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Company Overview



# India based air conditioning, commercial refrigeration and MEP<sup>1</sup> contracting company

Commenced operations in 1943, with c. 80 years of operations in India

Air conditioning, Refrigeration and MEP solution provider

Maintains c. 2 million tonnes of air conditioning and refrigeration equipment<sup>7</sup>

Presence in 18+ countries7

Plans to strengthen presence in USA, Europe and Japan

7 manufacturing facilities in India<sup>7</sup>

4.040 Channel Partners7

1.251 Service Associates<sup>7</sup>

FY23 Total Income: ₹ 8,008 cr. (YoY + 31.3%)

FY23 EBITDA: ₹ 493 cr.

(margin: 6.2%)

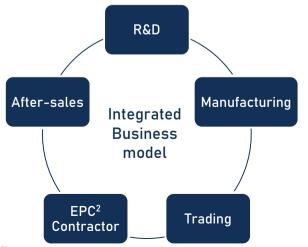
FY23 ROCE: 33.9%<sup>5</sup>

FY23 ROE: 30.7%<sup>3,6</sup>

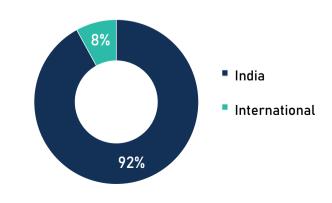
Market Cap: ₹ 14,300 cr.4

Shareholders: Promoter Group (38.91% stake)

180+ employees in R&D7 10 patents granted in FY23



# Revenue by geography (FY23)



#### **End-markets**

#### Residential

**Light Commercial** 

Commercial

Industrial

Infrastructure

- Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire-Fighting Engineering, Procurement and Construction
- 20.3% without Thane property sales As on 18th Aug 2023
- ROCE: PBIT / Avg. (Net worth + Net Debt) ROE: Net profit after tax/ Average Shareholder's equity
- As at March 31, 2023



# Vision, Credo and The Blue Star Way



# Vision

"To dream, to strive, to care and, above all to be the best in everything we do."

# Credo

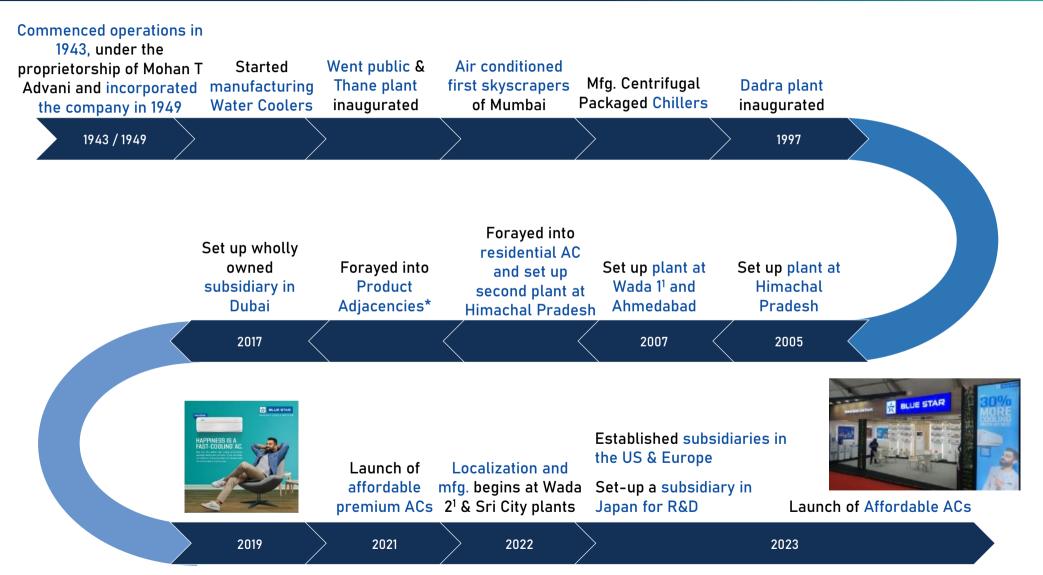
"I am Blue Star. I take pride in delivering a world-class customer experience."

