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# D-Link India Limited – BUY

CMP: Rs. 330 Target Price: Rs. 430 Upside: 25%

Stop Loss: Rs. 290 (Closing basis)

# **Investment Thesis**

- D-Link is the market leader in switches and wireless local area network (WLAN) products with a market share of 30% and 40% respectively.
- D-Link has continually strived to diversify its product offerings and thereby reduce its dependence on its parent, D-Link Corporation (Taiwan), which currently accounts for around 20% of the company's sales compared to about 70% in FY14
- D-Link maintains healthy liquidity position, as reflected in cash and equivalent of Rs 110 crore as on March 31, 2023. Absence of debt with no major capital expenditure (capex) provides enough financial flexibility to absorb any business shocks.
- Its FY23 operating performance was strong, driven by healthy growth in volume sales and improved price realisation. The company benefitted from increased demand in networking products, driven by shift to work-from-office and easing logistics. Increase in operating profitability was driven by improved realisations amid moderating raw material prices
- India's real estate market witnessed record sales in 2023, with Q3FY24 showing highest number of housing units sold in a decade. India's residential real estate market is expected to grow from USD 182 billion in 2023 to USD 550 billion by 2028 at a CAGR of 24.77%.
- The Indian smarthome market is experiencing explosive growth, driven by a confluence of factors like increasing disposable income, urbanization, growing tech adoption, and the government's push towards digitalization. The market was estimated to reach a value of \$5.6 billion in 2023 with a projected CAGR of 10.31% until 2028. D-Link can benefit from this demand as it is developing products that makes people able to connect their homes and devices.
- As of 2023, estimates suggest around 35-40% of the rural population in India has internet access, compared to over 70% in urban areas. Through Bharatnet initiative, the government aims to connect all of India"s villages with fiber optic cables by 2025.
   D-Link can benefit from this demand by providing affordable networking solutions and partnering with service providers.

## **Financials**

- D-Link's revenues increased at a CAGR of 12.40% over four years. Operating and net profit have increased at a CAGR of 28.64% and 25.20%, respectively, over the same period.
- The main product launched in FY23 are cloud switches, 2.5Gbps smart switches, enhanced enterprise integrated wireless solutions; EAGLE PRO AI Wi-Fi Mesh routers, bridges, and access points; multifunctional wireless broadband 4G/5G routers and developed Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) applications in various industries; high-resolution two-way IP cameras for real-time voice chat, peripheral devices related to smart homes, and cloud network management platforms.

Particulars	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E
Revenue (Rs in Crs)	740	727	918	1,181	1,289
EBITDA (Rs in Crs)	42	42	56	115	123
Adj. PAT (Rs in Crs)	35	31	42	86	91
Adj. EPS (Rs.)	9.92	8.83	11.91	24.32	25.81
PE Multiple (x)	6.13	11.90	11.72	9.61	16.5
RoE (%)	14.76	11.77	13.97	22.82	20.5

Stock Data	
Market Cap (Rs. Crs)	1166
Market Cap (\$ Mn)	145
Shares O/S (in Mn)	35.50
Avg. Volume (3 month)	2,17,357
52-Week Range (Rs.)	365 / 172

Shareholding Pat	ttern
Promoters	51.02 %
FIIs	0.34 %
Institutions	0.13 %
Others (incl. body corporate)	48.51 %

Key Ratio	S
Div Yield	1.5%
TTM PE	12.8x
ROE	25.4 %
TTM EPS (Rs.)	25.5 /-

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 In Q2FY24, D-Link reported revenue and net profit of Rs.308Crs and Rs24Crs, up 4.76% YoY and 4.34% YoY, respectively.

# **Key Business Highlights**

- D-Link (India) Limited markets and distributes D-Link branded networking products for consumers, small businesses, medium to large-sized enterprises, and service providers in India. It has presence across 100 countries. It is one of the largest networking companies in India
- Incorporated in 2008, D-Link is a step-down subsidiary of D-Link Corporation of Taiwan. The company markets networking products of the parent and procures from third-party vendors.
- The product profile comprises network switches, wireless local area networks, routers, modems, storage devices, copper and fibre cables and cameras. In 2010, D-Link began marketing structured cabling products procured from third-party vendors.
- The company introduced a series of high-end products for its enterprise business, including unmanaged long-term power over ethernet (PoE)/PoE plus switches; new generation layer 3 stackable managed switches with advance hardware and software enhancements for better performance, flexibility and ease of management; and industrial grade switches.
- It has a robust distribution structure of National Distributors, Business Distributors, and over 15,000+ resellers reaching out to customers present across the country
- D-Link has invested in state-of-the-art support infrastructure for both consumers and enterprises businesses, which includes 10 D-Link-owned service centres with more than 50 experts in tier 1 cities, over 23 partner service centres with more than 40 experts in tier 2 / tier 3 cities, partner collection points in more than 105 cities and logistical support in over 190 cities
- In January 2014, D-Link acquired Team F1, a company that specialises in providing network and security software for embedded devices. The consideration for the acquisition was in the form of equity shares of D-Link, which resulted in the equity stake of D-Link Corporation in D-Link reducing to 51% from 60%.

## Valuation

Because of aforementioned factors, D-Link India is a strong contender in the enterprise networking market. Its focus on value, product variety, and technical expertise positions them well for future growth. D-Link is trading at P/E of 12.8 vs industry PE of 38, which suggests a significant discount. We forecast company's revenues will grow atleast 10% every year and net profit margin will be maintained at 7%. Hence, it can report a revenue and net profit of Rs.1,300Crs and Rs91 Crs for the whole of FY24. Considering a P/E of 16x, the expected market capitalization comes to Rs.1,466Crs.

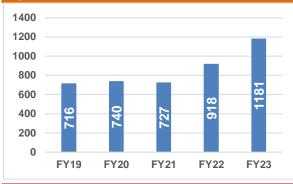
Therefore, in light of above, we ascribe a **BUY** rating to D-Link (India) Ltd (DLINKINDIA) with a **target price** of **Rs. 430**, translating to an **upside** of ~25%.

## **Risk & Concern**

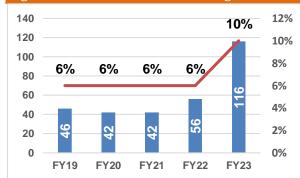
- The networking industry's residential and small-to medium-sized business segments are
  where D-Link mostly operates; these markets are less profitable than the institutional
  sales segment, where Cisco dominates. Commoditized products and fierce rivalry limit
  profitability in the retail sector.
- The primary component used to make cables, copper, is an internationally traded commodity in open markets, which causes price volatility. Currency changes also affect profitability because the company imports around 30% of the goods it sells. Currency exchange rates and raw material prices will continue to have an impact on the operating margin.

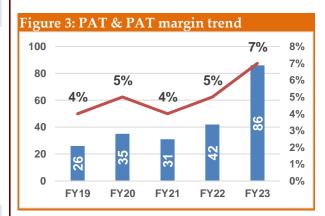
# **Graphs & Charts**

### Figure 1: Net Sales Trend (Rs. In Crs)



#### Figure 2: EBITDA & EBITDA margin trend





#### Figure 4: ROE & ROA trend.



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