

As a seasoned Positional Equity Trader, I have analyzed the attached report for **HCLTECH.NS** (HCL Technologies) with a focus on an intermediate-term horizon (1-4 months).

Note: The report contains simulated or future-dated data (Current Date: Jan 17, 2026). I have treated the "Current Date" and "Current Price" in the report as the "Now" for this analysis.

Step 1: Audit the Data

* Data Present:*

- * **Price Structure:** Daily charts (3-year), Candlestick patterns, and Moving Averages (EMA 20, 50, 200).
- * **Momentum Indicators:** RSI, MACD (with histogram), and Relative Strength (RS) comparisons.
- * **Volatility Tools:** Bollinger Bands and Volatility Squeeze indicators.
- * **Trend Confirmation:** Supertrend and EMA crossover signals.
- * **Volume:** Daily volume data, Volume Moving Averages, and accumulation/distribution signals.
- * **Fundamentals:** High-level Snapshot (Revenue, Net Income, ROE) and Analyst Estimates.

* Data Missing:*

- * **Fibonacci Retracements:** Specific extension levels for upside targets are not drawn.
- * **Sector Breadth:** While RS against `^CNXIT` is provided, broader sector breadth (advancers/decliners) is absent.

* **Confidence Level:** **High.** The technical deck is comprehensive, providing confluence across trend, momentum, and volume. The contradictory signals (**Bullish** trend vs. **Bearish** divergence) provide a realistic trading scenario to evaluate.

Step 2: Analyze the Setup

1. Trend Structure (Bullish**):**

- * **Alignment:** The stock is in a confirmed **Strong Uptrend**. Price (1698) > EMA 20 (1644) > EMA 50 (1617) > EMA 200 (1567). The "Golden Cross" occurred in Dec 2025, providing strong structural support.
- * **Supertrend:** The daily Supertrend (1589.54) is in a "Buy" status, acting as a trailing stop floor.

2. Momentum & Volatility (High Energy):

- * **Bollinger Bands:** The price (1698) has closed above the Upper Band (1693). This indicates a volatility breakout (confirmed by the "Squeeze" signals on Page 15). While bullish, trading *outside* the bands suggests the stock is temporarily overextended and may revert to the mean (the EMA 20) shortly.
- * **MACD:** The MACD is bullish with a rising histogram, indicating strengthening momentum.
- * **RSI:** At 66.80, RSI is bullish but entering the "caution" zone (70+). It has room for a final push but is not at a bargain level.
- * **Divergence Warning:** Page 12 notes a **Bearish Divergence** detected on 2026-01-16 (yesterday in report time). This suggests price made a new high while momentum did not, increasing the risk of a short-term pullback.

3. Volume & Relative Strength:

- * **Volume:** Current volume (3.09M) is notably higher than the 20-day average (2.27M), confirming institutional participation in the recent move.
- * **Relative Strength:** The RS Score is 52 (Weakening Leader), which is mediocre. However, the short-term RS (1M, 3M, 6M) are all marked as "Leader" (Green), indicating the stock has recently started outperforming the IT index.

Confluence:

The setup is a **Volatility Breakout in a Strong Uptrend**. The strong volume and EMA alignment outweigh the RS score. The primary risk is the "overextended" status (Price > Upper BB) and the

bearish divergence, which implies entry timing is critical.

Step 3: Formulate the Recommendation

****Verdict:**** YES.

The structural trend is too strong to bet against. However, because the price is currently outside the upper Bollinger Band and showing a divergence warning, the entry strategy must allow for a slight pullback or use a wider stop to survive volatility.

****Trade Plan:****

* ****Entry Price:**** INR 1680 - INR 1698 (Current Market Price)**

* ***Note:** Ideally, look for an intraday dip closer to INR 1680 to improve Risk:Reward, but the breakout momentum warrants an entry here to ensure you don't miss the run.

* **Stop Loss:**** INR 1580 (Daily Close)**

* ***Rationale:** This places the stop just below the Supertrend support (1589) and well below the EMA 50 (1617). If these levels break, the intermediate uptrend is invalidated. (Risk: ~6.9%).

* **Take Profit:**** INR 1870 - INR 1950**

* ***Rationale:**

* ****Target 1 (INR 1870):**** ~10% Upside. This captures the immediate breakout momentum.

* ****Target 2 (INR 1950):**** ~15% Upside. This assumes a trend continuation into blue-sky territory over the next 3-4 months.

****Risk Management Note:****

Since the stop loss is slightly wide (~7%), adjust position sizing accordingly. If the stock pulls back to the EMA 20 (INR 1644) immediately after entry, view this as a healthy retest rather than a failure, provided it does not close below the EMA 50.

News & Analyst Targets

Current market data and analyst reports from the week ending January 17, 2026, provide the following update on HCL Technologies (HCLTECH).

1) Latest News for HCLTECH This Week

The primary news driver this week was the release of the company's Q3 FY26 financial results and subsequent strategic announcements.

* ****Q3 FY26 Earnings:**** HCLTech reported revenue of ****\$3.79 billion****, up ****4.8% YoY**** in constant currency, crossing the ****\$15 billion annualized revenue milestone****. However, net profit declined ****~11% YoY** to INR 4,076 crore, primarily due to a one-time impact (approx. INR 956 crore) related to provisions for new labor codes.

* ****Guidance Raised:**** The company raised its full-year services revenue growth guidance to ****4.75% - 5.25%**** in constant currency (up from the previous 3-5% range), signaling confidence in its business momentum.

* ****Dividend Declared:**** The board declared an interim dividend of ****INR 12 per share****. The record date was set for January 16/17, 2026.

* ****Strong Bookings:**** New deal wins (TCV) were robust at ****\$3 billion****, a ****43% YoY increase****, driven largely by demand for AI-powered solutions and engineering services.

2) Brokerage Upgrades & Downgrades

The analyst community is divided. While many raised their price targets acknowledging the revenue beat and strong guidance, several downgraded their **ratings** due to valuation concerns after the stock's recent rally.

* ****Downgrades (Rating):****

* ****CLSA:**** Downgraded from 'Outperform' to ****Hold**** (Target: INR 1,692).

- * **Nirmal Bang:** Downgraded from 'Buy' to **Hold** (Target: INR 1,789).
- * **Elara Securities:** Downgraded from 'Reduce' to **Sell** (Target: INR 1,500).
- * **IDBI Capital:** Downgraded from 'Buy' to **Hold** (Target: INR 1,725).
- * **Dolat Capital:** Downgraded to **Reduce**.

Upgrades (Price Targets):

Despite the rating downgrades, most brokerages **raised their price targets**. For instance, **Morgan Stanley**, **Citi**, **Kotak Institutional Equities**, and **Motilal Oswal** all increased their targets, citing improved visibility for FY27 and strong execution.

3) Other Impactful News

- * **AI Focus at Davos:** HCLTech is showcasing its "Physical AI" and "AI Lounge" capabilities at the **World Economic Forum (WEF) 2026** in Davos this week, positioning itself as a leader in industrial AI applications.
- * **Talent Strategy:** Reports indicate HCLTech has hiked salaries for "elite" freshers with specialized AI and digital skills for its 2026 hiring cohort, contrasting with a broader industry trend of cautious hiring.
- * **Stock Performance:** Following the results, the stock saw mixed reactions, trading around the **INR 1,698** level as the market digested the profit miss against the revenue beat.

4) Analyst Targets for HCLTECH (January 2026)

The following table summarizes the latest ratings and price targets from major brokerages following the Q3 FY26 results.

