and upside earnings surprises should act as positive triggers.

#### Retain OW(V); raise TP to INR590 (from 580)

We value Jet Airways on EV/EBITDAR and benchmark it to regional peers, given the company's limited trading history. We compare earnings growth prospects, profitability, and solvency risk of aviation companies across the region. Jet Airways has a strong domestic market, similar to Chinese companies, but we believe its growth potential is lower than these companies, while compared to international players such as Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines, Jet Airways has higher growth potential and larger domestic exposure. Hence, we believe Jet stock should trade at multiples higher than the international players but lower than those of Chinese players. A mid-range multiple of 7.5x FY12e generates our 12-month target price of INR590 (we previously used a multiple of 8.2; the current lower multiple reflects the recent multiple compression experienced by regional airlines). Under our research model, for stocks with a volatility indicator, the Neutral band is 10 percentage points above and below our hurdle rate for Indian stocks of 10.5%, or 0.5-20.5% above the share price. As the potential return of 21.5% to our new target price is above the Neutral band we rate the stock Overweight (V).



Valuation comparison with Asian peer airlines						
	Reuter code	Reuter codeEV/EBITDAR		EBITDAR Growth	ROIC	ROE
		CY10e	CY11e	CY09-11e	CY11e	CY11e
Air China	0753.HK	9.0	8.9	53%	6%	12%
(OW(V), HKD6.85)						
China Eastern Airlines Co (UW(V), HKD3.16)	0670.HK	9.3	8.1	236%	5%	10%
China Southern Airlines Co (N(V), HKD3.13)	1055.HK	17.5	14.3	36%	4%	3%
Cathay Pacific (OW, HKD15.02)	0293.HK	7.1	5.9	15%	12%	14%
Singapore Airlines (OW, SGD14.40)	SIAL.SI	4.2	3.6	28%	12%	10%
Thai Airways International (OW(V), THB24.80)	THAI.BK	6.2	4.2	20%	6%	12%
Jet Airways  Domestic Market plays International Market plays	JET.BO	8.1 <b>11.9</b> <b>5.8</b>	7.2 <b>10.4</b> <b>4.6</b>	32% <b>109%</b> <b>21%</b>	5% <b>5%</b> <b>10%</b>	25% <b>8%</b> <b>12%</b>

Source: Company data, HSBC estimates, Bloomberg; Note: Data pertains to 20 May 2010. For Jet Airways, CY10 is FY11 and CY11 is FY12

### Key Risks

Key downside risks, in our view, include a sharper-than-expected rise in the jet fuel price; a loss of price discipline, although slow capacity additions reduce the likelihood of such a possibility; a scenario of a double-dip recession



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From	То	Date			
Underweight (V)	Neutral (V)	25 July 2008			
Neutral (V)	Underweight (V)	19 August 2009			
Underweight (V)	Overweight (V)	22 March 2010			
Target Price	Value	Date			
Price 1	550.00	08 June 2007			
Price 2	400.00	25 July 2008			
Price 3	218.00	19 August 2009			
Price 4	580.00	22 March 2010			

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