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# Consistent growth with expanding AI capabilities...

**About the stock:** Latent View Analytics (Latent View) is a leading pure-play data analytics services company in India. It provides expertise on the entire value chain of data analytics from data and analytics consulting to business analytics and insights, advanced predictive analytics, data engineering and digital solutions.

**Q2FY26 Performance:** Consolidated revenue stood at ₹257.5 crore, up 9% QoQ & 23.2% YoY. EBITDA margin for the quarter came at 21.8%, up ~40 bps QoQ. PAT for the quarter stood at ₹45.7 crore, down 9.6% QoQ/ up 12.3% YoY.

## **Investment Rationale**

- Accelerating growth momentum with strong client wins: LatentView marked its 11th consecutive quarter of sequential growth, driven by BFSI (+27% QoQ) and CPG & Retail (+31% QoQ) verticals. As per management, early-stage engagements worth US\$25k-50k are expected to scale into multi-million dollar opportunities coupled with another four deals of US\$1mn+ currently, which indicate a strong multi-year pipeline. With 19-20% revenue growth guidance (vs 18-19% earlier) and continued expansion across Europe and RoW, Latent View remains on track to reach its 3-year US\$200-220mn target (CAGR of ~27.5% over FY25-28E). Accordingly, we have baked in revenue CAGR of 23.3% over FY25-27E.
- Synergies from Decision Point & operational rigor supporting margins: Post-acquisition synergies with Decision Point are driving strong traction in CPG and nearshore markets. The firm plans to scale its nearshore headcount from 20 to 100 over the next year to support localized delivery. Despite higher visa and marketing costs, EBITDA margins remain stable at 22–23%, backed by improved utilization and operational efficiency. EBITDA margin guidance for FY26, was revised to 22–23% from 23-24% earlier due to focused account initiatives and capability investments in Al CoE and Databricks which should further sustain growth and profitability. Thus, we have baked in EBITDA margin of 22.3%/24% in FY26E/FY27E.
- Expanding Databricks & Al capabilities to power future growth: Databricksrelated revenue is expected to rise from US\$11mn last year to over US\$19mn in
  FY26, with a US\$50mn target in three years. The company has added front-end
  and sales talent, built SAP capabilities on Databricks, and secured US\$1.4mn in
  new wins due to Databricks. Simultaneously, investments in Synthetic Data,
  Churn Analytics, Agentic frameworks, CRM-LLM integration are positioning
  LatentView as a differentiated analytics partner in the evolving enterprise Al
  landscape. On GenAl front, it has US\$5.5 million in confirmed GenAl/Agentic
  Al revenues for the year & a further US\$7 million active pipeline.

## **Rating and Target Price**

With rising synergies from the Decision Point acquisition and growing adoption
of its GenAl and Databricks solutions, LatentView remains well-positioned to
sustain growth momentum in coming quarters. We maintain a BUY rating,
with revised target price of ₹500 (vs ₹520 earlier); at 40x P/E on FY27E EPS.



| Particulars              |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Particulars              | Amount  |
| Market Cap (₹ Crore)     | 8,792   |
| Total Debt (₹ Crore)     | 29      |
| Cash & Invests (₹ Crore) | 515     |
| EV (₹ Crore)             | 8,305   |
| 52 week H/L              | 520/341 |
| Equity capital (₹ Crore) | 20.6    |
| Face value (₹)           | 1.0     |
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| Shareholding pattern |        |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                      | Dec-24 | Mar-25 | Jun-25 | Sep-25 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Promoter             | 65.2   | 65.2   | 65.2   | 65.2   |  |  |  |  |  |
| FII                  | 2.9    | 3.0    | 2.1    | 2.2    |  |  |  |  |  |
| DII                  | 3.7    | 3.3    | 3.3    | 3.4    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public               | 28.2   | 28.5   | 29.4   | 29.2   |  |  |  |  |  |

| Price Chart                    |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 700 -<br>600 -<br>500 -<br>400 | 30000<br>25000<br>20000<br>15000 |
|                                | 10000                            |
| Latent View (LHS) —— Nifty     | (RHS)                            |

# Key risks

- Lower than expected revenue growth;
- High vertical (Tech) and geography (US) concentration

