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Company Overview

PhysicsWallah Ltd. (PWL) is an Indian edtech platform founded by Alakh Pandey. It began as a YouTube channel named "Physics Wallah" in 2014, with the goal of providing high-quality, affordable, and accessible education. It provides a comprehensive learning solution, ranging from study materials and courses for students from Class 6 to Class 12, covering CBSE and various state boards, to test preparation for competitive exams like JEE, NEET, UPSC, GATE, NDA, and more, along with other upskilling courses. The company operates through three channels: 1. Online, which includes YouTube, website, and apps; 2. Offline (Vidyapeeth - 112 centres), which are tech-enabled physical centres where faculty conduct live classes; and 3. Hybrid (Pathshala - 78 centres), a two-teacher model where students attend live online classes at a physical centre and can also benefit from another faculty member present onsite for questions and revision classes. A significant portion of their materials and courses are freely available on their 888 channels across YouTube and other social media platforms, amassing 119 million subscribers and 22.8 billion views, helping the company grow organically with low marketing expenditure of 10% of revenue at a CAGR of 189% over FY22-24 to Rs. 1,940 crore in FY24, making it one of the top five education companies by revenue in India. PWL's offers its JEE, NEET, and UPSC test preparation courses, which make up 43% of enrolments, at just 6-18% of the prices charged by the leading competitors. With a focus on community, technology, and content across 13 education categories, PWL stands to cater to the INR 15-16 trillion Indian education market. In FY25, with a faculty of 6,267 and 48 lakh total users, the company generated revenue of Rs. 2,886 cr, with 48.6% contributed by online channels, 46.8% from offline centres, and the remaining 4.6% from other sources. Operationally, it opened 40 Vidyapeeth and 31 Pathshala centres, bringing the total number of offline centres to 303.

The company proposes to utilise net proceeds from the issue towards the following objects:

- ⇒ Capital expenditure for fit-outs of new offline and hybrid centres;
- ⇒ Expenditure towards lease payments of existing identified offline and hybrid centres;
- ⇒ Investment in the subsidiary, Xylem Learning Private Ltd for capital expenditure of offline centres and lease payments;
- ⇒ Investment in our Subsidiary, Utkarsh Classes and Edutech Private Ltd for lease payments of offline centres;
- ⇒ Expenditure towards server and cloud-related infrastructure costs;
- ⇒ Expenditure towards marketing initiatives;
- ⇒ Acquisition of additional shareholding in its Subsidiary, Utkarsh Classes & Edutech Pvt Ltd.; and
- ⇒ Funding inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions and general corporate purposes.

| Issue Details | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Offer Period | 11th Nov. 2025 - 13th Nov. 2025 |
| Price Band | Rs. 103 to Rs. 109 |
| Bid Lot | 17 |
| Listing | BSE & NSE |
| Issue Size (no. of shares in crores) | 31.9 |
| Issue Size | 3,479.9 |
| Face Value | |

| Issue Structure | |
|-----------------|-----|
| QIB | 75% |
| NIB | 15% |
| Retail | 10% |

(Rs.)

| | Kotak Mahindra |
|--------|----------------------|
| | Capital Co. Ltd., |
| | J.P. Morgan India |
| BRLM | Pvt. Ltd., Goldman |
| DKLIVI | Sachs (India) Se- |
| | curities Pvt. Ltd., |
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| | India Pvt. Ltd. | | |

Investment Rationale

Strong online and expanding offline presence across India, supported by a strong delivery model

Pine PhysicsWallah Ltd. has the largest student community in India, with 98.8 mn YouTube subscribers across 208 channels. The main YouTube channel, "Physics Wallah-Alakh Pandey," alone has ~13.7 mn subscribers, and this community has experienced rapid growth at a CAGR of 41.80% between FY23-25, with expectations of continued expansion. Initially, user traffic is primarily attracted by a vast library of free lectures and content on YouTube. In FY25 out of a total of 98.8 mn online students, PWL has successfully converted 4.46 mn users into paid subscribers which grew at a CAGR of 59% between FY23-25. through a content library that includes 4,382 books, 8.66 mn question bank items, micro-videos, video classes, tests, and other materials. In addition to a strong online presence and catering to market demand, they have established a substantial offline footprint with 303 stores as of 30 June 2025, which grew at a CAGR of 165% between FY23-25, forming 46.8% of FY25 revenue All of this is supported by a faculty of 6,267, teaching across 13 education categories, including JEE, NEET, UPSC, GATE, NDA, and more, and is expected to keep driving growth.

| Particulars | Pre Issue % | Post Issue % |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Promoter & Promoter Group | 81.6% | 72.4% |
| Public | 18.4% | 27.6% |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% |

(Assuming issue subscribed at higher band)

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Strong presence across a wide range of education categories in India, with strong faculty and brand recall.

