# Insights Unwrapped

Ambiguous Financial Reporting



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There have been instances where auditors' comments in financial statements appeared too vague, potentially leading to misinterpretations that could tarnish a company's reputation. In some cases, such remarks might have been misleading, while in others, they may have been genuine but poorly articulated.

Our database includes examples from the past where ambiguous or inadequately explained observations caused unwarranted concerns among stakeholders. These cases underline the importance of clarity and precision in audit reports to prevent miscommunication and maintain trust.



## **Amber Enterprises India Ltd**

#### Fair value of instruments measured at amortised cost

Fair value of instruments measured at amortised cost for which fair value is disclosed is as follows:

(All amounts in ₹ in lakh unless otherwise stated)

| Particulars                 | Level   | 31 March 2022  |            | 31 March 2021  |            |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|                             |         | Carrying value | Fair value | Carrying value | Fair value |
| Financial assets            |         |                |            |                |            |
| Other financial assets      | Level 3 | 10,837.89      | 10,911.15  | 11,589.19      | 11,618.05  |
| Total financial assets      |         | 10,837.89      | 10,911.15  | 11,589.19      | 11,618.05  |
| Financial liabilities       |         |                |            |                |            |
| Borrowings                  | Level 3 | 40,423.81      | 46,191.14  | 20,173.60      | 20,182.86  |
| Lease liabilities           | Level 3 | 3,673.58       | 3,882.35   | 1,437.84       | 1,676.48   |
| Other financial liabilities | Level 3 | 303.78         | 303.78     | -              | -          |
| Total financial liabilities |         | 44,401.17      | 50,377.27  | 21,611.44      | 21,859.34  |

Amortized Fair Value should always be less than or equal to the Carrying Value (on the liability side).

How is it possible for the Fair Value to exceed the Carrying Value in this instance?

Source: Amber's Annual Report F2022



# **Easy Trip Planners Ltd**

### Customer revenue concentration-

For the year ended March 31, 2022, revenue of INR 259.6 million was derived from a single external customer in the Air Passage segment. In comparison, for the year ended March 31, 2021, revenue of INR 158.74 million was derived from two external customers. These contributions individually accounted for more than 10% of the total revenue. Its presence in 3 distinct distribution channels provides the Company with a diversified customer base and wide distribution network. *More than 90% of its business is B2C at present while the rest comprises either travel agent or corporate business.* 

Is it possible for one customer to contribute more than 10% of revenues while over 90% of revenues are from B2C?

In contrast, MakeMyTrip does not face such customer concentration risk. According to MakeMyTrip's Annual Report, the nature of the business primarily involves individual customers. None of the corporate or other customers account for 10% or more of the Group's revenues.



### **Shankara Building Products**

During the year, the <u>fixed assets of the Company have been physically verified by the management and</u> <u>as informed, no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.</u> In our opinion, the frequency of verification is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets.

BUT... at the same time

The <u>Company is in the process of updating its fixed asset register showing full particulars, including</u> <u>quantitative details and situation of fixed assets.</u> – Annual Report FY18



### **Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd**

Cheques amounting to approximately 50% of the Annual Sales were deposited after banking hours on the closing date, March 31?

| Particulars  | March 31, 2022 | March 31, 2021 |  |
|--|----------------|----------------|--|
|  | ₹ In Crore     | ₹ In Crore     |  |
| Balance in current account   | 8,391.01       | 3,686.90       |  |
| Deposits with original maturity of less than three months                    | 205.64         | 510.91         |  |
| Cash on hand   | 0.12           | 0.23           |  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents as per Balance Sheet*                              | 8,596.77       | 4,198.04       |  |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents attributable to Assets held for sale (refer note 39) | 23.03          | 2.93           |  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents as per Cash Flow Statement                         | 8,619.80       | 4,200.97       |  |

<sup>\*</sup> includes cheques realised subsequent to the Balance Sheet date amounting ₹7,819.53 crore (Previous year ₹2,853.26 crore)

Source: Annual Report FY22



### **CMS Info Systems Ltd**

The RBI in 2019 introduced requirement for reconciliation to be completed within three days from the transaction taking place.