Brokerage Firm	Rating	Target Price (INR)	Sentiment / Key Note
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Motilal Oswal	Buy	2,200	Bullish on FY27 growth; top pick in large-cap IT.
Prabhudas Lilladher	Buy	1,910	Raised target; sees strong execution continuing.
Jefferies	Buy	1,850	Remains positive on growth outlook.
HSBC	Hold	1,815	Maintained Hold; raised target slightly.
Nomura	Buy	1,810	Positive on guidance raise and deal wins.
Nirmal Bang	Hold	1,789	Downgraded rating on valuation concerns.
Morgan Stanley	Equal Weight	1,760	Raised target; initiated "Tactical Buy" in some notes.
IDBI Capital	Hold	1,725	Downgraded rating; sees limited near-term upside.
Citi	Neutral	1,700	Raised target; cautious on broader sector valuation.
CLSA	Hold	1,692	Downgraded rating; cites seasonal weakness in Q4.
Kotak Equities	Reduce	1,680	Raised target significantly but valuations remain rich.
Elara Securities	Sell	1,500	Downgraded rating; valuation seen as "full".

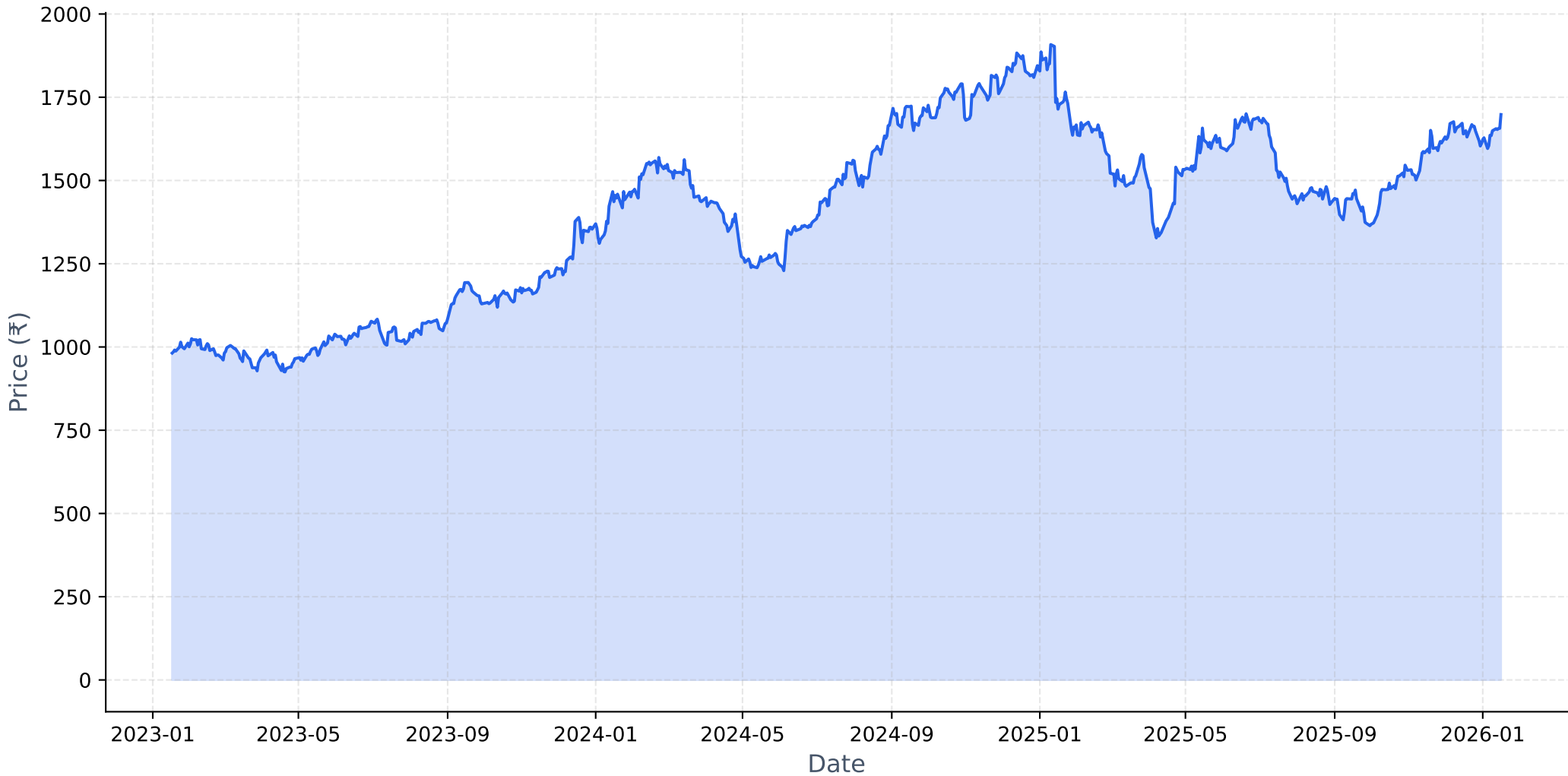
Stock Detailed Analysis Report

HCLTECH.NS

Current Price: ₹1698.00

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HCLTECH.NS - 3 Year Daily Price Chart



Long-term Fundamental Analysis (4 Years)

Metric	Is Growing?	Accelerating?	1Y Growth	3Y CAGR
Revenue	Yes	No	6.50%	10.97%
Net Income	Yes	Yes	10.75%	8.81%
ROE	Yes	Yes	8.54%	4.62%
EPS	Yes	Yes	10.64%	8.83%

Short-term Fundamental Analysis (6 Quarters)

Metric	Is Growing?	Recent QoQ	Avg QoQ
Revenue	Yes	0.34%	1.70%
Net Income	No	-10.77%	-2.85%
ROE	Yes	0.56%	0.56%
EPS	Yes	8.45%	8.45%

HCLTECH.NS - Relative Strength Analysis

== OVERVIEW ==:

Benchmark Index:	^CNXIT
Sector:	IT
Classification:	Weakening Leader
RS Score:	52.0/100

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== RS RATIOS ==:

1M RS:	1.011 [Leader]
3M RS:	1.030 [Leader]
6M RS:	1.061 [Leader]
1Y RS:	1.086 [Leader]

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== TURNAROUND ANALYSIS ==:

Turnaround Status:	Not Detected
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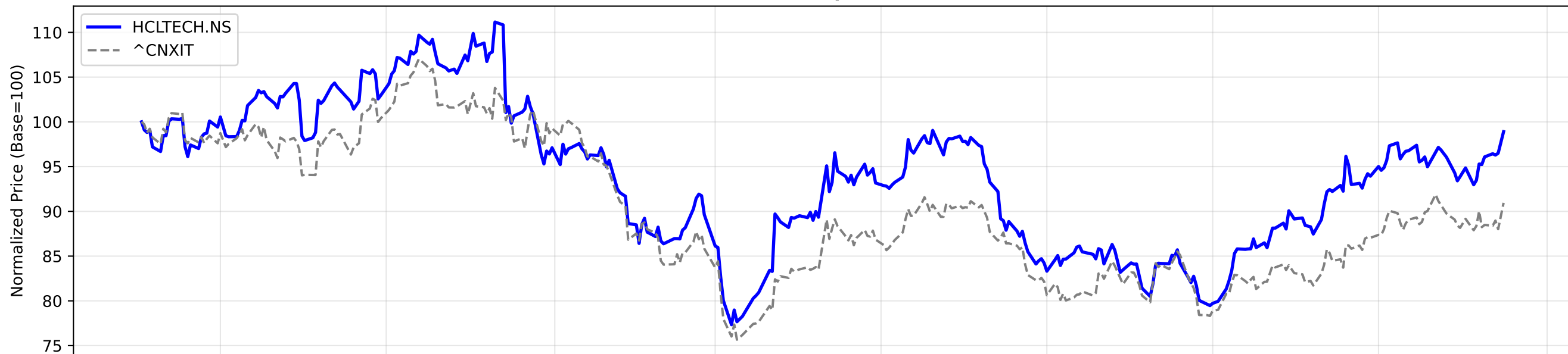
SIGNAL CRITERIA::

