Q4FY24 Result Update | Hotels

Renovations now to drive future profitability

Growth momentum continues for LemonTree Hotels in Q4FY24. This quarter has been the best Q4 in terms of Gross ARR, Revenue, EBITDA, PBT & PAT. Demand continues to remain robust. Performance for keys remains subdued owing to ongoing renovations which are expected to be completed by October, 2025 for the company. ARRs & occupancy to improve going forward as illustrated in other concall KTAs section for a Keys hotel in Pune. Substantial increase in cash profit for the company of ~42%. Debt seems to be peaked out and will start reducing from this year onwards.

Key Financials Highlights

- Revenue from Operations at 3,273 Mn, +30% YoY/+13% QoQ
- EBITDA (Excl. OI) reported at 1,715 Mn, +23% YoY/21% QoQ
- EBITDA Margins (Excl. OI) saw a de-growth of 297 bps YoY & growth 0 of 372 bps QoQ to come at 42.4%
- Cash Profit of ~1,174 Mn against 825 Mn (Q4FY23), +42.2% YoY
- EPS at 0.85 for Q4FY24 vs 0.56 (+52% YoY)

Portfolio Highlights

- Operational inventory of 104 Hotels with 9863 rooms
- Pipeline of 62 Hotels with 4156 rooms (62H & 4087 rooms under otal Managed & Franchised contract)
- Signed 12 new Management & Franchised contracts, 667 rooms murce: BSE Q4FY24
- Operationalized 4 Hotels adding 176 rooms to portfolio.
- Expect to have 120+ Hotels, 11,000+ rooms by end of FY25

Financial Summary

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Netsales	4,022	8,750	10,711	12,705	16,069
EBITDA	1,187	4,476	5,232	6,356	7,856
EBITDA margins	29.5	51.2	48.8	50.0	48.9
PAT (adj)	-874	1,146	1,485	2,329	3,585
EPS	-1.11	1.45	1.88	2.94	4.53
P/E (x)	-120	92	71	45	29
P/B (x)	13	12	11	9	7
EV/EBITDA (x)	99	29.34	25.31	19.81	15.56
RoE (%)	-11	13	15	19	22
ROCE (%)	1	14	15	19	24
RoIC (%)	1	11	13	17	22

Source: Dalal & Broacah Research

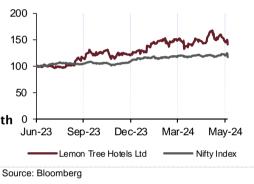


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Rating	TP (Rs)	Up/Dn (%)
HOLD	157	18
Market data		
Current price	Rs	133
Market Cap (Rs.Bn)	(Rs Bn)	105
Market Cap (US\$ Mn)	(US\$ Mn)	1,263
Face Value	Rs	10
52 Weeks High/Low	Rs	158.05 / 89.9
Average Daily Volume	('000)	3,570
BSE Code		541233
Bloomberg		LEMONTRE.IN
Source: Bloomberg		





% Shareholding	Mar-24	Dec-23
Promoters	22.88	23.21
Public	77.07	76.72
der otal	100	100

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Performance Quarter-wise - Q4FY24 was the best ever Q4

Particulars	Q4 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q1 FY24	Q4 FY23	Q3 FY23	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23
Gross ARR (Rs.)	6,605	6,33 <mark>3</mark>	5,268	5,237	5,824	5,738	4 <mark>,9</mark> 17	<mark>4,82</mark> 2
Occupancy %	72.0%	65.9%	71.7%	70.2%	73.6%	<mark>67.6%</mark>	66.2%	65.1%
Revenue (Rs. Cr)	331.2	290.9	230.1	224 <mark>.</mark> 6	254.7	234.1	<mark>19</mark> 7.4	192.3
EBITDA (Rs. Cr)	175.3	141.9	104.8	106.8	141.9	127.0	94.3	92.6
EBITDA %	52.9%	48.8%	45.5%	47.6%	55.7%	54.3%	47.8%	48.2%
PBT (Rs. Cr)	89.0	55.5	35.0	36.2	73.4	59.2	25.0	20.7
PAT (Rs. Cr)	84.0	43.8	26.4	27.5	59.0	48.6	19.4	13.6

