

Reliance Industries Limited

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Strong Buy

Executive Summary

Reliance Industries Limited (RELIANCE) is positioned as a Strong Buy with a 12-month median target price of ₹1,700, representing a potential upside of approximately 24% from current levels. The investment thesis is centered on the conglomerate's successful transformation from an energy-heavy cyclical entity into a consumer-centric technology powerhouse. With Jio Platforms and Reliance Retail now contributing nearly 50% of consolidated EBITDA, RIL has built a resilient earnings profile that effectively hedges against the volatility inherent in the traditional Oil-to-Chemicals (O2C) segment. The maturing 5G and Retail investment cycles are now yielding record Free Cash Flow growth, marking a pivotal shift from the 'build' to the 'monetize' phase. Key catalysts for FY2026 include the highly anticipated IPO of Jio Platforms and the commissioning of New Energy giga-factories in Jamnagar. While near-term margin pressures in Retail due to quick commerce competition and technical stock consolidation post-Q3 FY26 earnings are present, the company's robust balance sheet and gold-standard governance metrics—highlighted by zero promoter pledging—underpin its premium valuation. We believe the current market price offers a strategic entry point for investors seeking exposure to India's digital and green energy transition.

Key Metrics

₹18.76T

Market Capitalization

₹10.71L Cr

FY25 Revenue

₹1,700

Target Price (Median)

0.41x

Debt-to-Equity Ratio

0.00%

Promoter Pledge

+556%

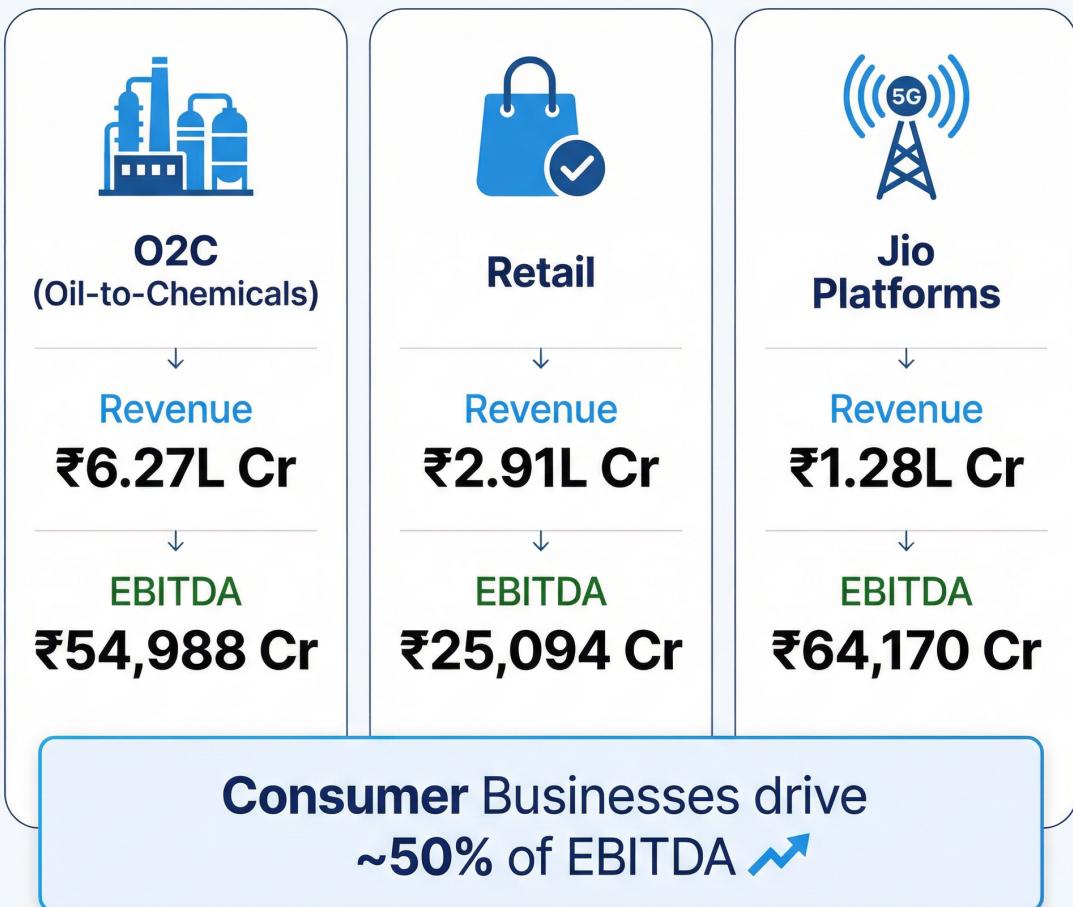
FCF Growth (FY25)

Company Overview

Reliance Industries Limited is India's largest private sector corporation and a global Fortune 500 company. Historically anchored in energy and petrochemicals, the group has executed a decade-long strategic pivot to establish market dominance in Digital Services (Jio) and Retail. Today, Reliance operates as a synergistic conglomerate, leveraging its massive physical and digital footprint to capture a larger share of the Indian consumer wallet while simultaneously building a future-ready 'New Energy' ecosystem focused on solar, battery, and green hydrogen manufacturing.

