

SAMHI Hotels posts 111.3 per cent jump in Q3 FY26

PAT as revenues cross Rs 3,400 million

SAMHI Hotels Limited, a branded hotel ownership and asset management platform, delivered a robust financial performance in the third quarter of FY26, driven by higher room rates, stable occupancy levels and continued balance sheet strengthening. The company reported a sharp improvement in profitability for both the quarter and the nine months ended December 31, 2025, despite near-term margin pressure arising from recent GST changes.

Q3 FY26 performance highlights

For Q3 FY26, SAMHI's total income rose to ₹3,419 million, registering a year-on-year growth of 16.2 per cent. Operating momentum remained resilient, with same-store RevPAR increasing 13.3 per cent year on year to ₹5,643, while occupancy stood at 73 per cent for the quarter. Performance remained strong even as the sector faced temporary travel disruptions linked to operational challenges at India's largest airline in December 2025.

EBITDA for the quarter increased to ₹1,263 million, reflecting a 13.2 per cent year-on-year rise. Consolidated EBITDA margin stood at 36.9 per cent, compared with 37.9 per cent in Q3 FY25. The margin contraction was primarily attributable to a change in GST slabs for hotels, which reduced input tax credit availability. Excluding this impact, EBITDA growth would have been materially higher, underscoring the strength of underlying operating performance.

Profitability expanded significantly during the quarter. Profit before tax (before exceptional items) rose sharply to ₹562 million from ₹228 million in Q3 FY25, marking a 146.4 per cent increase. After accounting for a one-time exceptional expense of ₹11 million related to the implementation of new labour codes, profit before tax stood at ₹551 million. Profit after tax more than doubled to ₹481 million, up 111.3 per cent year on year, of which ₹396 million was attributable to SAMHI shareholders and ₹85 million to minority interest.

Nine-month performance

For the nine months ended December 31, 2025, SAMHI's total income reached ₹9,255 million, reflecting a year-on-year growth of 13.5 per cent. Same-store RevPAR increased by 11.7 per cent, while average occupancy stood at 74 per cent. EBITDA for 9M FY26 rose to ₹3,424 million, up 15.2 per cent year on year, with EBITDA margin improving to 37.0 per cent from 36.5 per cent in the corresponding period last year.

Profit before tax for the nine months rose sharply to ₹1,978 million, compared to ₹381 million in 9M FY25, supported by stronger operating performance and lower finance costs. Profit after tax stood at ₹1,671 million, marking a year-on-year increase of 321.7 per cent. The company clarified that all reported figures have been adjusted for Caspia Delhi, which has been classified under discontinued operations.

Balance sheet strengthening and outlook

SAMHI continued to make meaningful progress on balance sheet deleveraging. Net debt declined to ₹14,503 million as of December 31, 2025, from ₹19,669 million as of March 31, 2025. Trailing twelve-month EBITDA stood at ₹4,818 million, resulting in a net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 3.0x, a significant improvement from 4.4x at the end of FY25. The average interest rate reduced to 8.3 per cent, with annualised interest cost declining to approximately ₹1,250 million from around ₹1,900 million earlier.

Strong cash generation and improving leverage have enhanced the company's financial flexibility. Over the trailing twelve months, SAMHI generated surplus cash of approximately ₹300 crores, supporting ongoing development at assets such as W Hyderabad and Westin Bengaluru, alongside a broader pipeline of growth initiatives.

With steady same-store growth, a structurally improving margin outlook and a healthier capital structure, SAMHI Hotels is well positioned to sustain

performance through the remainder of FY26 and into FY27, as it continues to scale its portfolio and drive long-term shareholder value.