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- Ixigo exhibits a strong financial position, as evidenced by its robust net worth and steady revenue streams, instilling confidence in investors regarding its ability to weather market fluctuations and deliver long-term value.
- This is issue is available at P/E of 160x as of March 2023 while if we annualize the FY2024 EPS annualized P/E stands at 99x excluding one-time impact, which appears expensive as compared to peers.
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### **About Company**

- Le Travenues Technology Limited was founded in 2006 and is an online travel agency (OTA) that enables travelers to book train, flight, and bus tickets as well as hotels via its OTA platforms under the brand name "ixigo".
- The company's list of services includes PNR status and confirmation predictions, train seat availability alerts, train running status updates and delay predictions, alternative route or transportation planning, flight status updates, automated web check-in, bus running status, price and availability alerts, deal discovery, destination content, personalized recommendations, instant fare alerts for flights, AI-based travel planning service and automated customer support.

Issue details						
Price Band (in ₹ per share)	88.00-93.00					
Issue size (in ₹ Crore)	706.76-740.10					
Fresh Issue (in ₹ Crore)	120.00					
OFS (in ₹ Crore)	586.76-620.10					
Issue open date	10.06.2024					
Issue close date	12-06-2024					
Tentative date of Allotment	13.06.2024					
Tentative date of Listing	18.06.2024					
Total number of shares (lakhs)	803.14-795.81					
No. of shares for QIBs (75%) (lakhs)	602.36-596.86					
No. of shares for NII (15%) (lakhs)	120.47-119.37					
No. of shares for S-HNI (33%)(lakhs)	40.16-39.79					
No. of shares for B-HNI (66%)(lakhs)	80.31-79.58					
No. of shares for retail investors (10%) (lakhs)	80.31-79.58					
No of shares for Employee Reservation (lakhs)	NA					
Minimum order quantity	161					
Face value (in ₹)	1.00					
Amount for retail investors (1 lot)	14168-14973					
Maximum number of shares for Retail investors at Lower Band	2254 (14 lots)					
Maximum number of shares for Retail investors at Upper Band	2093 (13 lots)					
Maximum amount for retail investors at lower band - upper band	198352-194649					
Minimum number of shares for sHNI (2 Lakhs) at upper band	2254 (14 Lots)					
Maximum number of shares for sHNI (10 Lakhs) at upper band	10626 (66 Lots)					
Minimum number of shares for bHNI at upper band	10787 (67 Lots)					
Exchanges to be listed on Sankita V	BSE, NSE					

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#### **Promoters**

COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE AN IDENTIFIABLE PROMOTER

### **Objective of the Offer**

- Part-funding working capital requirements of the company;
- Investments in cloud infrastructure and technology; and
- Funding inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions, other strategic initiatives, and general corporate purposes.



Brief Financials					
PARTICULARS (Rs. Cr)*	9MFY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	
Share Capital	37.29	37.12	36.97	0.04	
Net Worth	437.12	373.76	342.68	29.93	
Total Income	497.09	517.57	384.94	138.40	
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	65.17	23.39	(21.09)	7.53	
EPS (in Rs)	2.40^	0.58	(0.66)	0.25	
Net Asset Value (Rs)	11.43	9.79	9.29	1.02	
Total Borrowing	43.36	0.53	2.73	14.94	
P/E#	38.75^	160.34	NA	NA	
P/B#	8.14	9.50	NA	NA	

Source: RHP #calculated at upper price band \* Restated consolidated financials ^annualized EPS

### **Industry Review**

**Passengers Carried Across Different Modes of Transport in India** 

- High Population and Diverse Travel Needs: India, with its vast population, requires multiple transportation modes to meet the varied travel demands of its citizens. These modes are chosen based on factors such as distance, affordability, comfort, and travel time.
- Primary Transportation Modes: The travel industry in India is primarily divided into three modes: airways, railways, and buses.
- Daily Commuter Statistics: Of the 140 million daily commuters in India, over 75% use road transport, while 24% rely on rail transport. Together, these two modes cater to 99% of the country's passenger demand.
- Surface Transport: Surface transport, which includes both road and rail, consists of 60% intra-city traffic and 40% intercity traffic. Intercity travel tends to increase in correlation with economic growth.
- Economic Influence on Transport: With India's GDP expected to grow at approximately 6 to 7% annually over the next five years, the demand for road transport is anticipated to rise significantly, bearing the brunt of the transportation load.
- Bus Segment Details: In the bus segment, long-haul intercity buses and intra-city buses collectively transport 25 million passengers daily, a figure comparable to rail traffic. Medium haul intercity bus traffic constitutes the majority of bus usage, significantly boosting the overall contribution of road transport compared to railways.
- ♦ Modern Bus Fleet Advantages: The modern fleet of buses, equipped with facilities such as washrooms and sleeper coaches, offers greater convenience and comfort for medium haul journeys compared to trains.
- ♦ Air Travel Statistics: Despite achieving a record high of nearly 459,500 daily passenger departures by air in November 2023, air travel accounts for less than 1% of the daily transportation needs of Indian citizens.