✗ Emerging RS:	Not accelerating
✗ Medium-term Lagging:	Not lagging
✓ Performance Improving:	3M (+15.3%) > 6M (+10.9%)

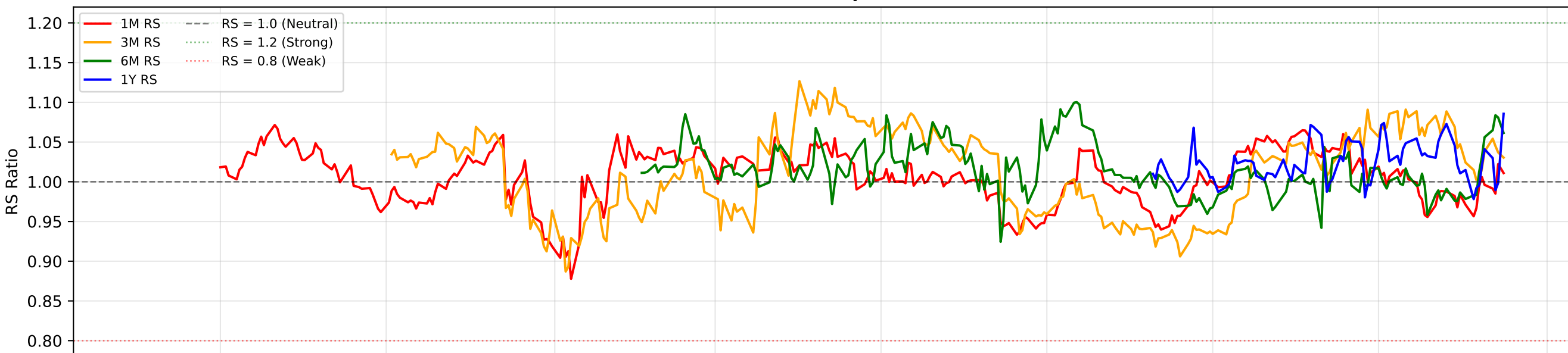
Relative Strength Analysis: HCLTECH.NS vs ^CNXIT

Classification: Weakening Leader

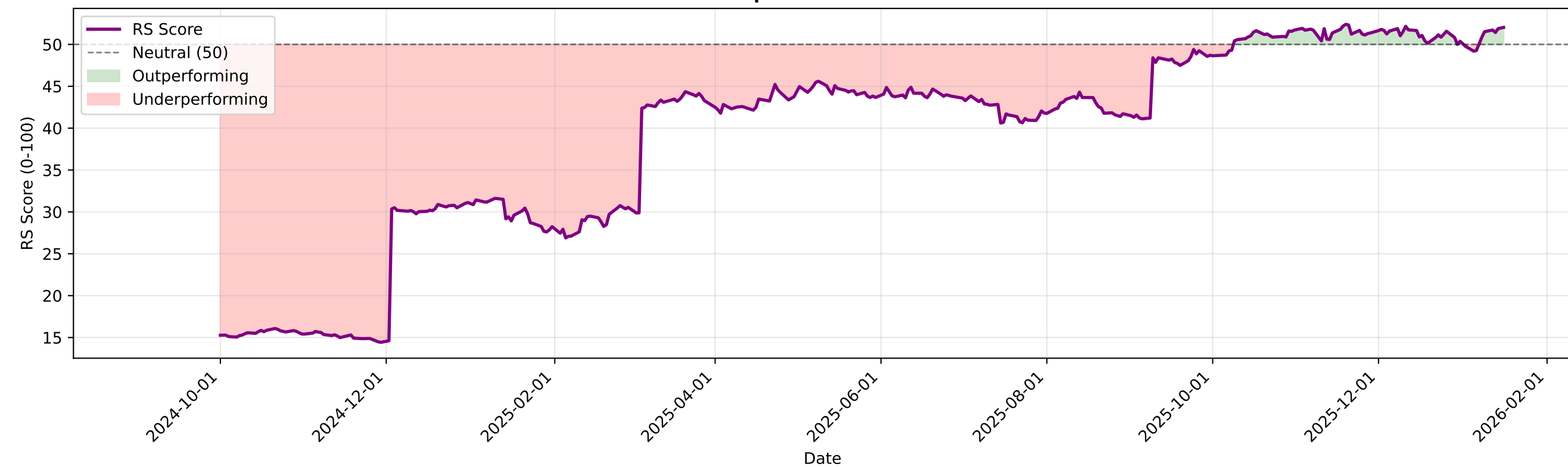
Price Performance Comparison (Normalized)



RS Ratio Trends (Multiple Timeframes)