#### The Blue Star Way

- ✓ Be a company that is a pleasure to do business with
- Win out people's hearts and minds
- ✓ Continuously improve shareholder value
- ✓ Give primacy to meritocracy and professional management
- ✓ Place the company's interest above one's own
- Conduct business with personal integrity and ethics
- Treat business partners as respected members of our organisation
- Encourage learning, experimentation and innovation in what we do
- ✓ Ensure high standards of corporate governance
- ✓ Be a good corporate citizen



# 80 years of operations in India



(\* Air coolers, Water Purifiers, Medical, Kitchen & Supermarket Refrigeration)



# Diversified B2B & B2C business with exposure to different end-markets

Electro-Mechanical Projects & Commercial Air Conditioning

Systems

MEP Projects Central AC Division (CAD)

After sales services



(MEP Projects, Central Air Conditioning Business, After Sales Service, Product Exports)

FY23 Revenue: ₹ 4,016 cr.

FY23 EBIT: ₹ 277 cr.

FY23 Capital employed: ₹ 391 cr.

Key customers: Commercial Buildings, Retail, Hospitals, Hotels, Education, Industrial Facilities, Data Centres, Metro Rail, Railways, Utilities 2

# **Unitary Products**

Cooling & Purification Appliances Group (CPAG) Commercial Refrigeration Business Group (CRBG)



(Room ACs, Air Coolers, Air Purifiers, Water Purifiers and Commercial Refrigeration Products & Systems)

FY23 Revenue: ₹ 3,627 cr.

FY23 EBIT: ₹ 282 cr.

FY23 Capital employed: ₹ 748 cr.

Key customers: Residential, Light Commercial - Shops / Showrooms, Icecream, Hospitality, QSRs (Quick Service Restaurants) 3

# Professional Electronics and Industrial Systems

Med-Tech Solutions Industrial Solutions



(Solutions and System Integration in MedTech, Industrial Systems and Data Security)

FY23 Revenue: ₹ 335 cr.

FY23 EBIT: ₹ 51 cr.

FY23 Capital employed: ₹ 42 cr.

Key customers: Healthcare, Automotive, Aerospace, Steel, BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance)



# Increasing investments in Product Design and Development...



<sup>1.</sup> As at March 31, 2023

<sup>2.</sup> GWP: Global warming potential



# ...through building of Process, Capability & Technology...

# Structured Approach



- New Product Development Process
- > R&D Organization
- NPD Organization
- Involvement of key stakeholders

# Infrastructure Development



- Design software & tools
- Performance test labs
- Reliability test facilities
- > IT systems

# **Competency Building**



- Human resource key to success
- Skill development, evolving process
- Work with SMEs
- On-job training

# **Technology Adoption**



- Objective Focus on innovation and adaptation of new technologies
- Monitor tech trends
- Partnership with tech providers
- Initiate tech projects

# **Key Capabilities**



Established phase-gate new product development (NPD) process



Enhanced capability in electronics for digital and smart products



In-house capacity for testing and certification



Capability development in variable speed technology, refrigerants & heat exchangers