The operational structure of Reliance has evolved significantly, as shown in the segmental revenue and EBITDA breakdown for FY 2025.

Reliance Industries: Segmental Performance FY25



The visual confirms that while O2C remains the largest revenue contributor, the consumer businesses (Jio and Retail) now drive approximately half of the group's total EBITDA, providing higher-quality, recurring earnings.

Reliance's market leadership is supported by a robust governance profile and high levels of institutional trust, detailed in the scorecard below.

Governance & Institutional Profile (2025-2026)

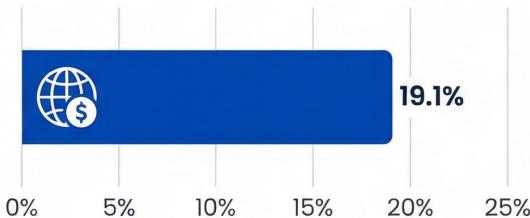


Institutional Holdings

DII: 20.3%



FII: 19.1%

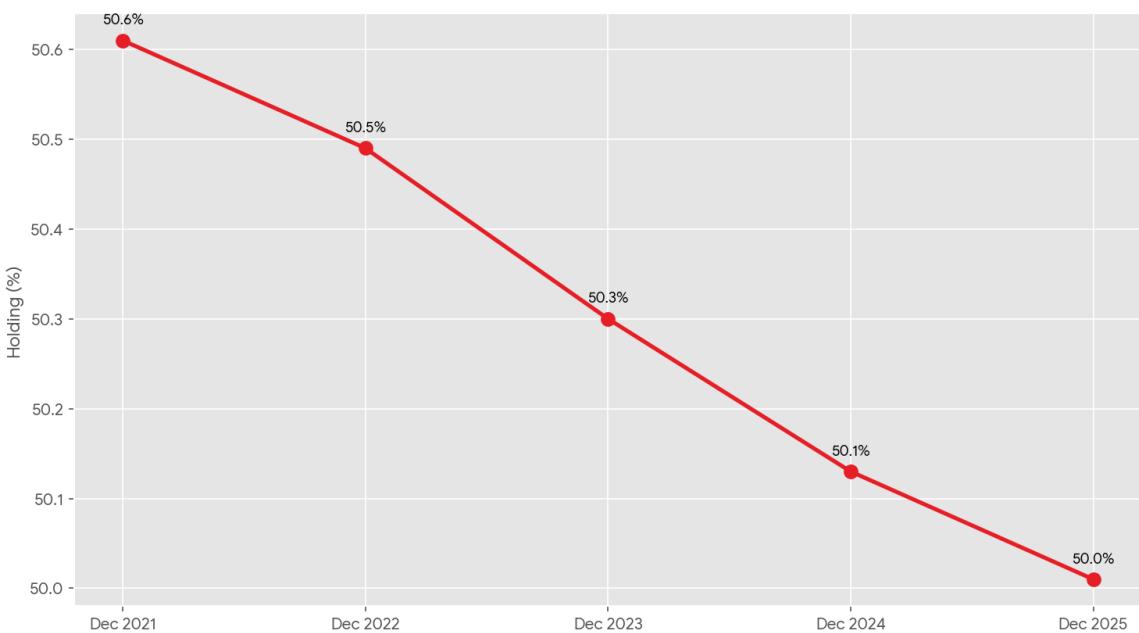


The upgrade to an 'A-' rating by S&P and the 0% promoter pledge status highlight a low-risk financial profile that justifies a valuation premium over domestic peers.

Promoter holding stability is a key metric for evaluating long-term alignment between the Ambani family and minority shareholders.