Quarterly Financials

(Rs.Mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY Growth (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ Growth (%)
Revenue from Operations	3,273	2,527	30%	2,902	13%
Other Income	39	20	89%	7	464%
Total RM Cost	205	129	59%	166	23%
Employee Benefits Expense	499	410	22%	490	2%
Other Expenses	855	589	45%	833	3%
Total Expenses	1,558	1,128	38%	1,490	5%
EBITDA (Excluding Other Income)	1,715	1,399	23%	1,412	21%
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	334	235	42%	333	0%
EBIT / PBIT	1,419	1,184	20%	1,086	31%
Net Finance Costs	528	452	17%	534	-1%
EBT/ PBT	892	732	22%	552	62%
Tax Expense	50	143	-65%	118	-57%
P&L from JV/associate	(2)	1	-220%	3	-145%
Net Profit after Tax	840	590	42%	438	92%
Earning Per Share	0.85	0.56	52%	0.45	89%
Margins (%)			(In bps)		(In bps)
Gross Margins	93.7%	94.9%	-117	94.3%	-54
EBITDA Margins (Excl Other Income)	52.4%	55.4%	-297	48.7%	372
Adj. PAT Margins	18.7%	18.4%	30	12.7%	600
As a % to sales			(In bps)		(In bps)
RM as a % to sales	6.3%	5.1%	117	5.7%	54
EE Cost as a % to sales	15.2%	16.2%	-99	16.9%	-165
Other exps as a % to sales	26.1%	23.3%	279	28.7%	-261
Key Operational Metrics					
Gross ARR	6,605	5,824	13%	6,333	4%
Occupancy	72.0%	73.6%	-160	65.9%	610
RevPAR	4,754	4,287	11%	4,176	14%

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacah Research

Operational Highlights Brand-wise

Parameters	RevPAR (Rs.)			Occup	ancy Ra	te (%)	Average Daily Rate (Rs.)			
By Brand (#Rooms)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (%)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (bps)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (%)	
Aurika Hotels & Resorts (808)*	6,984	11,189	-38%	66%	69%	-310	10,553	16,152	-35%	
Lemon Tree Premier (1,603)	6,126	5,816	5%	81%	81%	-44	7,565	7,143	6%	
Lemon Tree Hotels (1562)	4,448	4,079	9%	74%	74%	-46	6,036	5,501	10%	
Red Fox by Lemon Tree Hotels (952)	3,623	3,378	7%	76%	78%	-285	4,796	4,310	11%	
Keys by Lemon Tree Hotels (936)	2,018	1,815	11%	55%	56%	-14	3,637	3,264	11%	

Performance Region-Wise

Parameters	Re	RevPAR (Rs.)			ancy Ra	te (%)	Average Daily Rate (Rs.)		
By Region (#Rooms)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (%)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (bps)	Q4 FY24	Q4 FY23	Change (%)
Delhi (636)	6,144	5,559	11%	87%	88%	-43	7,055	6,352	11%
Gurugram (529)	4,335	4,191	3%	72%	77%	-502	5,985	5,412	11%
Hyderabad (663)	5,665	5,001	13%	79%	77%	174	7,156	6,459	11%
Bengaluru (874)	3,029	3,178	-5%	58%	63%	-487	5,218	5,050	3%
Mumbai (972)*	6,616	7,657	-14%	73%	84%	-1,159	9,077	9,064	0%
Pune (426)	3,911	3,494	12%	75%	72%	283	5,231	4,857	8%
Rest of India (1,659)	4,026	3,718	8%	69%	70%	-35	5,813	5,341	9%
Total (5759)	4,754	4,287	11%	72%	74%	-163	6,605	5,824	13%

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacah Research

- Bengaluru market impacted as many rooms were not operational due to renovations || For instance, out of the 350 rooms in Whitefield, 100 rooms were not operational due to renovations
- Another reason being region being heavily dependent on IT which has been facing slowdown in terms of hiring.
- However, green shoots of recovery is visible from Oct, 2024 onwards.
- Occupancy in Mumbai seems lower due to addition of Aurika MIAL which got operational in Q3FY24.
- Occupancy at Aurika MIAL @ 66% for Q4FY24
- Management targets to complete renovations for majority of its inventory in October CY25. Post which ARR & EBITDA to see sharp uptick.