Focus on energy-efficiency and sustainability

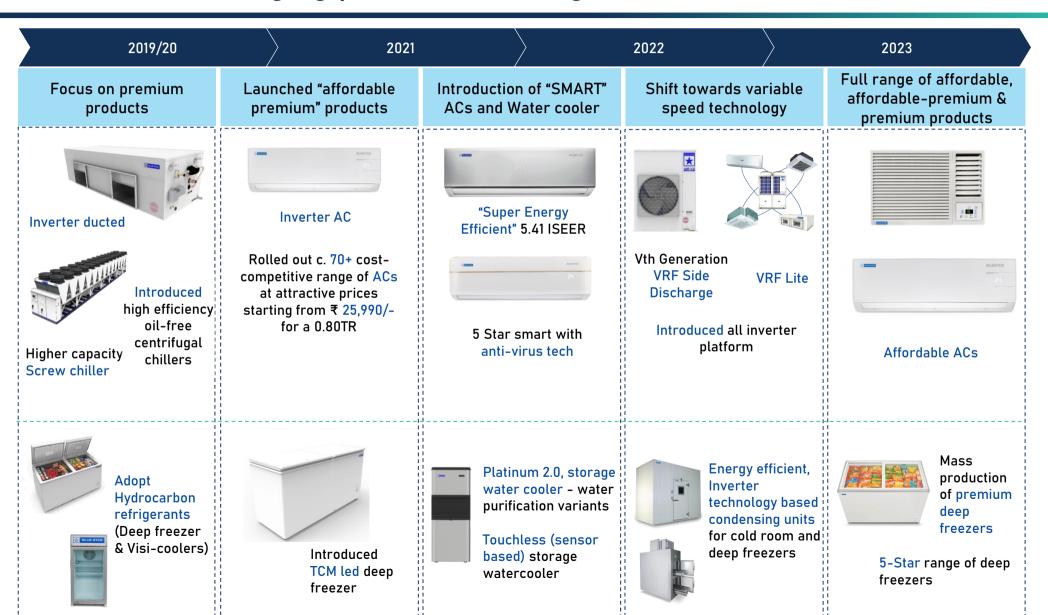


Several patents for new products (46 patents filed for innovations and 39 patents filed for Design)<sup>1</sup>

FY23



# ...which has resulted in successful delivery / execution of innovative / emerging products and segments on a sustained basis



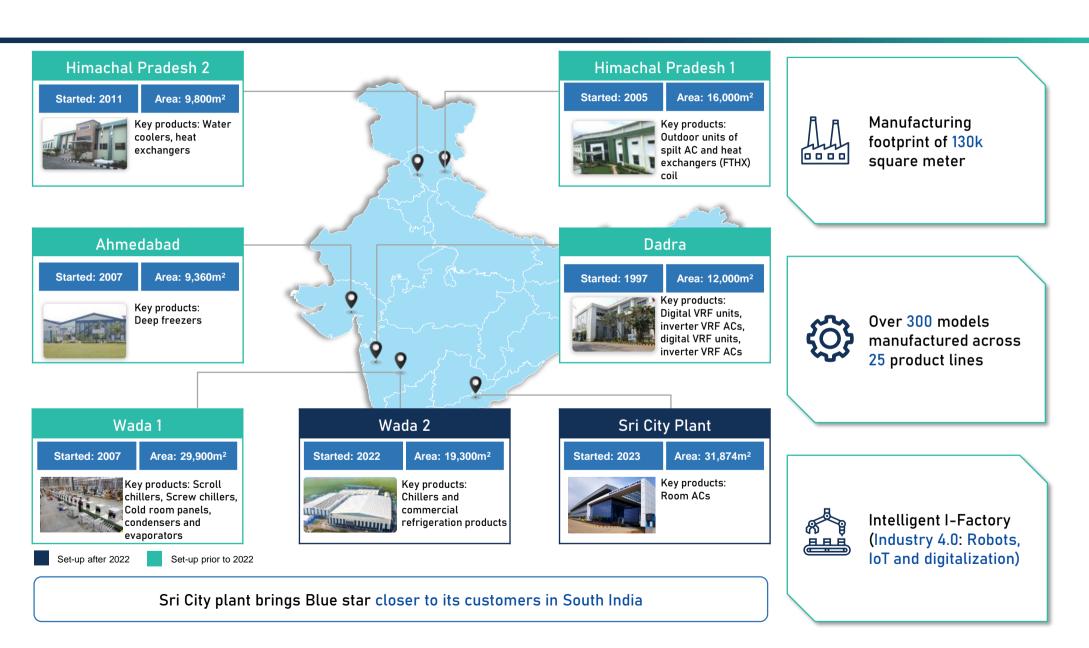


# Continued investments in plants for capacity expansion





# Operates 7 plants in India for both domestic & export markets...



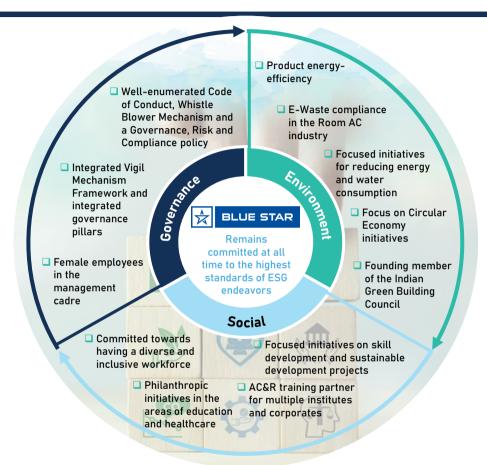
# ... and potential to replicate the India success and build the Blue Star brand in the Middle East & Africa (MEA)