Promoter Group Shareholding Trend

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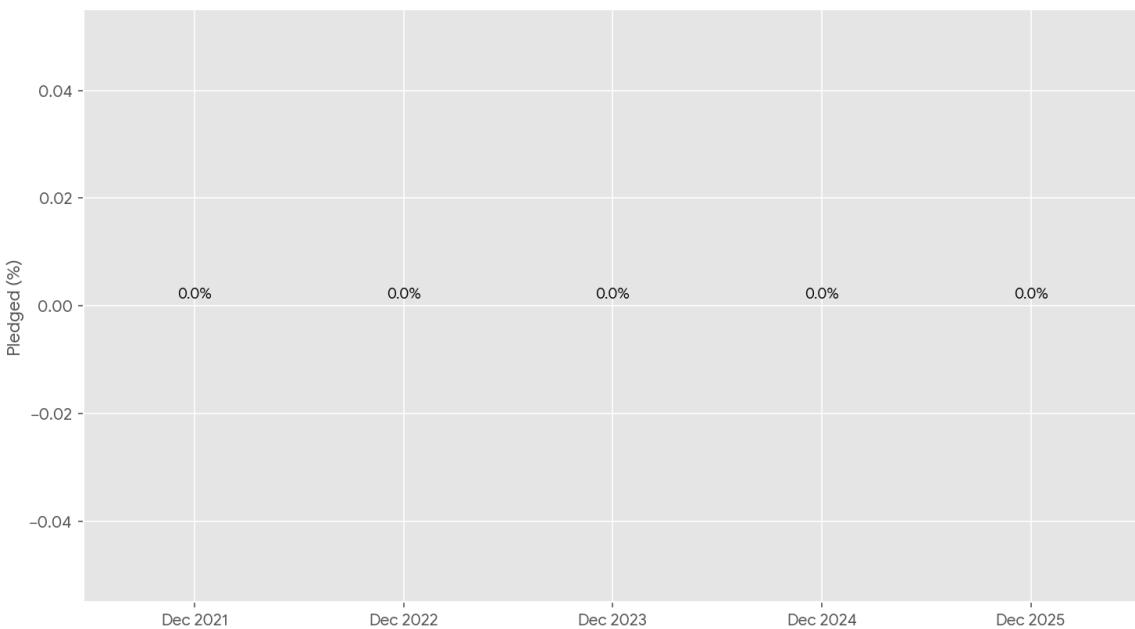


The maintenance of a steady 50%+ stake despite massive capital expansions demonstrates the promoter group's confidence in the firm's long-term value creation trajectory.

In the Indian market, promoter share pledging is often a red flag; however, Reliance maintains a distinct profile in this regard.

Promoter Share Pledging Trend

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The consistent 0.00% pledging level across the five-year trend reflects the promoter group's immense personal liquidity and commitment to high corporate governance standards.

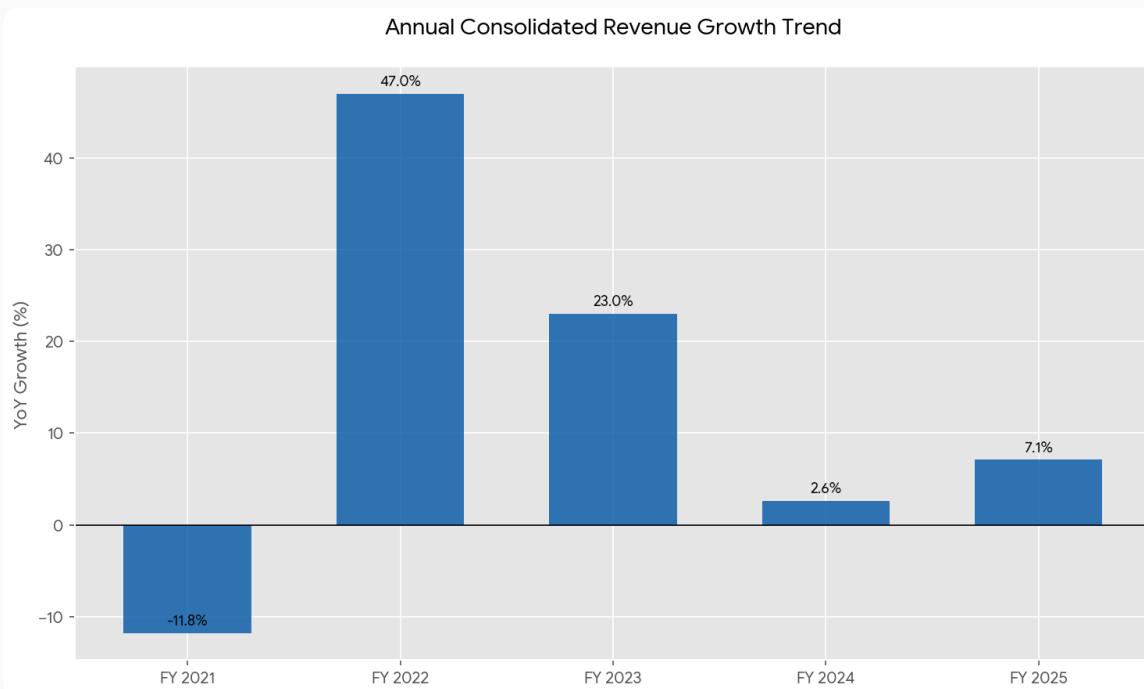
Reliance's structural pivot is now largely complete, moving the conglomerate from a capital-heavy industrial player to a platform-based entity. This evolution has not only diversified its revenue streams but also improved its credit standing and governance perception among global institutional investors.