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### Key Financial Summary

| ₹ Crore           | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | 5 Year CAGR<br>(FY20-25) | FY26E | FY27E | 2 Year CAGR<br>(FY25-27E) |
|-------------------|------|------|------|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|
| Net Sales         | 539  | 641  | 848  | 22.3                     | 1,032 | 1,288 | 23.3                      |
| EBITDA            | 145  | 136  | 189  | 18.6                     | 230   | 309   | 28.0                      |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 26.9 | 21.2 | 22.3 |                          | 22.3  | 24.0  |                           |
| Net Profit        | 155  | 159  | 173  | 19.0                     | 198   | 266   | 23.8                      |
| EPS (₹)           | 7.6  | 7.7  | 8.4  |                          | 9.3   | 12.5  |                           |
| P/E               | 55.4 | 54.5 | 50.0 |                          | 45.2  | 33.6  |                           |
| RoNW (%)          | 12.9 | 11.5 | 11.3 |                          | 11.4  | 13.3  |                           |
| RoCE (%)          | 15.6 | 14.3 | 14.2 |                          | 14.5  | 16.5  |                           |

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# Performance highlights and outlook

- Revenue Performance: Consolidated revenue stood at of ₹257.5 crore, up 9% QoQ & 23.2% YoY.
- Geography performance: Geography wise on a QoQ basis, all the three geographies, Europe (3% of the mix), RoW (11% of the mix) and USA (86% of the mix) grew by 64%, 33% and 5% respectively
- **Segment performance**: Segment wise on a QoQ basis, CPG & Retail (18% of the mix), BFSI (14% of the mix), Industrial (6% of the mix) and Tech (62% of the mix) grew by 31%, 27%, 9% and 1% respectively.
- Margin performance: EBITDA margin for the quarter came at 21.8%, up ~40 bps QoQ, factoring in higher visa & marketing cost (~140 bps) which was partially offset by improvement in resource utilisation. PAT for the quarter stood at ₹45.7 crore, down 9.6% QoQ/ up 12.3% YoY.
- Revenue & Margin Guidance: Revenue guidance was revised marginally upwards to 19–20% vs 18-19% earlier while EBITDA margin guidance was revised to 22–23% from 23-24% earlier due to focused account initiatives and capability investments in AI CoE and Databricks which should further sustain growth and profitability. Moreover, no furloughs are expected in Q3, and company expected tailwinds from excess budgets remaining with clients to spend before the year ends.
- **GenAl/Agentic Al deal pipeline:** On GenAl front, it has US\$5.5 million in confirmed GenAl/Agentic Al revenues for the year & a further US\$7 million active pipeline.
- Attrition & Employee addition: The headcount for the quarter stood at 1,729 employees, an addition of 59 employees and attrition came at 22%, down ~100 bps QoQ.
- AI/ GenAI: The company is developing "Wiz AI", a solution for automated dashboard creation using natural language processing. The firm's new "House of AI" integrates data engineering, ML, and GenAI to solve client problems. Current focus areas include synthetic data, churn analytics, CRM-LLM integration, and an agentic AI tool optimizing multi-cloud compute and memory for efficiency and cost savings.
- **M&A:** The management remains active in pursuit of acquisitions, potentially in the data engineering space or in the AI space.