# Exploring opportunities in North America and Europe



# ESG principles are embedded in Blue Star's business practices



Product	& Pl	ant Ini	itiatives

- √ Factories are built to be 'green' in their design, processes and operations
- ✓ Use of eco-friendly refrigerants, treeplanting drives and reduce the consumption of water and electricity
- Energy-efficient Room ACs, VRFs, Deep Freezers, and Screw Chillers
- Wada factory / Thane Innovation Centre are Platinum rated by IGBC1. Sri City factory applied for Gold rating

# Net zero road map

Consumption	FY22	FY23
Renewable energy % of total energy	5.7%	6.6%
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover (Gigajoule per million ₹)	1.05	0.95
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (₹)	2.55	1.97

Mapping ✓ Reduction Targets 2022-40 Outhound

- ✓ Energy Efficiency
- ✓ Renewable Energy (1.0 MW)
- ✓ Carbon Footprint

**Carbon Footprint** 

- ✓ Logistics: Inbound /
- ✓ Employee Commute
- ✓ Disposal of Material Transfer

- ✓ Energy Zero
- ✓ Water Zero

✓ Zero Waste to Landfill

#### Social Initiatives

- ✓ c. 50% of factory workers in Sri City plant are woman
- Children in schools at Palghar benefits from digital education programme
- Farmer families in Tamil Nadu are supported via Farmer Producer organization
- **Employs Apprentices every year** under the Central Govt.'s skill development Programme (NETAP)

Note:

1. Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)



# Strong governance is the key pillar of Blue Star through out its existence

#### **Board of Directors**



Shailesh Haribhakti Independent Chairman

Arvind K Singhal

Independent

Director



Sam Balsara Independent Director

Raiiv R Lulla

Non-Executive

Director



**Anil Harish** Independent Director



Anita Ramachandran Independent Director



P Venkat Rao President & COO EMP & Air Conditioning Solutions Group



Nikhil Sohoni Group CFO



Senior Management

Shashi Arora President & COO Cooling & Purification Appliances Group



Prem Kalliath CEO and Whole Time Director, Blue Star E&E Ltd.



Vir S Advani\* Vice Chairman & Managing Director



Sunaina Murthy Non-Executive Director



Dinesh Vaswani Non-Executive Director

B Thiagarajan\*

Managing Director



Tom Overs CEO, America, Europe & UK, Blue Star North America, Inc.



**VS** Ashok **CHRO** 





# Industry recognition for achievements

#### Corporate governance and management











Winner of ICSI Best Governed Company (Listed: Medium) 2019







#### Industry expertise





























**EMERSON** 









#### Certified R&D capabilities











**Business Segments Overview** 



Segment 1:

Electro-Mechanical Projects & Commercial Air Conditioning Systems



# Electro-Mechanical Projects Group

- Design, Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) of Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) systems for commercial buildings, industrial facilities & infrastructure projects
- Winner of 'MEP Contractor of the year' seven times in a row (2017 to 2023)
- Increasing order inflows from emerging segments including Metro Railways, Healthcare facilities, Factories, & Data Centres