Financial Performance

The financial performance of Reliance over the last five years reflects a massive scale-up in assets and a subsequent transition toward earnings monetization. Despite global energy volatility and the heavy expenditure required for a pan-India 5G rollout, the group has maintained margin stability and an improving cash flow profile.

The annual consolidated revenue growth illustrates the rebound from pandemic-era lows and the subsequent scaling of new business verticals.

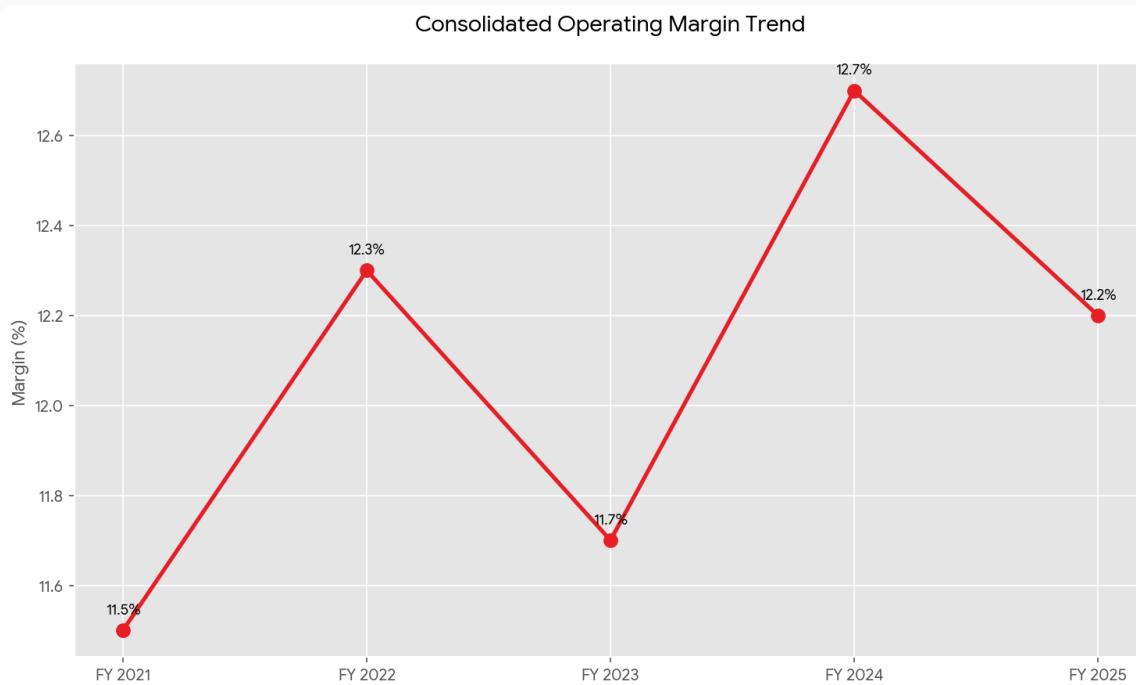
Annual Consolidated Revenue Growth Trend



The 7.1% growth in FY2025, reaching over ₹10.7 lakh crore, demonstrates that RIL can maintain growth even as its commodity-driven O2C segment faces global margin headwinds.

Consolidated operating margins provide a view of the group's efficiency in managing input costs across its diverse business lines.