# **Industry Review**

### Online vs. Offline Travel Booking: India

- In Fiscal 2023, the railway sector led online penetration in the Indian travel industry with 81% of reserved train tickets booked online, through both IRCTC and OTAs.
- The air travel segment saw 70% online bookings, while online hotel bookings and the bus segment had lower penetration rates at 32% and 19%, respectively.
- The overall travel industry is expected to grow by 9% from Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2028, with the online segment projected to grow faster at 13%, driven by significant growth in the bus (18%) and air (15%) segments.

#### **Airlines:**

- In the airline sector, online travel agencies (OTAs) have gained a significant foothold, primarily due to high-ticket values.
- Presently, online penetration amounts to ₹1,162 billion, with traditional booking methods still relevant. However, by Fiscal 2028, OTA penetration is expected to soar to 80%, outpacing the industry's overall growth rate.

#### Rail:

- IRCTC, the primary source for rail ticketing in India since 2002, saw online bookings reach 81% of reserved rail tickets in Fiscal 2023, expected to rise to 86% by Fiscal 2028.
- Rising popularity of AC tickets has contributed to higher average ticket fares. While the overall Indian rail industry is forecasted
  to grow moderately at 6% CAGR from Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2028, the online component is expected to grow at 8% in terms of
  value by 2028.

#### Hospitality: .

- ♦ In Fiscal 2023, the hotel market saw a 32% online penetration by value, hindered by limited online operations, especially among Tier II and Tier III hotels. However, by Fiscal 2028, this is expected to rise to 44%.
- Despite the overall hospitality industry growing at a CAGR of 7%, the online component is set to double that pace, with a projected CAGR of 14% between Fiscal 2023 and Fiscal 2028.

### **Bus:**

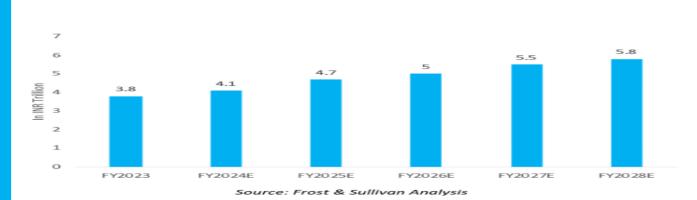
- Online penetration of the bus segment is one of the fastest growing segments. The online penetration was low at 19%, for the intercity bus segment and is expected to grow to 28% by Fiscal 2028.
- Bus ticketing is still in 188 an early stage of growth because of few participants in this market. Additionally, the offline share accounts for 81% of the total market.

### ONLINE TRAVEL AGENCY (OTA) INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

### **Global Travel Market Insights**

- Valuation: The global travel market was worth approximately ₹821 trillion in 2023, projected to reach ₹1,232 trillion by 2033.
- ♦ COVID Impact and Recovery: Experienced a significant 50% contraction due to COVID in 2021 and 2022 but is now rebounding to pre-pandemic levels in 2023, according to WTTC.
- ♦ Asia-Pacific Growth Potential: The Asia-Pacific region, including India, presents substantial growth opportunities for the OTA industry.

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#### **Indian OTA Market:**

- Revenue Growth: Increased from ₹749 billion in Fiscal 2020 to ₹1,239 billion in Fiscal 2023, demonstrating a remarkable CAGR of 18%.
- Impact of COVID-19: Experienced a setback in Fiscal 2021 and Fiscal 2022 due to lockdowns, restrictions, and a decline in international travel. This also affected the hotel industry's market size.
- Recovery and Acceleration: Bounced back post-COVID with pent-up demand and revenge traveling, accelerating growth since then.
- ◆ Future Projections: Estimated to reach ₹2,802 billion by Fiscal 2028, with a forecasted CAGR of 18% from Fiscal 2023 to Fiscal 2028.