Large central AC & ventilation projects

Plumbing projects

Electrical projects

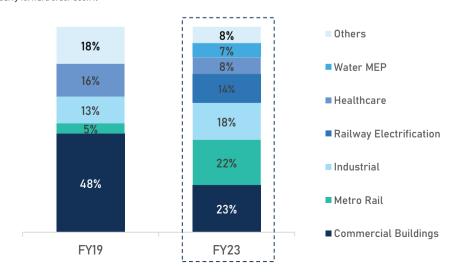
Fire-fighting projects

Water projects

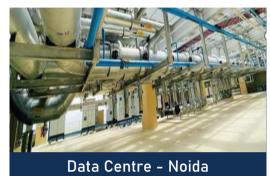
Railway electrification

#### Segment wise breakup

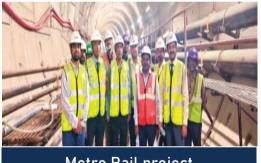
Carry forward order book %



#### Representative Projects











Metro Rail project

Mall - Malaysia





# **Central Air Conditioning Systems**

- Complete range of energy efficient QCO compliant packaged and ducted split air conditioning systems
- Next generation inverter based ducted systems and inverter heat pump air conditioning systems
- □ Top discharge VRF systems from 7 HP to 112 HP. Designed for Indian conditions – 100% capacity at 43'C and non-stop cooling 56'C
- Side discharge VRF systems from 4 HP to 16 HP, VRF lite from 4 HP to 6 HP for residential applications
- Star labelled air cooled and water cooled scroll chillers from 10 TR 78 TR
- Configured series air cooled and water cooled screw chillers from 70 TR to 600 TR range
- Configured series oil free magnetically levitated centrifugal chillers from 70 TR to 450 TR
- Configured series water cooled fixed speed and VFD based centrifugal chillers 450 TR to 1000 TR
- Intellectual Property across product range is all owned by Blue Star
- □ 660 Dealers in 218 towns¹
- Customer base spread across all segments with contributions from government, healthcare, industrial, hospitality, educational and builders & developers







VRF Lite

- High ambient performance
- A broad range of VRFs for all applications – 4HP to 112HP

Ducted

Chiller



- QC0 compliant products
- □ Full range of Inverterbased systems



Air-Cooled & Water-Cooled Screw chillers and Inverter Scroll chillers



Large Capacity Configured Series- Screw chillers



Oil-free chillers

- 3 Star Inverter scroll chillers and 5 Star VFD Screw Chillers
- ☐ Introduce high efficiency oil-free chillers
- Recently launched centrifugal chillers
- High-efficiency inverterbased systems



Centrifugal chillers

Note: HP: Horse Power; TR: Ton of Refrigeration; QCO: The Quality Control Order

1. As at March 31, 2023



# After-sales Service



Maintaining c. 2 million tonnes of air conditioning and refrigeration equipment



Extensively expanded service reach to Tier 2, 3 & 4 towns



Currently handling c. 3,900 towns with > 1.2 million service calls a year



Focus on same day installation



ISO 9001-2015 and ISO 45001 certified



Operates remote monitoring centre at Thane



Accreditations from TAB, NEBB, CMVP, IAQ and NADCA

#### Digital infrastructure

Customer care app enables customers and channel partners with ease for logging service requests, which gets tracked and follows auto escalation mode, supporting quick resolution

Field service technician app enable technicians to update & closure of breakdown & PMS tickets through their mobile, all parameters are digitally recorded and stored

Knowledge Management system – Star Vault enables us to centrally store, manage and retrieve business critical documents and SOP's





Segment 2: Unitary Products Segment



# **Cooling and Purification Appliances**

#### Room Air conditioners



Wide range of premium, affordable premium and affordable split ACs with superior build quality



Installed base of over 2.5 million units



Products available in c. 8,000 outlets in more than 650 locations



Focus on inverter technology, energy efficient products and ACs with purification technology



Launched a range of differentiated models including 'Super Energy-Efficient ACs,' 'Heavy-Duty ACs,' 'Smart ACs,' 'ACs with Hot & Cold Technology



Serves the residential and light commercial markets

# Other categories



#### Water Purifiers









# Wide range of Air conditioners



















# **Commercial Refrigeration**

# Wide range of commercial refrigeration products



Wide range of solutions for food preservation – deep freezers, modular cold rooms and super market and commercial kitchen refrigeration



Wide range of water cooler products



Commissioned a new manufacturing facility in 2022 for a new series of hardtop and glass top deep freezers



After sales service is a critical requirement and is an integral part of the business



Serves customers across Ice-creams, food & beverage, retail, restaurants and QSR chains





















Segment 3:

Professional Electronics & Industrial Systems



# Professional Electronics & Industrial Systems



Managed by wholly owned subsidiary, Blue Star Engineering & Electronics (Blue Star E&E)



Provider of advanced technology products as well as system integrated solutions



Has set up its new medical diagnostic equipment refurbishment facility at Bhiwandi

**Advanced Technology Products** 

**Customized Testing Products** 

**Turnkey Engineering Solutions** 

Value-added services

#### **Lines of Business**

 Operates in three broad segments: MedTech Solutions, Data Security Solutions and Industrial Solutions