Consolidated Operating Margin Trend

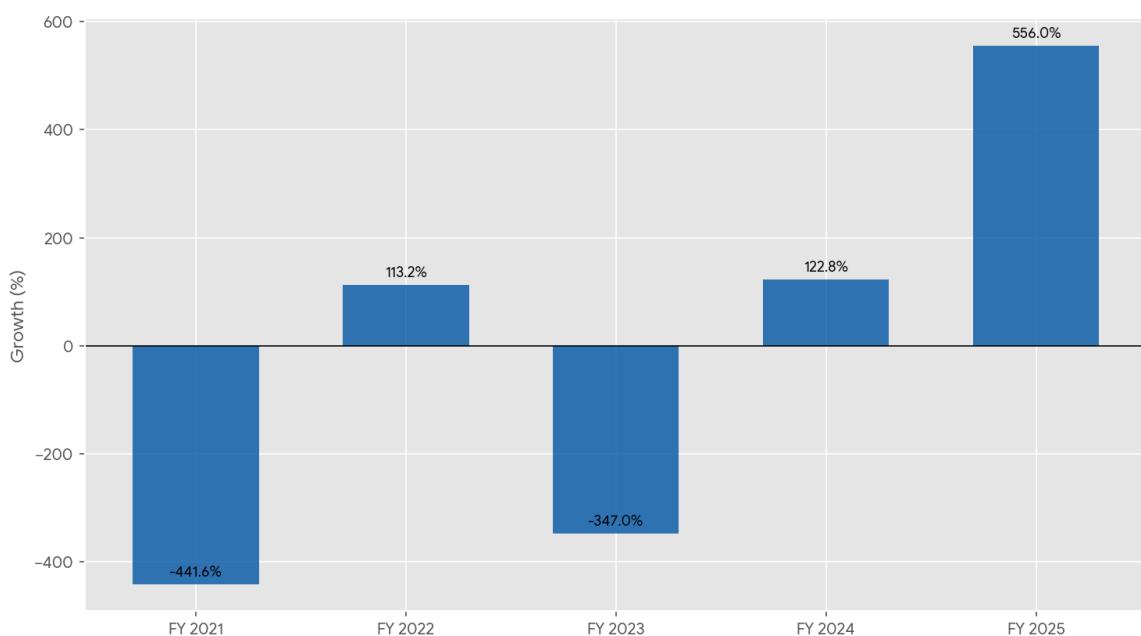


The stability of the margin in the 11-13% range is a testament to high-margin digital earnings from Jio offsetting the cyclical margin compression in the petrochemical sector.

Free Cash Flow (FCF) growth is arguably the most critical metric for RIL as it signals the end of its heavy investment cycle.

Annual Free Cash Flow Growth

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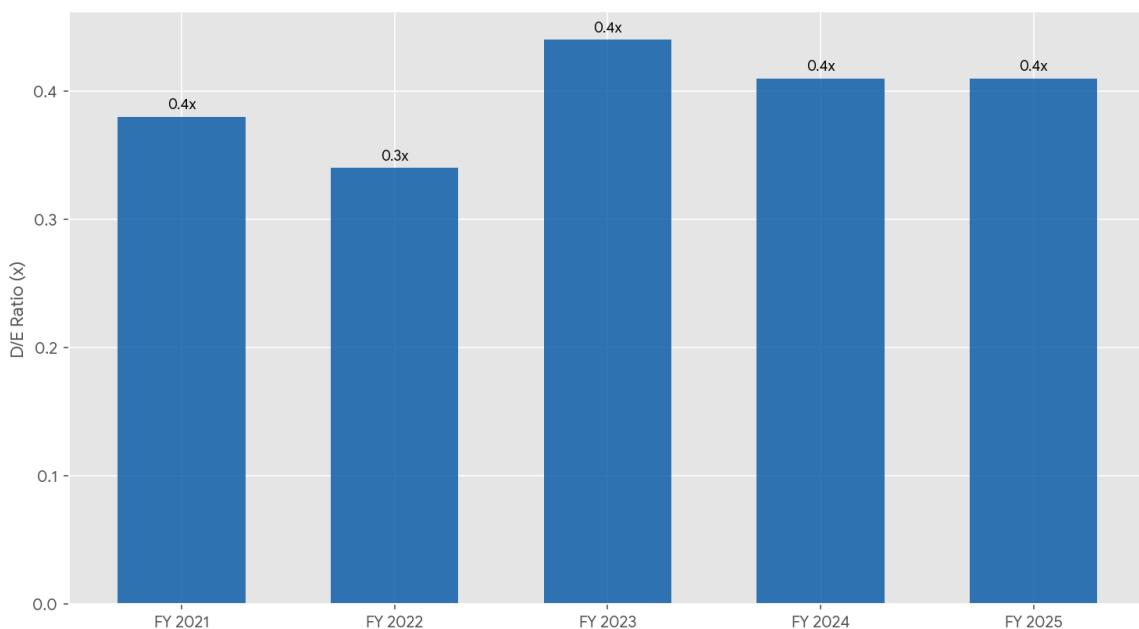


The explosive 556% surge in FCF during FY2025 indicates that the 5G and Retail 'build phase' has matured, allowing the company to generate massive surplus cash for deleveraging and New Energy investments.

Managing leverage is essential for a conglomerate with a high capex appetite, as shown in the Debt-to-Equity ratio trend.

Consolidated Debt-to-Equity Ratio

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A peak in FY2023 was successfully managed, with the current 0.41x ratio remaining well within safe limits, ensuring that the company retains its AAA domestic credit rating.