The company offers courses across 13 Education Categories, adding seven since FY23. With courses for engineering and medical entrance examinations like JEE and NEET through our online, offline and hybrid channels, with "foundation" courses starting from classes 6 to 10 for these competitive exams. They also offer courses for students preparing for other competitive entrance examinations such as GATE, CUET, and CAT; public administration jobs (such as civil services and railways); and professional qualifications (such as chartered accountancy courses). This wide range of offerings across multiple formats gives them an edge in reaching all kinds of students in the fast-growing Rs. 15-16 trillion Indian education market. The strong brand recall among the student community helps them acquire users at a low marketing cost of 10% along with pricing being at 80% below that of major competitors, provides a significant advantage in both student acquisition and retention. All of this is supported by a faculty of 6,267 teachers, paving the way for sustainable growth.

Valuation

PhysicsWallah Ltd. offers test-preparation courses for competitive examinations and other upskilling programmes, ranging from K-12 to professional development. Their modes of delivery include online platforms, technology-enabled offline centres, and hybrid models. It is among the top five education companies in India by revenue, with the largest student community in the country, boasting 98.80 mn YouTube subscribers as of June 30, 2025, which grew at a CAGR of 41.80% between FY23-25. With a significant presence both offline and online, they rank among the fastest-growing companies. Owing to their student-led approach, they have fostered strong brand affinity among students, with daily active users increasing from 0.93 mn in FY23 to 2.70 mn in FY25, resulting in a revenue growth of 96.9% over FY23-25 to Rs. 2,886.6 cr, with the online and offline revenue growing at 75.5% and 119.3% CAGR, respectively. The offline centres have reached is 303, and this growth has come at a cost of increased need for capital expenditure and hiring of new faculty, which has reached 6,267. This high recurring cost and capex has resulted in negative operating margins and increased lease liabilities. Further capital infusion is needed for expansion based on the current business model which is also the prime reason for the IPO, as mentioned in the company's objects. Additionally, intense competition from both organised players like Allen, Unacademy, Upgrad, Aakash, etc and unorganised players reaching tier 2/3 markets could constrain margin and revenue expansion. While PWL does have multiple competitive advantages, these are a double-edged sword as low pricing limits revenue growth and margin expansion. From a valuation standpoint, At the upper end of the price band of Rs. 109 per share, the issue is valued at a P/S of 10.9x based on FY25 sales, which seems expensive relative to fundamentals, a low margin business and high capex for offline growth, warranting a cautious stance despite strong growth prospects. We, thus, recommend a "Avoid" rating for this issue.

Key Risks:

- ⇒ PWL has incurred net loss for FY23/FY24/FY25/Q1FY26 of Rs. 84 cr/ Rs. 1,131 cr/ Rs. 243 cr/ Rs. 127 cr, respectively. If the company is unable to generate adequate revenue growth and manage expenses and cash flows as it grows, it may continue to incur losses, which could negatively affect its financial condition.
- ⇒ The business is heavily dependent on its ability to attract and retain faculty members and students. Any failure to do so could adversely impact our business, operations, financial condition and cash flow. The company had high attrition rates of 45% and 36% in FY24 and FY25, respectively, which could potentially harm the business's sustainability.

Income Statement (Rs. in crores)

| Particulars | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | Q1FY26 |
|---|------|--------|-------|--------|
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Revenue from operations | 744 | 1,941 | 2,887 | 847 |
| Total revenue | 744 | 1,941 | 2,887 | 847 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Direct expenses | 75 | 380 | 513 | 154 |
| Purchases of traded goods sold | 23 | 51 | 54 | 21 |
| Changes in inventories | -13 | -15 | -18 | 4 |
| Cost of raw material and components consumed | 29 | 54 | 87 | 29 |
| Employee benefits expense | 413 | 1,159 | 1,401 | 460 |
| Net loss/(gain) on remeasurement of financial instruments at fair value | 67 | 817 | 115 | 6 |
| Other Expenses | 166 | 470 | 661 | 253 |
| Total operating expenses | 759 | 2,916 | 2,813 | 927 |
| EBITDA | -14 | -975 | 74 | -80 |
| Depreciation & amortization | 83 | 298 | 366 | 98 |
| EBIT | -97 | -1,273 | -293 | -177 |
| Finance costs | 21 | 65 | 85 | 33 |
| Other Income | 28 | 75 | 152 | 58 |
| PBT before share of associate and exceptional items | -89 | -1,264 | -226 | -152 |
| Share in net loss of an associate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Exceptional items | 0 | 71 | 33 | 0 |
| PBT | -89 | -1,193 | -258 | -152 |
| Current Tax | 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Defered tax | -20 | -62 | -17 | -25 |
| Total tax | -5 | -62 | -15 | -25 |
| PAT | -84 | -1,131 | -243 | -127 |
| Diluted EPS | -0.4 | -4.8 | -0.9 | -0.5 |