| Quarter Performance                |        |        |         |        |         |  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--|
|                                    | Q2FY26 | Q2FY25 | YoY (%) | Q1FY26 | QoQ (%) | Comments   |
| Revenue                            | 257.5  | 209.0  | 23.3    | 236.0  | 9.1     | Revenue guidance was revised marginally upwards to $19-20\% vs 18-19\%$ earlier  |
| Employee expenses                  | 167.9  | 143.3  | 17.2    | 160.0  | 5.0     |  |
| Gross Margin                       | 89.6   | 65.7   | 36.5    | 76.1   | 17.8    |  |
| Gross margin (%)                   | 34.8   | 31.4   | 337 bps | 32.2   | 257 bps |  |
| Other expenses                     | 33.5   | 20.4   | 64.2    | 25.6   | 30.7    |  |
| EBITDA                             | 56.1   | 45.3   | 24.0    | 50.4   | 11.3    |  |
| EBITDA Margin (%)                  | 21.8   | 21.7   | 13 bps  | 21.4   | 43 bps  | EBITDA margins were up ~40 bps QoQ, factoring in higher visa & marketing cost (~140 bps) which was partially offset by improvement in resource utilisation. EBITDA margin guidance was revised to 22–23% from 23-24% earlier due to focused account initiatives and capability investments in AI CoE and Databricks which should further sustain growth and profitability. |
| Depreciation & amortisation        | 10.4   | 8.8    | 17.6    | 9.6    | 8.0     |  |
| EBIT                               | 45.8   | 36.5   | 25.5    | 40.8   | 12.1    |  |
| EBIT Margin (%)                    | 17.8   | 17.4   | 32 bps  | 17.3   | 47 bps  |  |
| Other income                       | 16.0   | 21.8   | -26.9   | 21.1   | -24.5   |  |
| PBT                                | 61.7   | 58.3   | 5.9     | 62.0   | -0.4    |  |
| Tax paid                           | 16.0   | 17.6   | -9.0    | 11.4   | 40.3    |  |
| PAT                                | 45.7   | 40.7   | 12.3    | 50.6   | -9.6    |  |
| Source: Company, ICICI Direct Rese | arch   |        |         |        |         |  |
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# **Financial Summary**

| (Year-end March)             | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | (₹ Crore)         |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Total Revenues               | 641  | 848  | 1,032 | 1,288 | Profit after ta   |
| Growth (%)                   | 18.9 | 32.3 | 21.7  | 24.8  | Finance cost      |
|                              |      |      |       |       | Depreciation      |
| Employee Benefit Expense     | 434  | 561  | 680   | 844   | Others            |
| Other Expenses               | 71   | 98   | 122   | 135   | Change in work    |
| EBITDA                       | 136  | 189  | 230   | 309   | CF from opero     |
| Growth (%)                   | -6.2 | 38.8 | 21.9  | 34.3  | Other Investme    |
| Depreciation                 | 10   | 29   | 41    | 41    | (Purchase)/Sal    |
| Other Income                 | 74   | 76   | 80    | 83    | Intangible Asse   |
| Interest                     | 3    | 7    | 9     | 9     | CF from invest    |
| PBT                          | 197  | 229  | 260   | 342   | Inc / (Dec) in Eq |
| Growth (%)                   | 4.0  | 16.1 | 13.6  | 31.6  | Inc/(Dec) in bor  |
| Тах                          | 38   | 55   | 62    | 76    | Dividend & Div    |
| PAT before Exceptional Items | 159  | 173  | 198   | 266   | Interest Paid o   |
| Minority interest            | -    | -    | -     | -     | NCI               |
| PAT after exceptional items  | 159  | 173  | 198   | 266   | CF from Finan     |
| Growth (%)                   | 2.1  | 9.4  | 13.9  | 34.5  | Net change in a   |
| Diluted EPS                  | 7.7  | 8.4  | 9.3   | 12.5  | Opening cash      |
| EPS (Growth %)               | 0.7  | 9.5  | 10.5  | 34.5  | Closing cash      |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 3: Balance She    | eet   |       |       | ₹ crore |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| (Year-end March)          | FY24  | FY25  | FY26E | FY27E   |
| Equity                    | 21    | 21    | 21    | 21      |
| Reserves & Surplus        | 1,354 | 1,479 | 1,677 | 1,943   |
| Networth                  | 1,374 | 1,500 | 1,698 | 1,963   |
| Total debt                | 23.99 | 28.76 | 28.76 | 28.76   |
| Minority Interest         | -     | 37    | 37    | 37      |
| Other liabilities         | 9     | 100   | 104   | 105     |
| Source of funds           | 1,408 | 1,666 | 1,867 | 2,135   |
| Fixed assets              | 28    | 48    | 48    | 48      |
| Intangible assets         | -     | 117   | 117   | 117     |
| Goodwill                  | _     | 245   | 245   | 245     |
| Non current investments   | 329   | 430   | 430   | 430     |
| Other non current assets  | 37    | 68    | 83    | 104     |
| Current Investments       | 347   | 418   | 418   | 418     |
| Cash & Bank Balance       | 416   | 98    | 246   | 414     |
| Inventories               |       |       |       |         |
| Debtors                   | 113   | 185   | 225   | 281     |
| Other current assets      | 187   | 180   | 220   | 274     |
| Trade payables            | 10    | 20    | 24    | 30      |
| Other Current liabilities | 38    | 103   | 140   | 166     |
| Application of funds      | 1.408 | 1,666 | 1.867 | 2.135   |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 2: Cash flow statement ₹ crore |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| (₹ Crore)                              | FY24  | FY25  | FY26E | FY27E |  |  |  |
| Profit after tax                       | 159   | 173   | 198   | 266   |  |  |  |
| Finance cost                           | 3     | 7     | 9     | 9     |  |  |  |
| Depreciation                           | 10    | 29    | 41    | 41    |  |  |  |
| Others                                 | (74)  | (76)  | (80)  | (83)  |  |  |  |
| Change in working capital              | (116) | 69    | (49)  | (98)  |  |  |  |
| CF from operations                     | (18)  | 202   | 119   | 135   |  |  |  |
| Other Investments                      | (101) | (96)  | 80    | 83    |  |  |  |
| (Purchase)/Sale of FA                  | (12)  | (37)  | (41)  | (41)  |  |  |  |
| Intangible Assets                      | 0     | (117) | -     | -     |  |  |  |
| CF from investing Activities           | 122   | (285) | 39    | 42    |  |  |  |
| Inc / (Dec) in Equity Capital          | 8     | (11)  | -     | -     |  |  |  |
| Inc/(Dec) in borrowings/lease liab     | 3     | 5     | -     | -     |  |  |  |
| Dividend & Dividend tax                | -     | -     | -     | -     |  |  |  |
| Interest Paid on Loans                 | (3)   | (7)   | (9)   | (9)   |  |  |  |
| NCI                                    | -     | -     | -     | -     |  |  |  |
| CF from Financial Activities           | 8     | (13)  | (9)   | (9)   |  |  |  |
| Net change in cash                     | 111   | (95)  | 149   | 168   |  |  |  |
| Opening cash                           | 53    | 165   | 69    | 218   |  |  |  |
| Closing cash                           | 165   | 69    | 218   | 386   |  |  |  |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