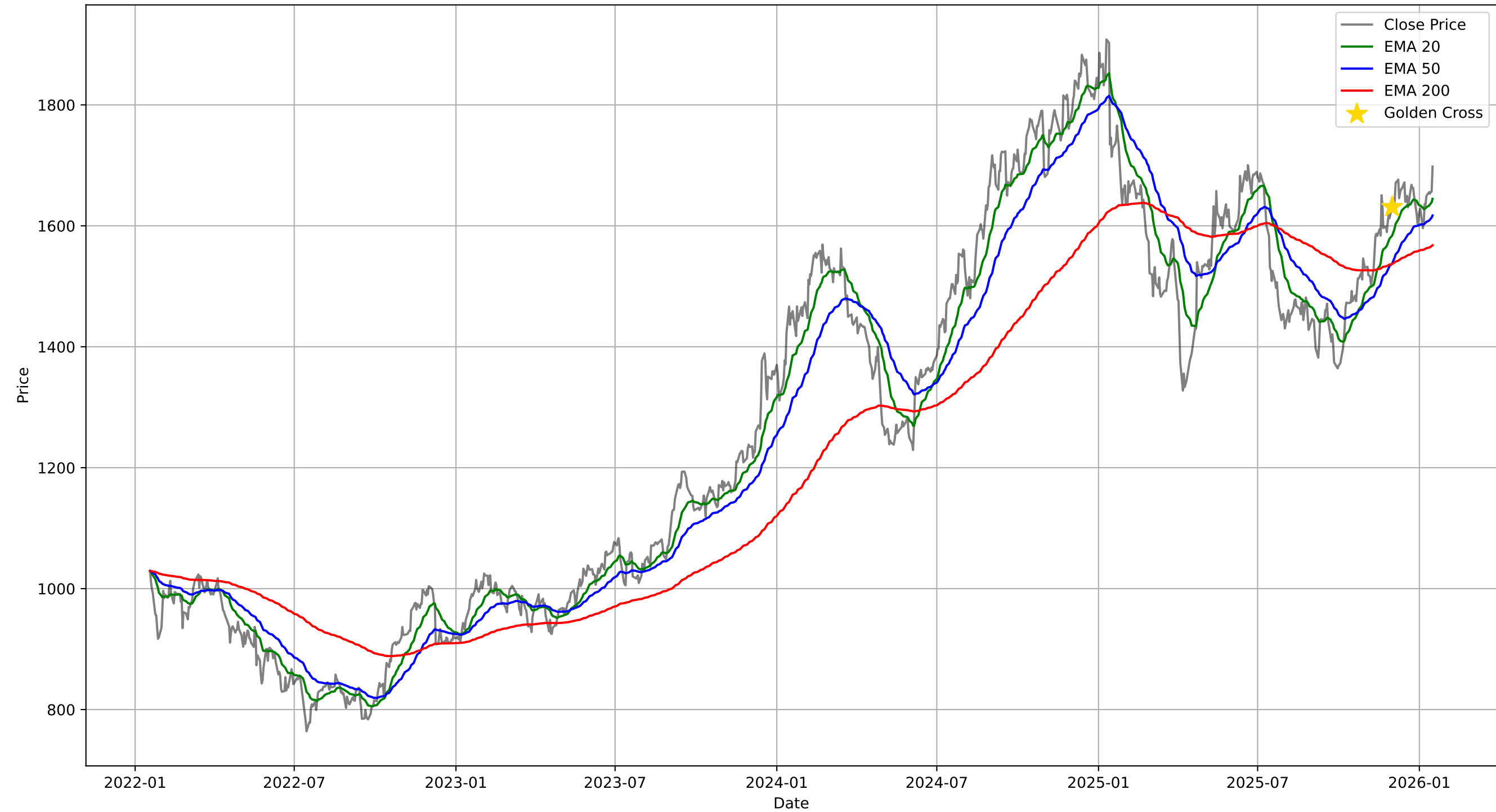
RS Composite Score Timeline



HCLTECH.NS - EMA Crossover Summary

EMA 20:	1644.63
EMA 50:	1617.07
EMA 200:	1567.88
Trend Status:	Strong Uptrend
Golden Cross Date:	2025-12-01 00:00:00+05:30
Golden Cross Price:	1631.08

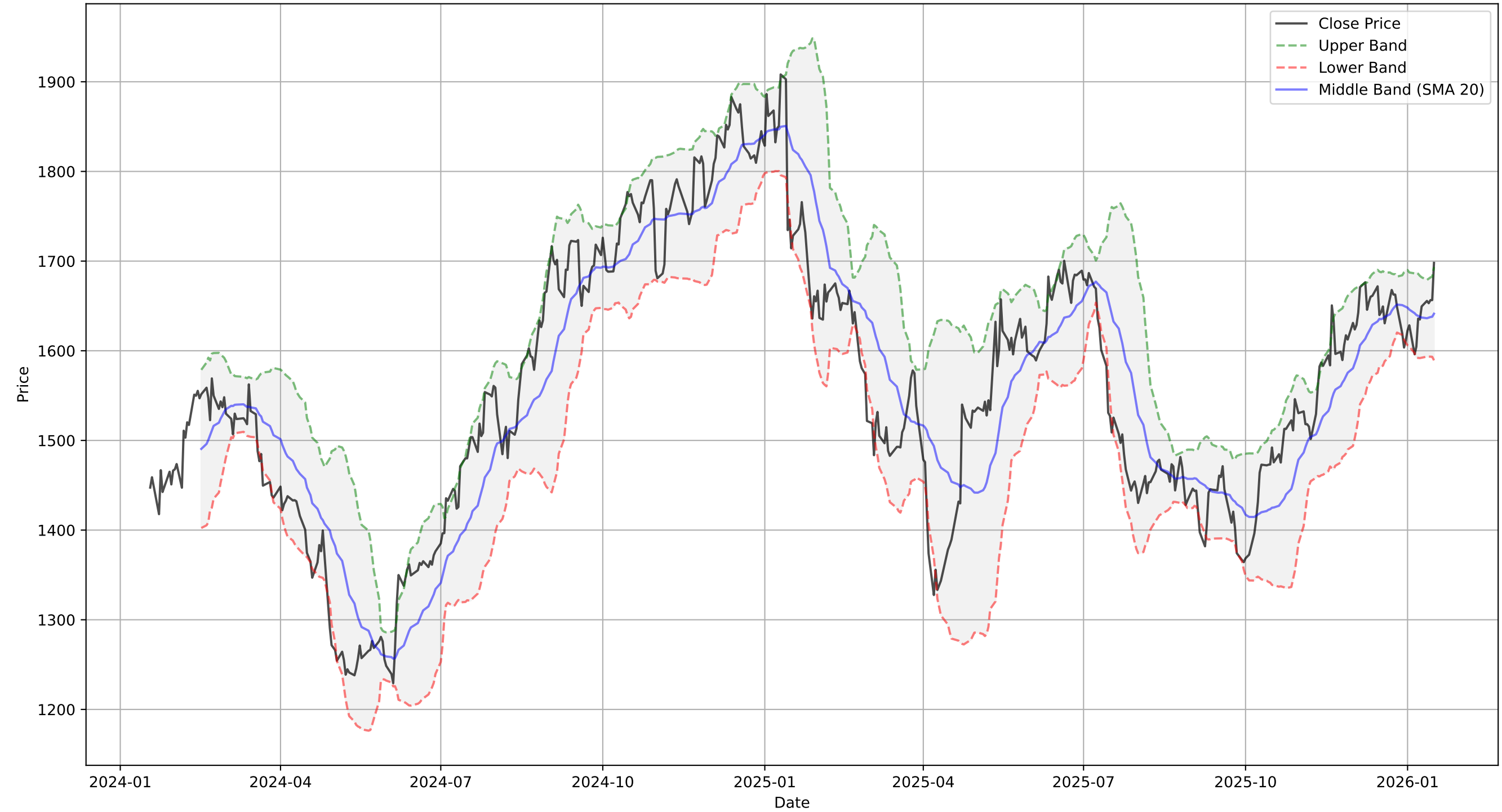
HCLTECH.NS EMA Crossover Analysis



HCLTECH.NS - Bollinger Bands Summary

Current Price:	1698.00
Upper Band:	1693.26
Middle Band (SMA 20):	1641.32
Lower Band:	1589.37
%B:	1.0456
Band Width:	0.0633
Status:	Above Upper Band
Signal:	None

