

Duration: 6-9 Months

CMP (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Potential Upside (%)
630	693	10%

**MARKET DATA**

No. of Shares	75.5 Cr
Market Cap	47,560 Cr
52-week High / Low	744/378
BSE Code	532843
NSE Code	Fortis

**Why Fortis Healthcare Ltd?**

- ✓ **Healthy Growth Opportunities**
- ✓ **Insurance Penetration**
- ✓ **Improving Margins**
- ✓ **Diversified Portfolio With PAN India Presence**
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Diagnostic Chain**

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**About the Company**

Fortis Healthcare Limited (Fortis), an IHH Healthcare Berhad company, is India's leading integrated healthcare provider with 28 facilities, 4,500+ beds, and 400+ diagnostic centers across India, UAE, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. It excels in complex procedures like cardiac surgeries, oncology, and robotic treatments, outperforming competitors. Agilus Diagnostics, its subsidiary, strengthens its diagnostic capabilities. With ~23,000 employees, Fortis aims to be the world's most trusted healthcare network.

**Investment Rationale**

- Growth to be driven by expansion in beds:** Fortis Healthcare's expansion plans, with the addition of 2,000 beds over the next 4 years, will push the company's total capacity to exceed 6,000 beds, enhancing its capacity by ~45%. This growth will be driven by brownfield expansion, which typically offers an earlier break-even period compared to greenfield expansion
- Leadership in key therapies:** Fortis Healthcare has emerged as a leader in complex medical procedures, performing 60,600 cardiac surgeries, 11,100 radiation therapies, and 3,600 robotic surgeries, placing it among the top healthcare institutions in India. The high-cost procedures at Fortis, ranging from Rs 2- 5 Lc for surgeries and Rs 2-3 Lc for radiation sessions, contribute greatly to its revenue. This strong performance bolsters Fortis's financial position and its ARPOB, positioning it as one of the leaders in India's healthcare market. The Indian oncology market, forecast to grow at 18% CAGR to \$1.49 Bn by 2028, presents a significant opportunity for Fortis, which is the largest provider of oncology services.
- Improving Margins:** Fortis has significantly improved its EBITDA under IHH management, reporting Rs 1,268 Cr (18.4%) in FY24, up from Rs 225 Cr (5%) in FY19. The company aims to increase EBITDA margins by 200bps YoY, and we expect a 400bps improvement over FY24-FY27E through brownfield expansion, rebranding Agilus Diagnostics, divesting loss-making units, and cost optimisation. The top 10 hospitals generate a major share of revenue, and adding 2,000 new brownfield beds will further boost margins. Divesting loss-making assets, such as the Chennai cluster, and legal cost optimisation could lift margins by 50-60 basis points.
- Diagnostic arm Agilus's recovery:** Fortis Diagnostics, rebranded as Agilus in May'23 (formerly SRL Diagnostics), is the second-largest diagnostic business by revenue, following Dr. Lal Path Labs. In FY24, it contributed 20% to the company's revenue and 17% to EBITDA. Rebranding and promotional expenses are expected to cease post-FY25, which will support EBITDA margin expansion. The segment's EBITDA margins are projected to improve to 19% in FY25E and 20% in FY26E, with revenue growth estimated at 11% in FY25E and 11.2% in FY26E.
- Outlook & Guidance:** Fortis Healthcare remains focused on profitable growth, leveraging brownfield expansions, operational efficiencies, and portfolio optimisation. The company targets 14-15% revenue growth in the hospital business, with ARPOB expected to grow at 5-6% YoY. Hospital EBITDA margins are projected at 20.5% for FY25, with a long-term goal of reaching 25% through higher occupancy and specialty mix improvements.
- Recommendation:** We recommend a BUY rating on the stock with a target price of Rs 693/share, implying an upside of 10% from the CMP

**Financial Summary**

Y/E	Net Sales	EBITDA	Net Profit	EPS	PER	EV/EBITDA	P/BV	ROE
March	(Rs Cr)	(Rs Cr)	(Rs Cr)	(Rs.)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)
FY24	6,893	1,268	645	9	73.7	37.8	6.2	8.4
FY25E	7,909	1,621	786	10	60.5	30.1	5.6	9.3
FY26E	9,029	1,941	1,048	14	45.4	24.6	5.0	11.0
FY27E	10,691	2,408	1,422	19	33.4	19.3	4.4	13.0

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