| Exhibit 4: Key ratios |      |      |       |       |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| (Year-end March)      | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E |
| Per share data (₹)    |      |      |       |       |
| Diluted EPS           | 7.7  | 8.4  | 9.3   | 12.5  |
| BV                    | 66.8 | 74.4 | 81.6  | 94.1  |
| DPS                   | -    | -    | -     | -     |
| Cash Per Share        | 8.0  | 3.4  | 10.3  | 18.2  |
| Operating Ratios (%)  |      |      |       |       |
| EBITDA Margin         | 21.2 | 22.3 | 22.3  | 24.0  |
| PAT Margin            | 24.8 | 20.5 | 19.2  | 20.6  |
|                       |      |      |       |       |
| Debtor days           | 64   | 80   | 80    | 80    |
| Creditor days         | 6    | 9    | 9     | 9     |
| Return Ratios (%)     |      |      |       |       |
| RoE                   | 11.5 | 11.3 | 11.4  | 13.3  |
| RoCE                  | 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.5  | 16.5  |
| RoIC                  | 20.9 | 19.5 | 22.4  | 29.3  |
| Valuation Ratios (x)  |      |      |       |       |
| P/E                   | 54.5 | 50.0 | 45.2  | 33.6  |
| EV / EBITDA           | 58.0 | 43.1 | 34.7  | 25.3  |
| Market Cap / Sales    | 13.5 | 10.2 | 8.4   | 6.7   |
| Price to Book Value   | 6.3  | 5.6  | 5.1   | 4.5   |
| Solvency Ratios       |      |      |       |       |
| Debt/Equity           | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Debt / EBITDA         | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Current Ratio         | 5.7  | 2.8  | 2.6   | 2.7   |
| Quick Ratio           | 5.7  | 2.8  | 2.6   | 2.7   |

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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