MedTech Solutions



Data Security
Solutions



Industrial Solutions





- ✓ Non-Destructive Testing Solutions

✓ Material Testing Systems

- ✓ Warehouse Automation
- ✓ Metrology Solutions

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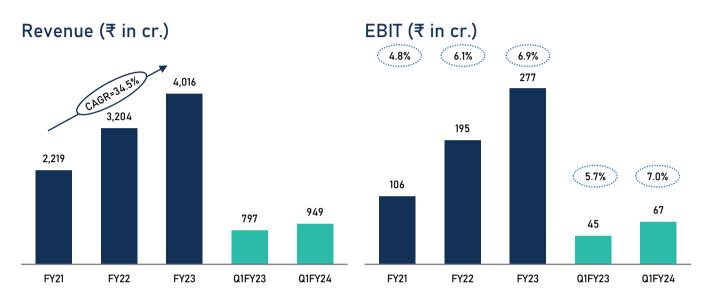


Historical Financial Performance

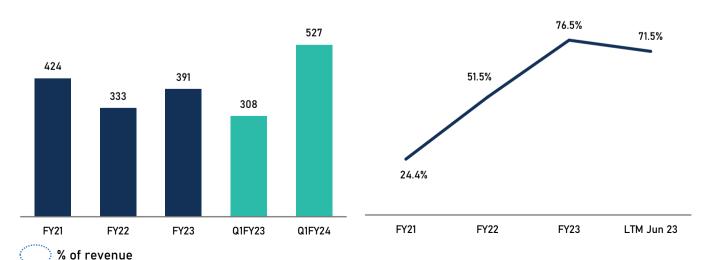


# Key segment financial performance

# Electro-Mechanical Projects and Central Air Conditioning Systems Segment<sup>1</sup>



# Capital Employed (₹ in cr.)



# Key highlights

#### **Electro-Mechanical Projects**

- Diversified into new segments such as industrial, data centers, railway electrification, water MEP projects, etc., to de-risk dependence on commercial real estate projects
- Business process reengineering to improve efficiencies in tendering. procurement and execution processes and enhanced commercial controls which have started paying dividends

#### Central Air Conditioning

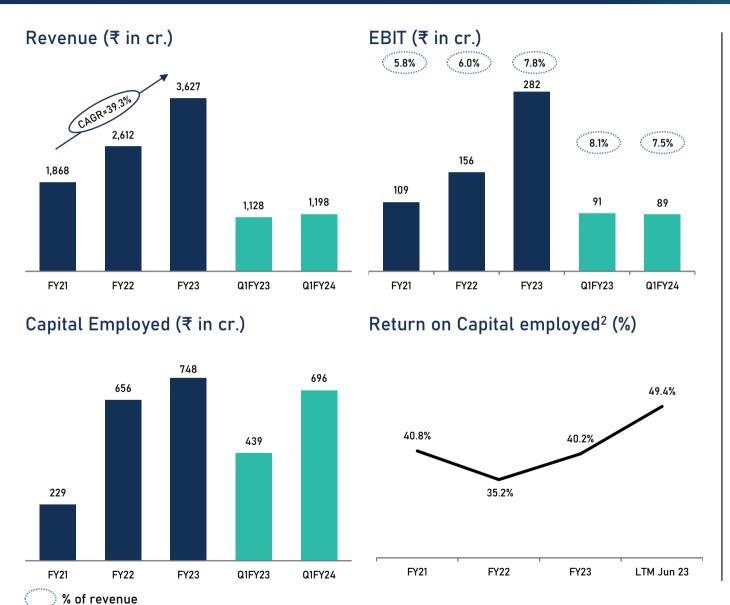
- Expansion of product portfolio coupled with distribution expansion and realignment of focus towards emerging customer segments such as pharma and healthcare have contributed to growth
- Revenue growth and the consequent scale impact, improved product mix, coupled with design-led value engineering initiatives have aided margin improvement

Return on Capital employed<sup>2</sup> (%)



# Key segment financial performance

# Unitary Products Segment<sup>1</sup>



#### Key highlights

#### Room Air Conditioners

- Revenue growth driven by product portfolio diversification to affordable premium and affordable ranges
- Higher focus on North India markets and making the brand relevant in Hindi speaking markets has helped grow market share
- Increased share of own manufactured products, backward integration initiatives and focus on optimizing costs across the value chain helping to sustain margin in a highly competitive market

#### **Commercial Refrigeration**

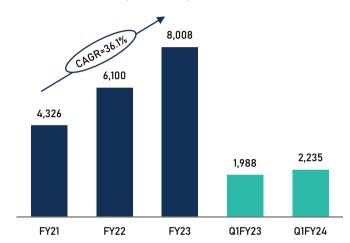
- Revenue growth driven by increase in out-of-home consumption, growth of organized retail, increasing investments in healthcare infrastructure and focus on reducing wastage across the value chain from farm to plate
- Wide product portfolio with offerings across the value chain and in multiple segments also enabled revenue growth
- □ Focus on higher levels of indigenization coupled with total cost management initiatives has enabled margin improvement