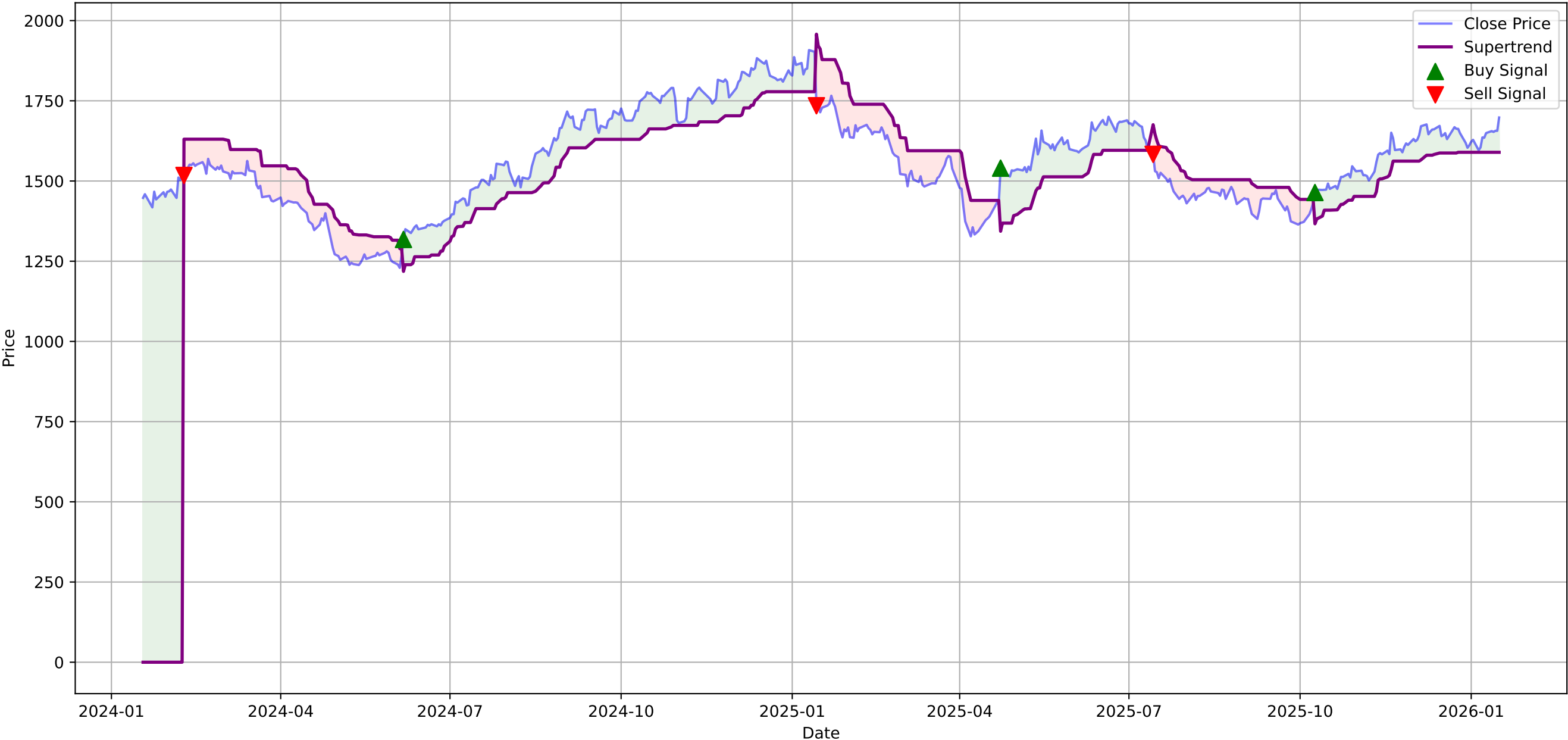
HCLTECH.NS Bollinger Bands (20, 2) Analysis



HCLTECH.NS - Supertrend Summary

Status:	UPTREND (Buy)
Supertrend Value:	1589.54
Signal Identified On:	2025-10-09

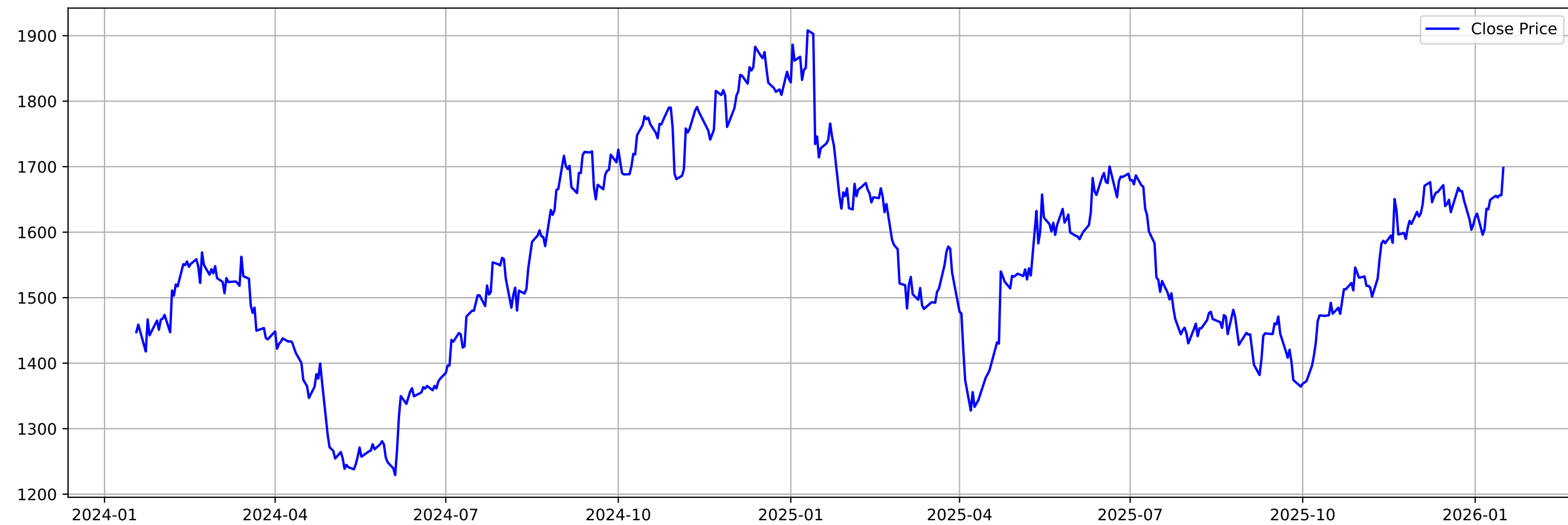
Supertrend Analysis for HCLTECH.NS (Period: 14, Multiplier: 3.0, Interval: 1d)



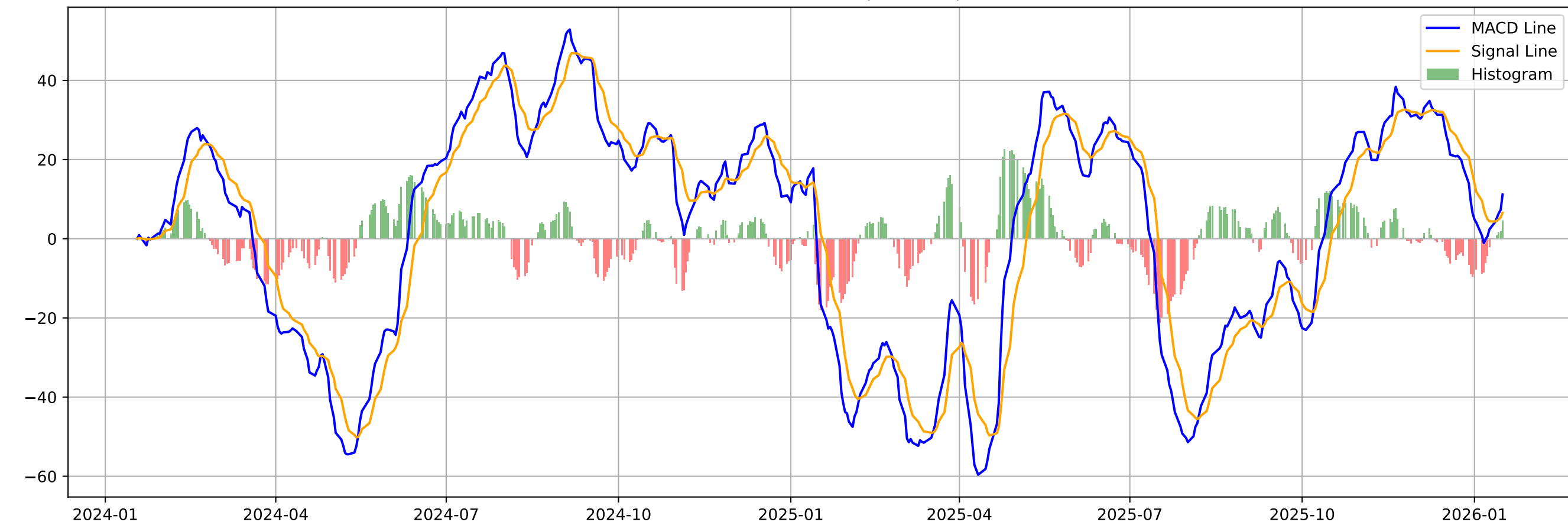
HCLTECH.NS - MACD Summary

MACD Line:	11.16
Signal Line:	6.56
Histogram:	4.60
Trend:	Bullish
Momentum:	Strengthening
Signal:	None
Divergences Detected:	1
└ Bearish Divergence:	Date: 2026-01-16 00:00:00+05:30, Price: 1698.00