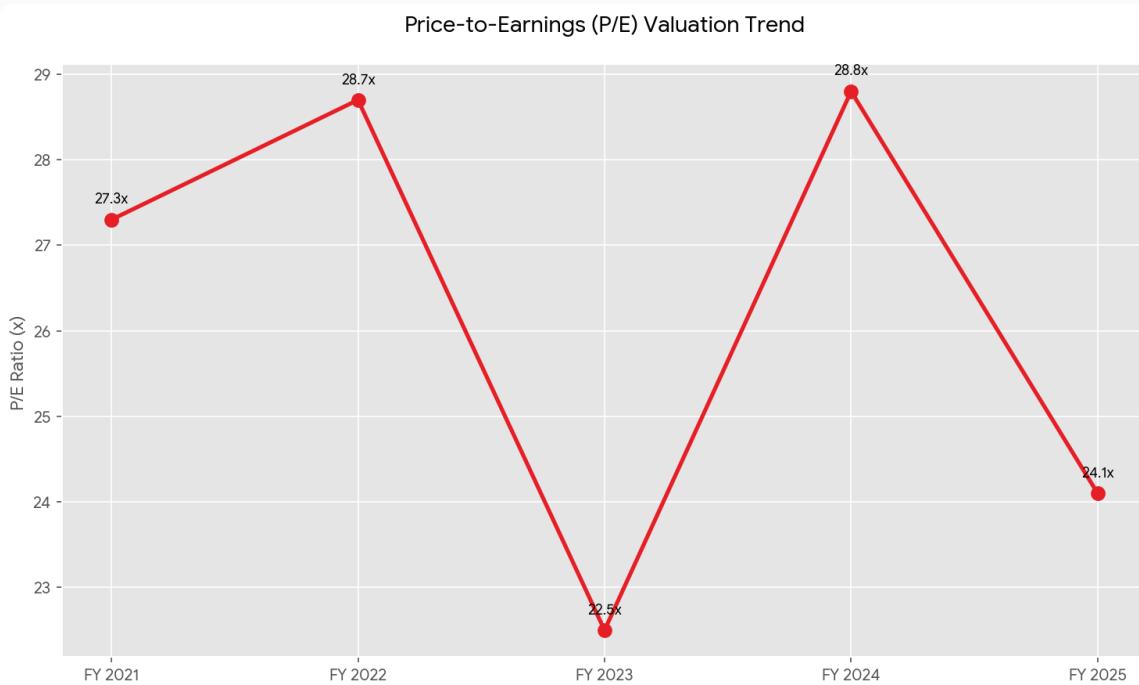
Reliance's financial health is characterized by a strong pivot toward positive free cash flow and manageable debt levels. The company's ability to fund massive growth through internal accruals and high-margin digital services sets it apart from other global industrial conglomerates.

Valuation Analysis

Reliance's valuation is currently undergoing a re-rating as the market shifts from viewing it as a cyclical energy play to a diversified consumer and technology giant. This transition often justifies higher multiples based on the Sum-of-the-Parts (SOTP) methodology.

The Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio tracks the market's willingness to pay for Reliance's consolidated earnings over the last five years.

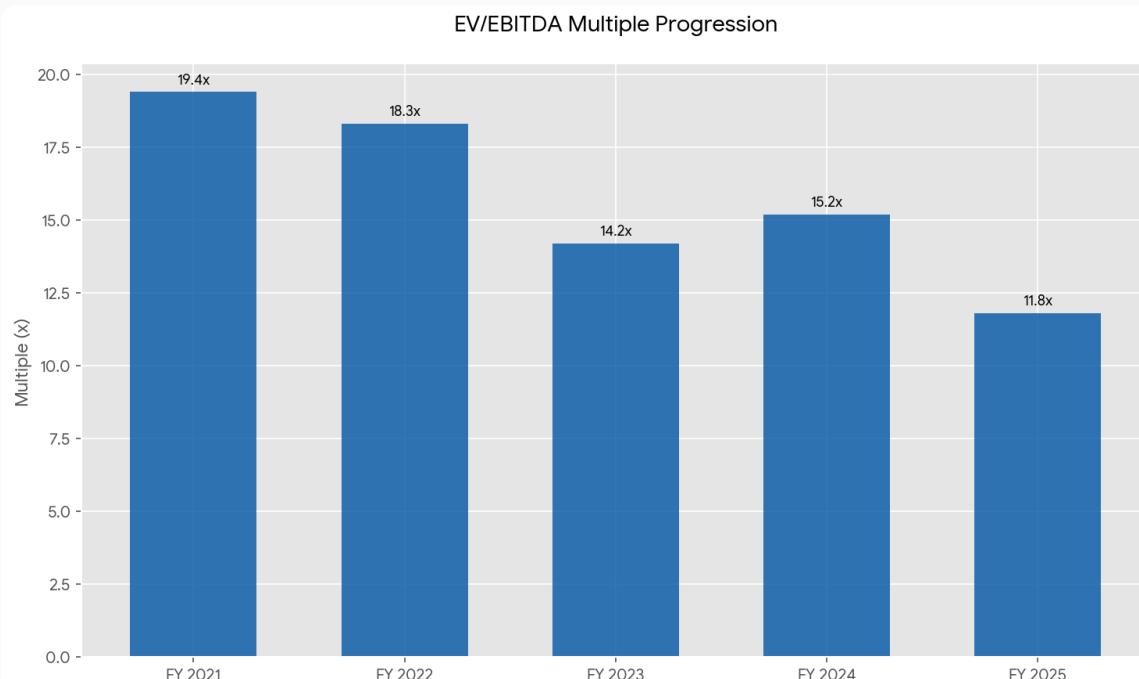
Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Valuation Trend