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

Cash Flow Statement (Rs. in crores)

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | Q1FY26 |
| 270 | 212 | 507 | 968 |
| | | | |
| -1,076 | -43 | -1,513 | -926 |
| | | | |
| 848 | -165 | 1,007 | -59 |
| | | | |
| 42 | 4 | 0 | -18 |
| | | | |
| 7 | 49 | 53 | 54 |
| | | | |
| 49 | 53 | 54 | 36 |
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Balance Sheet (Rs. in crores)

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| Particulars | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | Q1FY26 |
| Assets | | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | 211 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 175 | 278 | 286 | 314 |
| Capital Work in progress | 5 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Right-of-use of assets | 464 | 727 | 918 | 910 |
| Goodwill | 284 | 254 | 223 | 225 |
| Other Intangible Assets | 198 | 205 | 159 | 151 |
| Intangible assets under development | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Investments accounted for using equity method | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| (i) Investments | 0 | 25 | 55 | 223 |
| (ii) Trade receivables | 0 | 13 | 30 | 33 |
| (ii) Other financial assets | 86 | 148 | 101 | 74 |
| Deferred tax Assets (Net) | 20 | 79 | 96 | 120 |
| Non-Current Tax Assets | 22 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| Other non current assets | 16 | 13 | 15 | 2 |
| Total Non Current assets | 1,270 | 1,766 | 1,920 | 2,088 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Inventories | 23 | 53 | 77 | 74 |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| (i) Trade Receivables | 13 | 27 | 42 | 43 |
| (ii) Investments | 205 | 148 | 1,341 | 2,178 |
| (iii) Cash and cash equivalents | 49 | 53 | 54 | 36 |
| (iv) Bank balance other than cash | 481 | 26 | 122 | 134 |
| (v) Loans | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| (vi) Others | 21 | 375 | 531 | 420 |
| Other current assets | 20 | 30 | 64 | 93 |
| Total Current Assets | 812 | 715 | 2,237 | 2,988 |
| Total Assets | 2,082 | 2,481 | 4,156 | 5,076 |
| Equity and Liabilities | • | · | · | • |
| Equity Share Capital | 6 | 6 | 218 | 219 |
| Instruments entirely equity in nature | 0 | 0 | 834 | 834 |
| Other Equity | -189 | -1,252 | 472 | 394 |
| Non-controlling interests | 132 | 74 | 29 | 24 |
| Total Equity | -50 | -1,172 | 1,554 | 1,471 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | , | , | , |
| Financial Liabilities | | | | |
| (i) Borrowings | 925 | 1,649 | 0 | 0 |
| (ii) Lease Liabilities | 404 | 658 | 833 | 821 |
| (iii) Other finanacial liabilities | 287 | 253 | 287 | 292 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 2 | 0 | 29 | 79 |
| Provisions | 3 | 11 | 22 | 25 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | 1,622 | 2,571 | 1,171 | 1,217 |
| Current Liabilities | 1,022 | 2,571 | 1,171 | 1,411 |
| Financial Liabilities | | | | |
| (i) Borrowings | 31 | 39 | 0 | 1 |
| (ii) Trade Payables | 52 | 129 | 187 | 272 |
| (iii) Lease Liabilities | 68 | 116 | 164 | 177 |
| ` ' | 0 | | | 0 |
| (iv) Liabilities towards prepaid cards | | 0 | 0 | |
| (iv) Other financial liabilities Other current liabilities | 38 316 | 137 | 142 918 | 153 |
| | | 651 | | 1,764 |
| Provisions Total Comment Linkilling | 4 | 11 | 20 | 21 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 510 | 1,082 | 1,432 | 2,388 |
| Total Liabilities | 2,132 | 3,653 | 2,603 | 3,605 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | 2,082 | 2,481 | 4,156 | 5,076 |

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

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