Performance break-up of LTH portfolio & Keys portfolio

	Lemon Tree Consolidated excluding Keys Hotels						Keys Hotels					Lemon Tree Consolidated				
Rs. Cr	Q4 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY23	QoQ Change	YoY Change	Q4 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY23	QoQ Change	YoY Change	Q4 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY23	QoQ Change	YoY Change	
Inventory	4,823	4,794	4,154	1%	16%	936	936	936	0%	0%	5,759	5,730	5,090	1%	13%	
Gross ARR	7,030	6,751	6,237	4%	13%	3,637	3,585	3,264	1%	11%	6,605	6,333	5,824	4%	13%	
Occupancy %	75.2%	<mark>68.4%</mark>	77.7%	676	-248	55.5%	53.2%	<mark>55.6%</mark>	228	-14	72.0%	65.9%	73.6%	605	-163	
RevPAR	5,285	4,619	4,844	14%	9%	2,018	1,907	1,815	6%	11%	4,754	4,176	4,287	14%	11%	
Revenue from Operations	305.8	270.6	234.5	13%	30%	21.5	19.6	18.2	10%	18%	327.3	290.2	252.7	13%	30%	
Other Income	2.2	0.3	1.5	724%	47%	1.7	0.4	0.6	301%	196%	3.9	0.7	2.0	464%	89%	
Total revenue	308.0	270.9	236.0	14%	31%	23.2	20.0	18.7	16%	24%	331.2	290.9	254.7	14%	30%	
Total expenses	138.2	132.8	101.6	4%	36%	17.6	16.2	11.2	9%	57%	155.8	149.0	112.8	5%	38%	
EBITDA*	169.8	138.1	134.4	23%	26%	5.5	3.8	7.5	46%	-26%	175.3	141.9	141.9	24%	24%	
EBITDA Margin(%)	55.1%	51.0%	57.0%	414	-183	23.8%	19.0%	40.1%	487	-1,623	52.9%	48.8%	55.7%	415	-278	
РВТ	90.1	58.4	71.4	54%	26%	(1.1)	(2.8)	1.9	-	-	89.0	55.5	73.4	60%	21%	

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacah Research

Other Concall KTAs

- Rate hike in the industry expected to be in the range of 5-12%. Management expects growth rate for FY25 to be higher than or equal to FY24.
- Three more price hikes are expected by the company, Oct, 2024, Jan, 2025 & Oct, 2025.
- Demand continues to be robust led by increase in air traffic. Air traffic capacity to ~3x in next 5 years, number of airports to ~2x going forward.
- A bunch of portfolio of keys under renovation as a result occupancy is still lower @ 55% for the quarter. However, company to complete all its renovations by October CY25.
- ARRs & Occupancy to improve substantially post renovations
- To spend Rs 1,000 Mn on renovation in FY25 & FY26 each year. 1/3rd being capex & balance opex.
 Due to seasonality, H1 sees more of spending on renovations than H2.
- Renovation spends in Q4FY24 as a % of revenue was 2% vs 0.6% same quarter last year.
- For illustration, Keys hotel in Pune, Pimpri Pre/Post renovation did an ARR of 3,800/Rs 4,600, an increase of 21% & RevPAR of Rs 2,900/Rs 3,900 an increase of 35%
- Total Debt stood at Rs 18,891 Mn which is expected to be peaked out. Increase in debt was on account of borrowing against Aurika MIAL.
- Debt reduction to start from this year. Company intends to be net debt free within 4 years.
- Room night sold by Airline increased to 13% from 8% YoY. Company's strategy is to replace this with corporates, retail, MICE || To reduce airline share to 10% from current levels.
- Total renovation exp incurring to recover in next 2 years in terms of incremental ebitda
- Robust 34% growth in fees from Managed contracts during the quarter.
- To increase penetration from 64 cities to 100+ cities going forward.

Aurika MIAL (669 rooms)

- Clocked an occupancy of 66% in Q4FY24 with ARR of Rs 9,000.
- Demand was largely driven by airline crew.
- April good may same as last year in occ & ARR very soft month heatwave, election deflationary impact || June significant pick up || Gradually taking out crew base - replace it with corporate, retail & ||

Outlook and Valuations

Growth momentum continues for LemonTree hotels. Demand remains robust. Occupancy & ARR for keys portfolio which is dragging the overall performance to improve as renovations are completed. Recovery in Bangalore market which has significant keys portfolio to improve as IT markets improve which is expected towards Q3FY25.

Company to focus on reducing debt from this year onwards & aims to be debt free in 4 years. This will deleverage the balance sheet & further improve the profitability.

LemonTree Hotels at CMP of Rs. 133 trades at 16x EV/EBITDA FY26E; we value LTH at 18x FY26 EV/EBITDA multiple and maintain a HOLD rating with a target price of Rs. 157, implying an upside of 18.4%.