The stabilization of the P/E ratio around 24x in FY2025 suggests the stock is trading near its historical average, offering a fair entry point before the next leg of value unlocking through the Jio IPO.

The EV/EBITDA multiple is the preferred valuation tool for diversified conglomerates to account for both debt and operational cash flows.

EV/EBITDA Multiple Progression



The 5-year low multiple of 11.8x in FY2025 indicates that RIL's earnings growth is significantly outstripping its enterprise value expansion, making the stock highly attractive on a fundamental basis.

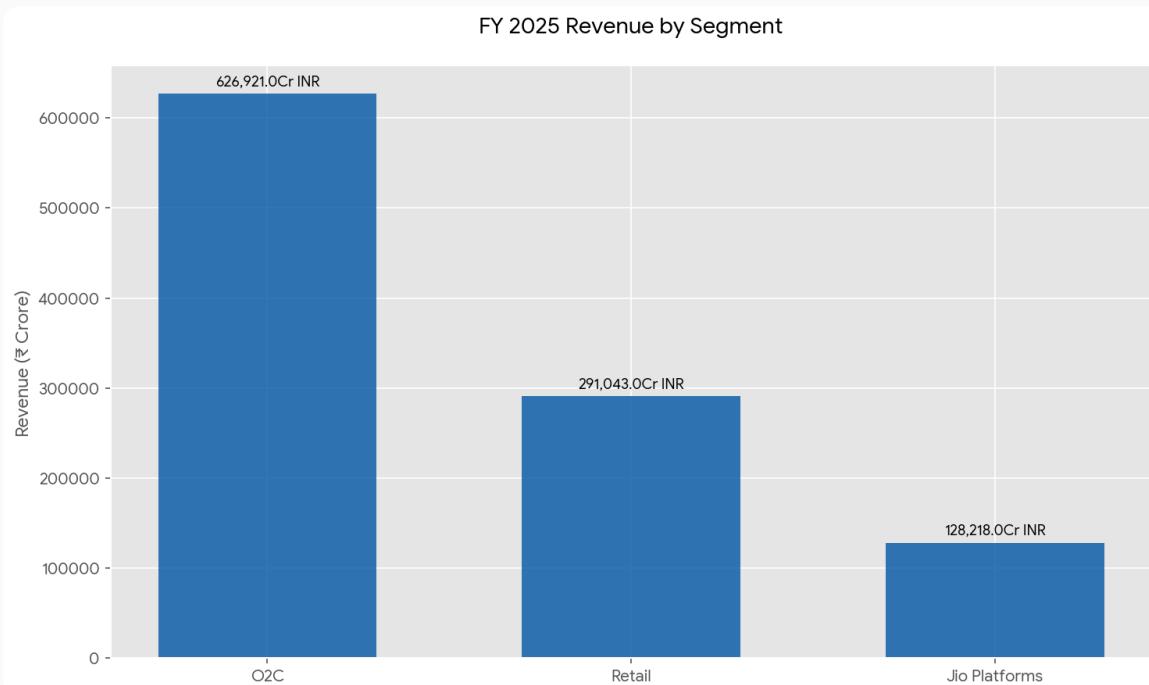
Current valuation multiples do not fully reflect the potential value of a standalone Jio Platforms or Reliance Retail IPO. We view the current levels as an opportunistic window for long-term investors before these major value-unlocking events occur.

Growth Outlook

The growth outlook for Reliance is underpinned by its 'New Energy' vision and the continued monetization of its 500 million+ digital subscriber base. The focus is shifting from building capacity to harvesting returns on invested capital.