## **Competitive Strengths**

#### Leading online travel agency ("OTA"), with significant penetration in the underserved 'next billion user' market segment

- ♦ Leading OTA for the 'next billion users', boasting the highest Monthly Active Users for mobile apps across key OTAs as of September 2023 (Source: F&S Report).
- Second largest OTA in India by consolidated revenue from operations in Fiscal 2023, showcasing significant growth and competitiveness in the market (Source: F&S Report).
- Fastest growing OTA in India, witnessing remarkable revenue growth from Fiscal 2020 to Fiscal 2023, indicative of strong market penetration and expansion (Source: F&S Report).
- Notable increase in transactions booked through OTA platforms, with a staggering CAGR of 139.43% from Fiscal 2021 to Fiscal 2023, reflecting increasing user engagement and trust in their services.

### Artificial intelligence ("AI") and technology-driven operations

- Technology-driven approach: Leveraging artificial intelligence, data science, and machine learning to enhance travel offerings and operational efficiency.
- Advanced technology platforms: Developed proprietary algorithms for search, caching, train PNR prediction, and crowd-sourcing, enhancing customer experience and providing accurate information.
- Innovative products: Recently launched ixigo PLAN, an AI-based trip planner, and generative AI plugin for conversational interactions, offering detailed itineraries and real-time destination information to travelers.

### Established consumer travel brands built with user-first approach

- High user satisfaction and engagement: ixigo Group apps rated 4.6 on Google Play Store and recorded highest usage and engagement among OTAs and standalone train mobile apps in India (Source: F&S Report).
- Rapid user growth: Monthly Active Users surged from 21.59 million in March 2021 to 77.04 million in December 2023, show-casing strong brand presence and loyalty (Source: F&S Report).
- Market recognition and growth: Ranked as the fastest-growing OTA platform in terms of monthly app downloads in September 2023, and ixigo trains app was globally the 8th most downloaded travel and navigation app in 2022 (Source: F&S Report).

### **Risk Factors**

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- Further, IRCTC, itself operates an online website and mobile applications for sale of railway tickets, thereby providing a channel for direct distribution to customers.

### Vulnerability of technology to damage or interruption from human error, cyber-attacks, natural disasters

- There technology infrastructure faces various threats including human error, natural disasters, and cyberattacks like ransomware.
- Despite having security measures in place, breaches remain a risk, potentially leading to data misuse, legal issues, and damage to their reputation.

#### Inability to adapt their OTA Platform, products and services to the changes in technologies and internet user behavior

- There future success hinges on their ability to adapt their OTA platforms and services to evolving technologies and internet user behaviors.
- They rely on the interoperability of their services with mobile devices and operating systems like Android, iOS, and Windows, which they don't control. Changes to these systems that hinder their services' functionality or favor competitors could impact their usage.
- Moreover, expanding to new platforms may raise their costs. Rapid technological advancements, including AI, could necessitate
  significant investments for product integration or modification. Failing to keep pace with these changes may jeopardize their
  competitiveness and future success.

### They are subject to privacy regulations, and compliance with these regulations could impose significant compliance burdens.

♦ They've upgraded their operational security, access control, and network connectivity, earning ISO 27001 and PCI DSS certifications. Following a breach in 2019, they strengthened their infrastructure with enhanced password policies, URL validation, and custom whitelists, ensuring robust protection for user data and information security systems.



# **Peer Comparison**

Name of the company	GWP( in Cr)	Face Value (Rs per share)	EPS (in Rs)	NAV(Per share Rs)	RoE (%)	P/E*	P/B*
Le Travenues Technology Limited.	517.57	1.00	0.58	9.79	5.74	160.34	9.50
Easy Trip Planners Lim- ited.	464.19	1.00	0.77	2.13	36.21	53.64	19.39
Yatra Online Limited.	397.46	1.00	0.69	14.80	4.50	184.13	8.58

\*P/E & P/B ratio based on closing market price as of June 06th, 2024, at the upper price band of IPO, financial details consdidated audited results as of FY23

# **Our View**

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- Ixigo boasts a vast user base, with 429.38 million Annual Active Users as of March 31, 2023, and a high level of user engagement, reflected by an average of 23 monthly sessions per user in September 2023.
- Ixigo exhibits a strong financial position, as evidenced by its robust net worth and steady revenue streams, instilling confidence in investors regarding its ability to weather market fluctuations and deliver long-term value.
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