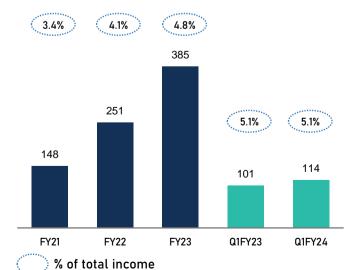
# Consolidated financial performance

# Key performance indicators<sup>1</sup>

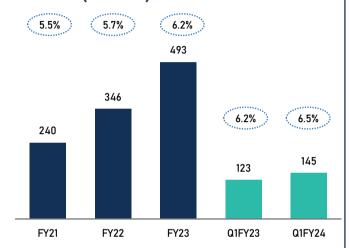
#### Total Income<sup>2</sup> (₹ in cr.)



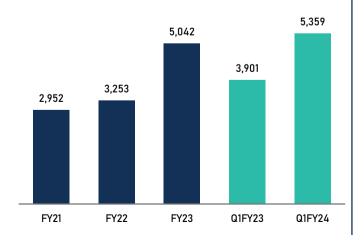
PBT before exceptional items (₹ in cr.)



EBITDA (₹ in cr.)



Carried forward order book (₹ in cr.)



# Key highlights

- With the growth trajectory across segments in which the company operates, all financial parameters surpassed pre-pandemic levels
- Wide AC&R solutions portfolio for both B2B and B2C markets helped navigate the challenges posed by the pandemic related disruptions and seasonal nature of the unitary products segment
- Diversification into new and emerging customer segments and a pickup in the construction cycle post the pandemic enabled growth in the order book
- Design-led value engineering, indigenization, higher levels of backward integration, enhanced efficiencies in job execution practices and continued focus on cost management initiatives have enabled margin improvement

. Includes other income

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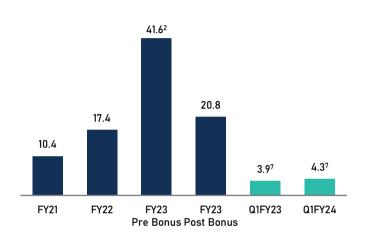
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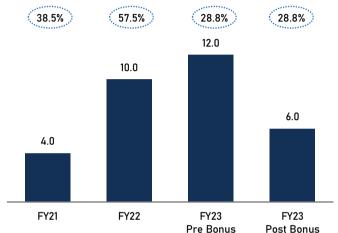
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# Key performance indicators<sup>1</sup>

#### Earnings Per Share (₹ share)



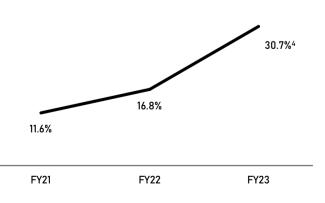
#### Dividend per share<sup>6</sup> (₹ share)



#### Key highlights

- Consistently rewarded shareholders by way of regular dividend payouts
- Despite significant investments in manufacturing capacity expansion, continued focus on margin improvement and working capital efficiency enabled improvement in ROCE

#### Return on Equity<sup>3</sup> (%)



# Return on Capital employed<sup>5</sup> (%)



# Dividend Payout ratio<sup>6</sup>

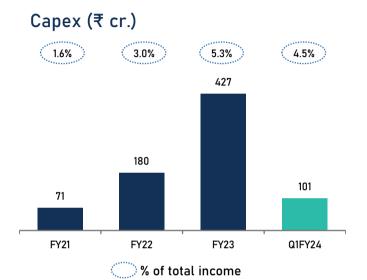
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- Rs27.15 without Thane property sales ROE: Net profit after tax/ Average Shareholder's equity X 100
- 20.3% excluding the impact of gain on sale of the land parcel at Thane
- ROCE: PBIT / Avg. (Net worth + Net Debt) and ROCE for Q1FY24 as Trailing 12 months PBIT / Avg. (Net worth + Net Debt)
  - Dividend payout: Dividend per share/Earnings per share; Dividend is based on the year of declaration
  - Adjusted with bonus issue