A segmental view of revenue for FY2025 highlights the relative scale of the group's three primary business pillars.

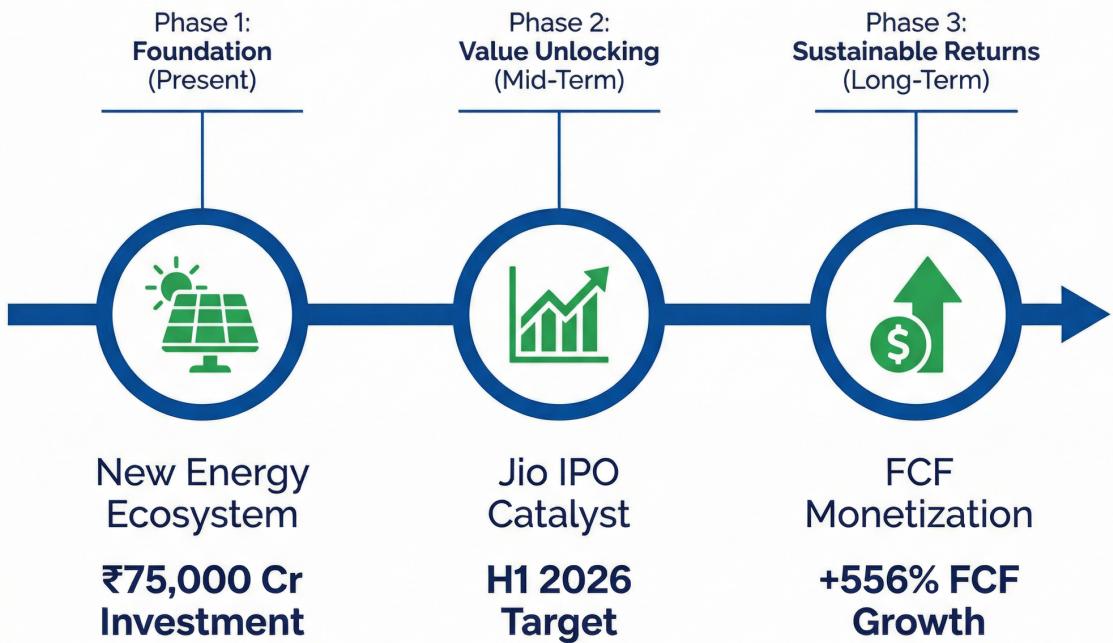
FY 2025 Revenue by Segment



While O2C still leads in total turnover, the rapid scaling of Retail toward the ₹3 lakh crore mark indicates its potential to become the group's dominant revenue engine by 2030.

The Strategic Growth Roadmap for 2026 maps the specific catalysts that will drive the next phase of shareholder value.

Strategic Growth Roadmap 2026



Driving future value through strategic investments, digital expansion, and robust financial discipline.



The combination of the Jio IPO catalyst and the operationalization of giga-factories provides a clear path for a valuation re-rating beyond traditional metrics.

Reliance is uniquely positioned to benefit from India's structural tailwinds in consumption and sustainable energy. Its disciplined transition from a capex-intensive phase to a cash-generative phase supports our bullish outlook for the stock through 2026.

Risks & Concerns

Several key risks could impact our investment thesis:

Moderating Retail growth and pressure from quick commerce competition.

Potential US sanctions on buyers of Russian crude impacting O2C margins.

Weakness in the oil and gas upstream segment due to ageing KG-D6 fields.

Technical breakdown of the stock price below key moving averages.

Investment Recommendation

We reiterate our Strong Buy rating on Reliance Industries Limited with a 12-month median target price of ₹1,700 per share. This target is derived from an SOTP valuation that assigns premium multiples to the Jio and Retail businesses, reflecting their market leadership and high growth potential. The combination of record-high free cash flows, the impending value-unlocking IPO of Jio Platforms, and a gold-standard governance profile makes RIL a cornerstone holding for any India-focused portfolio. Investors should utilize recent price volatility as an opportunity to build positions in a company that is successfully transitioning from a commodity-based industrial past to a tech-and-green-energy-driven future.

Financial Data Tables

Metric Name	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Revenue Growth %	-11.8%	47.0%	23.0%	2.6%	7.1%
Operating Margin %	11.5%	12.3%	11.7%	12.7%	12.2%
ROE %	8.6%	8.4%	9.2%	9.7%	9.1%
Debt-to-Equity (x)	0.38	0.34	0.44	0.41	0.41
P/E Ratio (x)	27.3	28.7	22.5	28.8	24.1

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