Financials

Report Data					
P&L (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	4,022	8,750	10,711	12,705	16,069
Operating Expenses	-279	-499	-628	-699	-836
Employee Cost	-973	-1,497	-1,878	-2,226	-2,783
Other Expenses	-1,584	-2,278	-2,973	-3,424	-4,595
Operating Profit	1,187	4,476	5,232	6,356	7,856
Depreciation	-1,043	-966	-1,121	-1,227	-1,280
PBIT	143	3,510	4,111	5,129	6,576
Other income	140	36	56	56	56
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	-1,740	-1,772	-2,016	-1,595	-1,308
Profit before tax	-1,456	1,774	2,151	3,591	5,325
Provision for tax	72	-377	-341	-898	-1,331
Profit & Loss from Associates/JV	10	9	7	8	8
Reported PAT	-1,374	1,405	1,817	2,701	4,002
MI	499	-260	-332	-372	-417
Owners PAT	-874	1,146	1,485	2,329	3,585
Adjusted Profit	-874	1,146	1,485	2,329	3,585
Balance Sheet (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Equity capital	7,908	7,916	7,918	7,918	7,918
Reserves	404	621	1,750	4,079	8,081
Net worth	8,312	8,537	9,669	11,998	16,000
MI	5,676	5,597	5,795	6,128	6,500
Non Current Liabilites	19,828	19,488	21,275	18,362	15,214
Current Liabilites	2,533	3,701	3,591	3,783	3,894
Total Equity & Liabilities	36,350	37,323	40,330	40,270	41,607
Non Current Assets	35,041	35,963	38,277	34,373	34,598
Fixed Assets	29,180	30,359	32,759	28,850	29,071
Right of Use Assets	4,299	4,036	3,907	3,907	3,907
Financial Assets	799	859	936	937	937
Deferred Tax Asset	461	365	358	358	358
Long Term Loans and Advances	245	186	229	229	229
Other Non Current Assets	57	158	88	93	97
Current Assets	1,310	1,360	2,053	5,897	7,009
Current investments	59	10	81	89	98
Inventories	81	105	138	147	176
Trade Receivables	291	560	715	905	1,145
Cash and Bank Balances	543	275	537	4,170	5,001
Short Term Loans and Advances	-	-	-	-	-
Other Financial Assets	24	36	32	35	38
Other Current Assets	312	375	550	550	550
other current Assets	011				

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Cashflow (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
РВТ	-1,456	1,774	2,151	3,591	5,325
Depreciation	1,043	966	1,121	1,227	1,280
Net Chg in WC	-180	-210	3	543	-
Taxes	-17	-269	-335	-898	-1,331
Others	1,963	1,948	1,820	1,689	1,376
CFO	1,353	4,208	4,761	6,152	6,649
Capex	-668	-116	-3,000	-2,500	-1,500
Net Investments made	159	-12	-148	-8	-9
Others	55	-	-	-	-
CFI	-454	-127	-3,148	-2,508	-1,509
Change in Share capital	8	-	-	-	-
Change in Debts	134	489	1,590	-3,498	-3,498
Div. & Div Tax	-	-	_)===	-	-
Others	-1,773	-4,837	-2,940	3,486	-812
CFF	-1,630	-4,349	-1,350	-11	-4,310
	-1,000		-1,550		4,510
Total Cash Generated	-732	-268	263	3,633	831
Cash Opening Balance	1,275	543	275	537	4,170
Cash Closing Balance	543	275	537	4,170	5,001
Ratios	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
OPM	29.5	51.2	48.8	50.0	48.9
NPM	-21.0	13.0	13.8	18.2	22.2
Tax rate	-5.0	-21.3	-15.9	-25.0	-25.0
Growth Ratios (%)					
Net Sales	59.8	117.5	22.4	18.6	26.5
Operating Profit	93.7	277.2	16.9	21.5	23.6
PBIT	-130.9	2,351.8	17.1	24.8	28.2
PAT	-26.4	-202.3	29.3	48.6	48.2
Per Share (Rs.)					
Net Earnings (EPS)	-1.11	1.45	1.88	2.94	4.53
Cash Earnings (CPS)	0.21		3.29		
Dividend	-	2.67	-	4.49	6.14
Book Value	- 10.51		- 12.21		- 20.21
Free Cash Flow		10.78		15.15	6.10
Free Cash Flow	-2.26	4.62	1.43	3.88	6.10
Valuation Ratios					
P/E(x)	-120	92	71	45	29
P/B(x)	13	12	11	9	7
EV/EBIDTA(x)	99	29	25	20	16
Div. Yield(%)	-	-	-	-	-
FCF Yield(%)	-1.70	3.47	1.08	2.92	4.58
Return Ratios (%)					
ROE	-11%	13%	15%	19%	22%
ROCE	-11%	13%	15%	19%	22%
NUCL	1/0	14/0	10/01	13/0	24/0

Source: Company, Dalal & Broacah Research

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