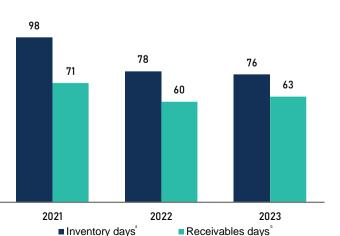
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# Key performance indicators<sup>1</sup>

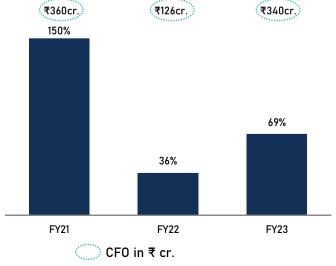
# Net debt/Gross debt<sup>3</sup> to equity ratio 0.5 0.4 0.4 0.3 0.2 FY21 FY22 FY23 Q1FY23 Q1FY24 Q1Sy24 Q1FY24 Q1Sy24 Q1Sy25 Q1Sy26 Q1S



# Working capital days



# Cash flow operations as % of EBITDA



#### Notes:

- 1. Latest reclassified reported figures are shown wherever applicable
- . Net positive cash position
- 3. Gross Debt includes Long term and Short term borrowings
- Inventory turnover (no. of days) = Average Inventory / Cost of goods sold for the period X 365

  Trade receivable turnover (no. of days) = Average debtors / Turnover for the period X 365

# Key highlights

- Have increased capital investments in manufacturing capacity, R&D and Digital as a part of our growth plans; important for supply chain resilience and for competitiveness
- Monetization of certain assets in the last 3 years and good operating cash flows helped restrict the increase in borrowings despite investments in manufacturing, digital and R&D capabilities



**Growth Strategies** 



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# Grow faster than the market

#### Room Air Conditioners

- Leverage new manufacturing, PLI and plant efficiency to profitably grow the affordable range of products
- Introduce differentiated products in the premium segment
- Deepen distribution reach
- □ Strengthen the brand salience in HSMs¹
- □ Improve customer experience throughout the lifecycle with digital

#### Central Air Conditioning

- Stay ahead of the curve to adopt modern technology
- Design-led value engineering for introducing products at all price points for the commercial segment
- ☐ Grow in the lightcommercial and residential segments with innovative products
- Deepen distribution reach

# Commercial Refrigeration

- □ Indigenize the full range of deep freezers
- □ Continue to widen the product portfolio in line with consumption trends
- Make after sales service a key differentiator
- □ Scale adjacencies in retail, healthcare and kitchen refrigeration

#### MEP business

- ☐ Grow beyond the traditional buildings segment, viz. factories, data centers, metro rail, rail electrification and water
- ☐ Focus on engineering-based complex projects to ensure profitability
- Implementation of superior project delivery to optimize cash flow and manage risk

# Geographic Expansion

- □ Consolidate
  position in the
  Middle East &
  Africa HVAC&R
  market through
  product portfolio
  enhancements,
  deeper distribution
  reach and brand
  building
  investments
- Make an entry into the North America and Europe markets with a Technology IP-led original design & manufacturing model



# **Growth Strategies (cont'd)**



#### Improve profitability

- Drive scale and achieve higher operating cost leverage
- □ Strengthen product innovation and investments in R&D for designing-to-value and introducing differentiated products at all price points in key product categories Room ACs, VRF and Deep Freezers
- □ Focus on indigenization and backward integration across all product businesses and growth in manufacturing footprint
- ☐ Cross deploy and institutionalize Total Cost Management (TCM) culture across the businesses
- Leverage digital for process innovation and operational efficiency



# **Growth Strategies (cont'd)**



# Continue ESG focus

- Maintain efficiency in the areas of energy, ozone depletion, global warming mitigation measures and e-waste management
- ☐ Pursue Circular Economy in business operations
- Maintain the highest Governance standards
- □ Social Strategy around gender diversity in senior management and supplier diversity
- □ Focus on the Net Zero Mission that began in 2022 and continue to assess the carbon footprint of its various establishments including factories
- □ CSR focus on related to vocational training and skill development in the areas of health, hygiene and wellness



# Conclusion



Focused, technology-led HVAC&R player



Track record of growing the business





Investment led strategy to improve profitability



Strong leadership and a committed team supported by strong governance



**Continue ESG focus** 

We welcome you to partner with Blue Star in our journey!