HCLTECH.NS Price



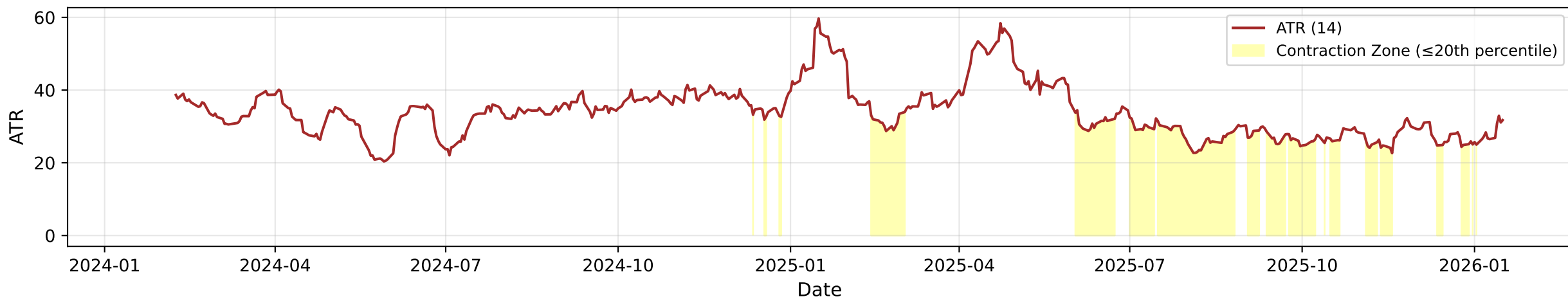
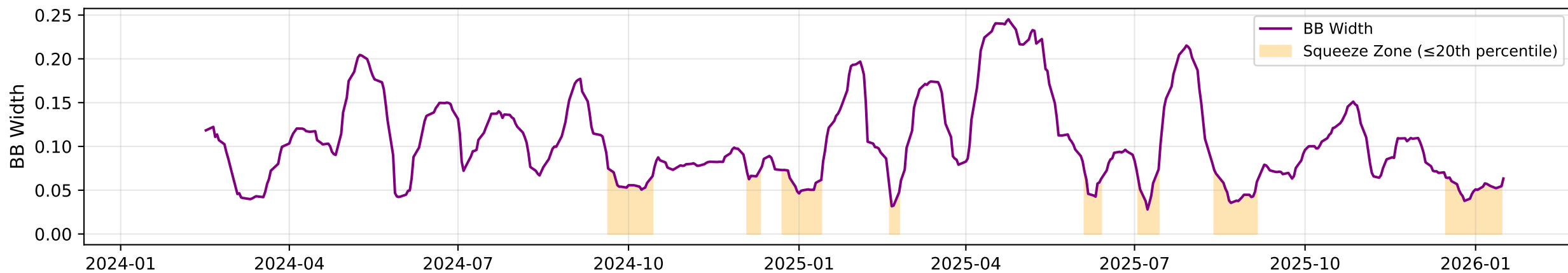
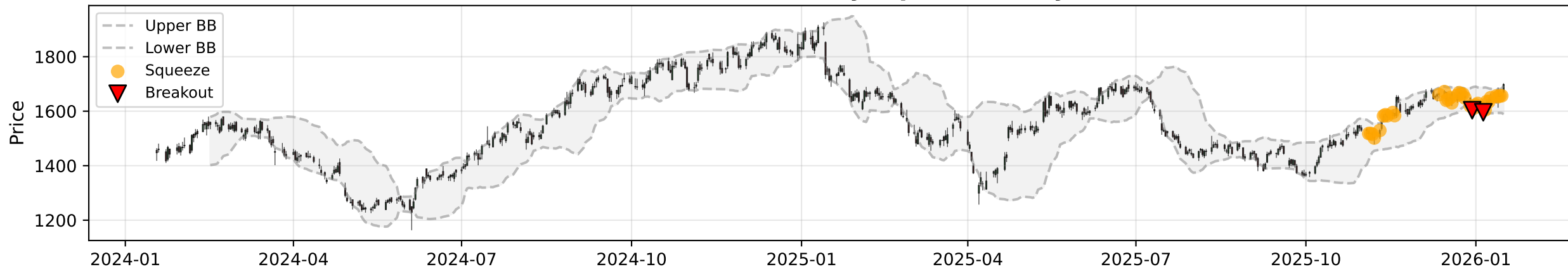
HCLTECH.NS MACD (12, 26, 9)



HCLTECH.NS - Volatility Squeeze Summary

BB Width:	0.0633
ATR:	31.7359
Total Signals:	35
Signal 1:	BB Squeeze at 2026-01-09 00:00:00+05:30 (Price: 1649.45)
Signal 2:	BB Squeeze at 2026-01-12 00:00:00+05:30 (Price: 1655.61)
Signal 3:	BB Squeeze at 2026-01-13 00:00:00+05:30 (Price: 1653.03)
Signal 4:	BB Squeeze at 2026-01-14 00:00:00+05:30 (Price: 1656.50)
Signal 5:	BB Squeeze at 2026-01-15 00:00:00+05:30 (Price: 1656.50)

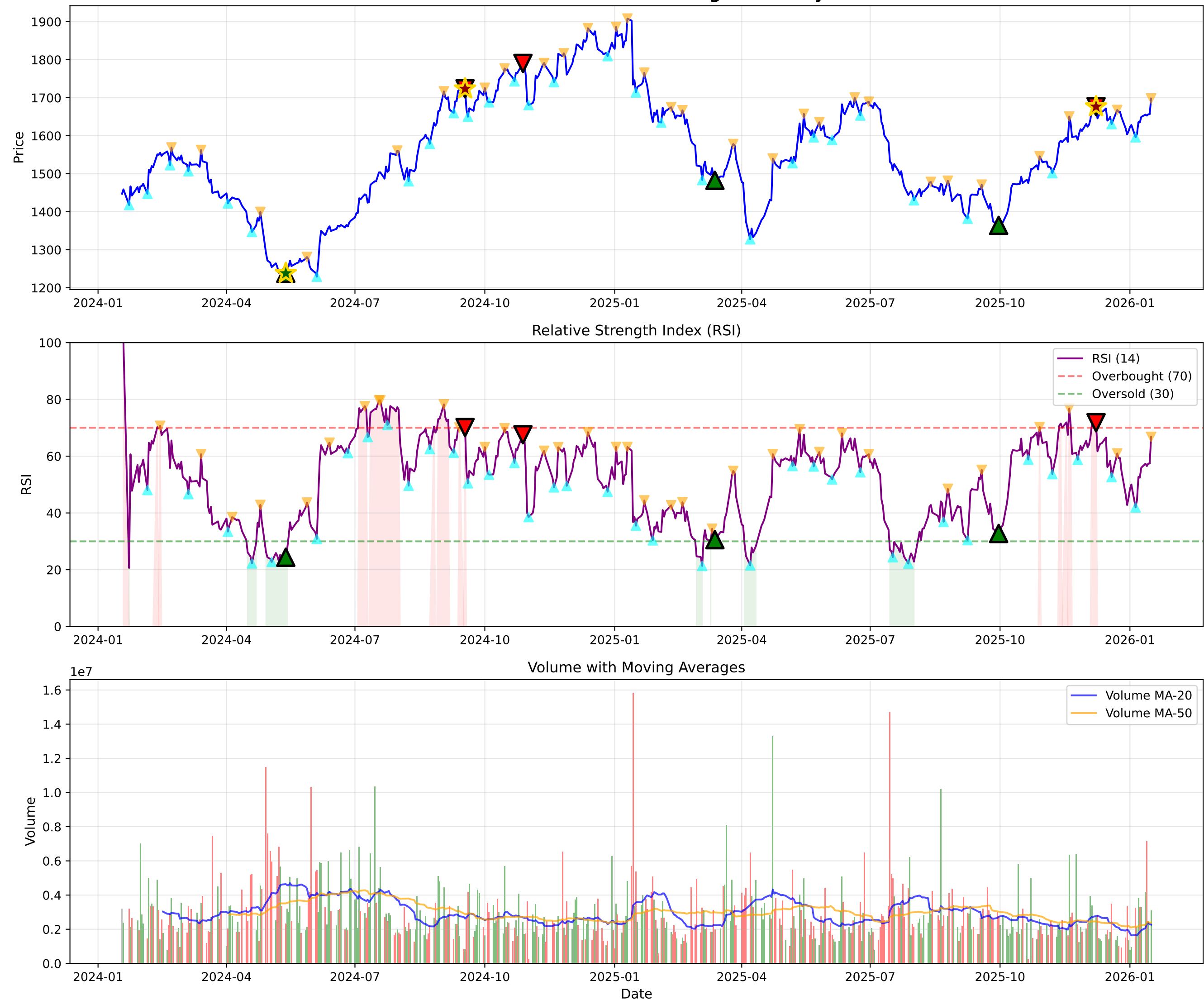
HCLTECH.NS - Volatility Squeeze Analysis



HCLTECH.NS - RSI-Volume Summary

Current RSI:	66.80
Current Volume:	3098089
Volume MA 20:	2270235
Bullish Divergences:	3
Bearish Divergences:	3
Bullish Div 1:	Date: 2025-03-13 00:00:00+05:30, Price: 1482.79
Bullish Div 2:	Date: 2025-09-30 00:00:00+05:30, Price: 1364.25
Bearish Div 1:	Date: 2024-10-28 00:00:00+05:30, Price: 1790.21
Bearish Div 2:	Date: 2025-12-08 00:00:00+05:30, Price: 1676.46

HCLTECH.NS RSI-Volume Divergence Analysis



HCLTECH.NS - Volume Analysis

== VOLUME ANALYSIS ==:

Status:

140 Signals Detected

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2025-12-30 [-]:

Distribution Day

2026-01-05 [+]:

Selling Exhaustion (Bullish Div)

2026-01-08 [-]:

Distribution Day

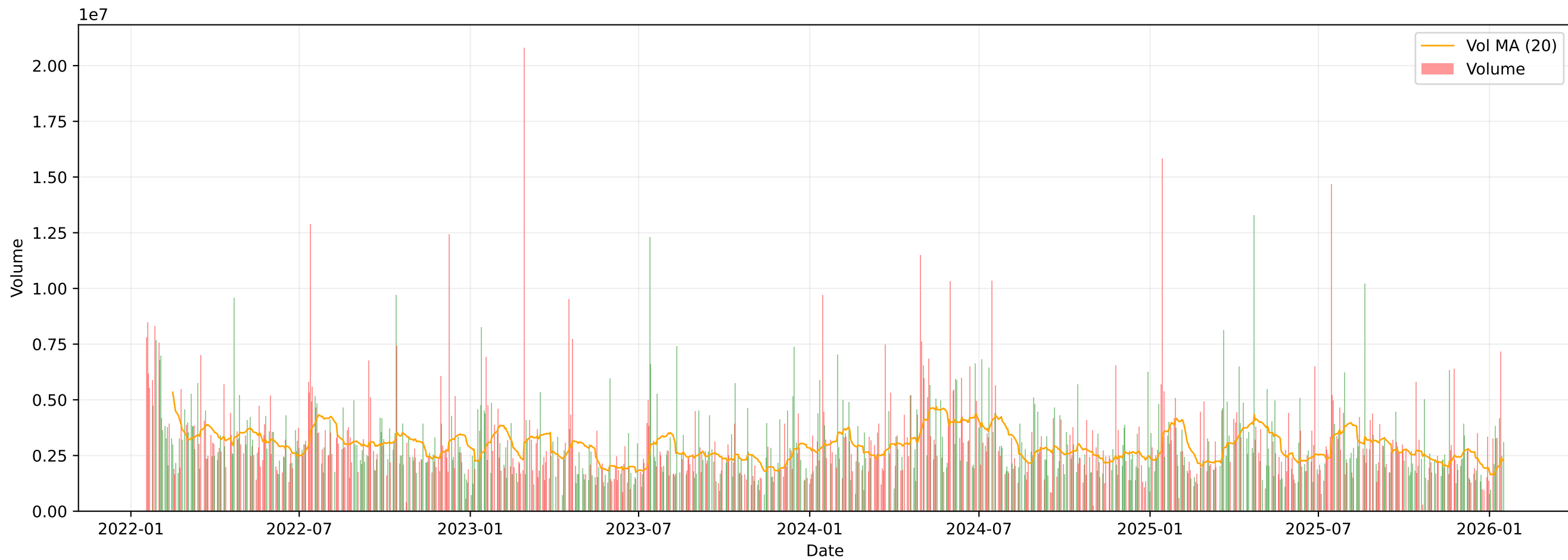
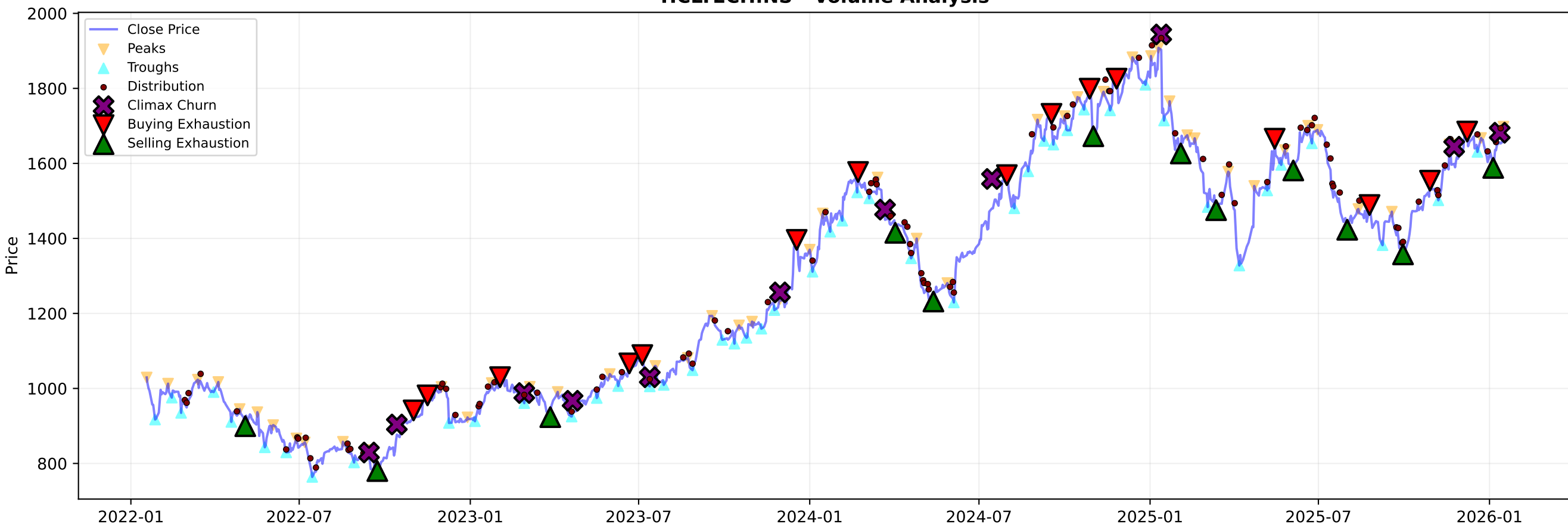
2026-01-12 [-]:

Climax Volume (Churning)

2026-01-13 [-]:

Distribution Day

HCLTECH.NS - Volume Analysis



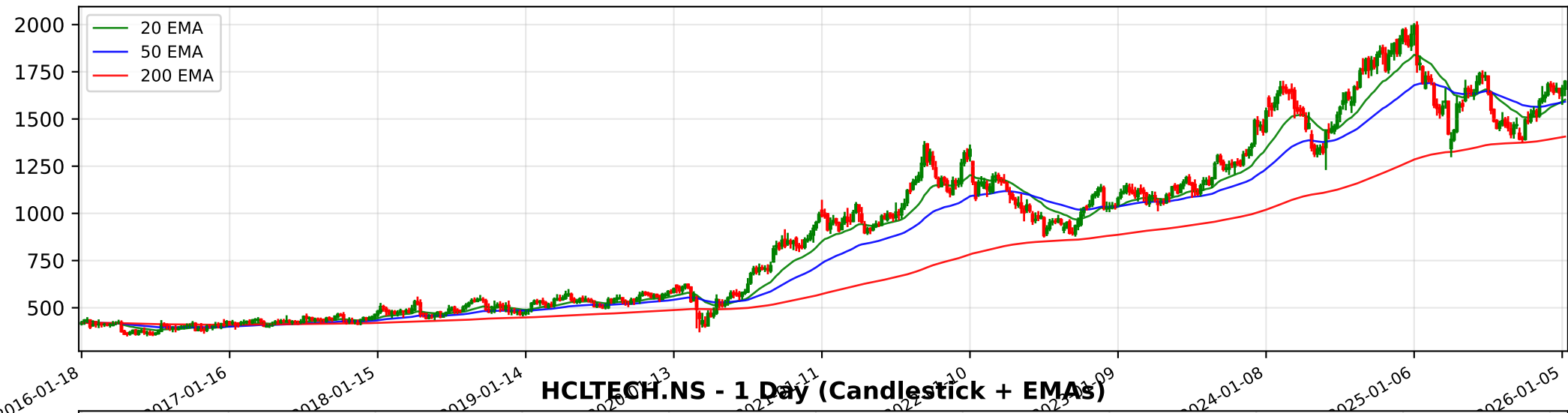
Multi-Timeframe Supertrend Analysis

Timeframe	Status	Value	Last Price	Signal Date
1 Week	UPTREND (Buy)	1544.91	1698.0	2025-10-20
1 Day	UPTREND (Buy)	1601.05	1698.0	2025-10-09
15 Min	UPTREND (Buy)	1681.94	1698.0	2026-01-13

Multi-Timeframe MACD Analysis

Timeframe	Trend	Momentum	Signal
1 Week	Bullish	Weakening	No Signal
1 Day	Bullish	Strengthening	No Signal
15 Min	Bearish	Weakening	No Signal

HCLTECH.NS - 1 Week (Candlestick + EMAs)



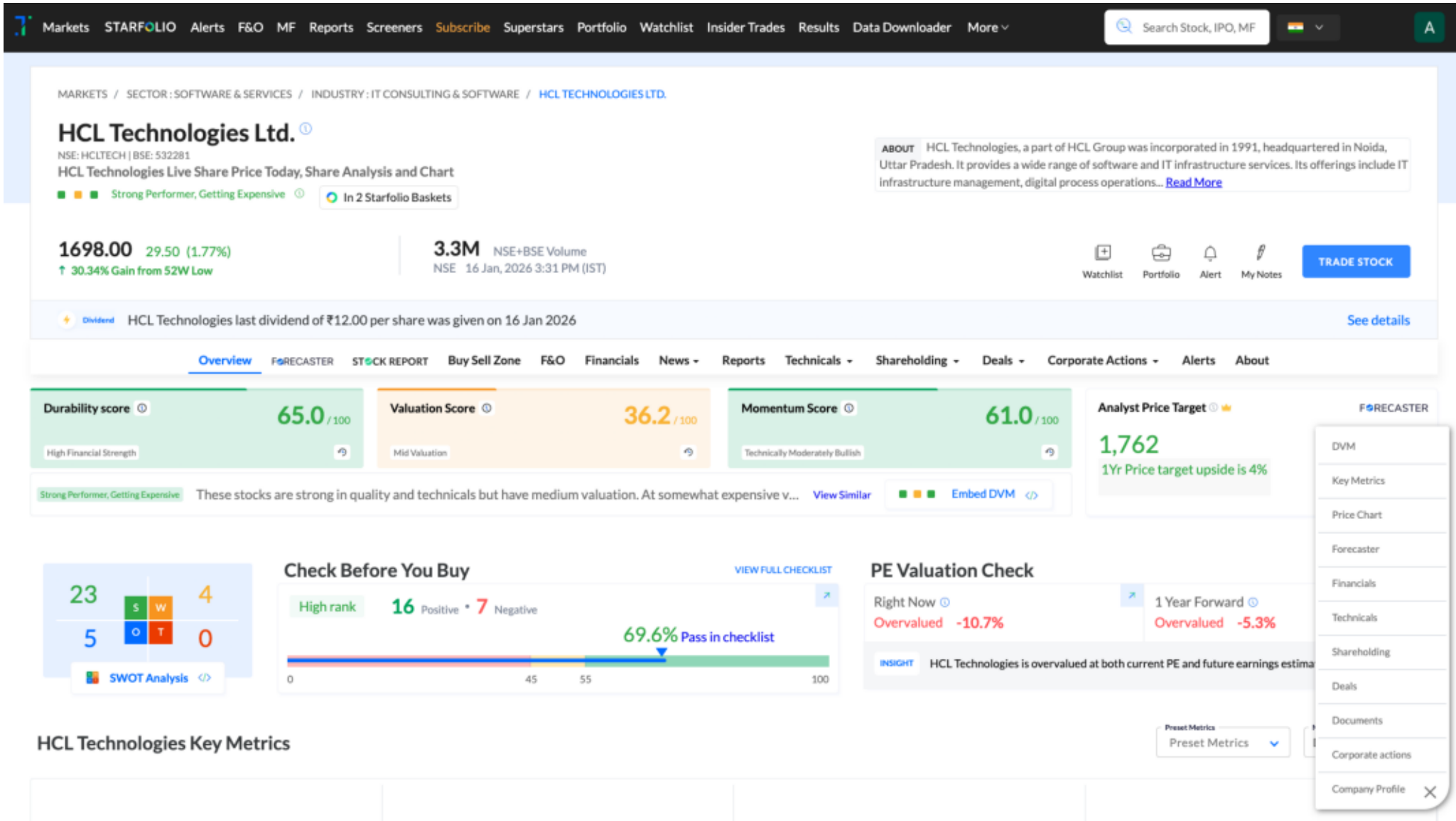
HCLTECH.NS - 1 Day (Candlestick + EMAs)



HCLTECH.NS - 15 Min (Candlestick + EMAs)



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29.50 (1.77%)

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3.3M

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HCL Technologies last dividend of ₹12.00 per share was given on 16 Jan 2026

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