"We typically have contractual obligations with our customers and other third parties and, subject to certain conditions, are ultimately liable for the reimbursement or replenishment of any shortfall however caused. Such liability is ordinarily required to be satisfied as soon as reasonably practicable after detection, and in most cases within one month of detection."

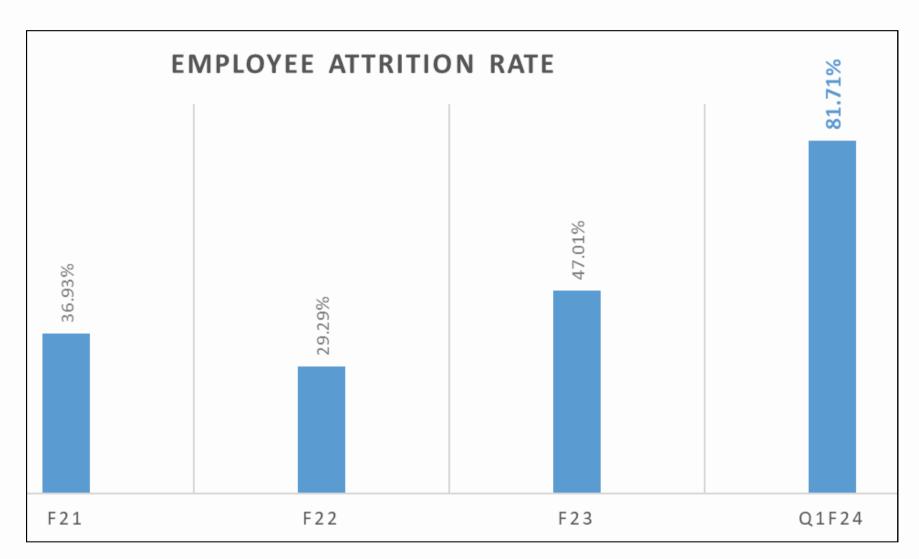
<u>A ₹337.16 million increase in trade receivables written off (net of the provision of earlier year) partially</u> <u>as a result of the change in RBI regulations to shorten reconciliation period</u> requiring banks and MSPs to complete all pending reconciliations, leading in increased trade receivables written off (net of provision of earlier years) in Fiscal Year 2020. – CMS RHP



# **Such High Attrition?**

Source: RHP

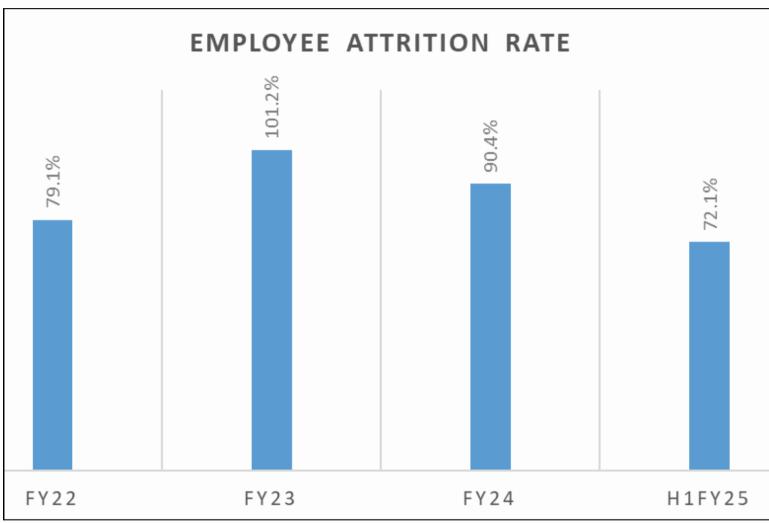
### **Honasa Consumer Ltd**



"For the three months period ended June 30, 2022 and 2023, the overall employee attrition rate is not annualized as the full year period has not lapsed". – RHP (Pg 53)

### Where are the employees going?

# Vishal Mega Mart



| Vishal Mega Mart          | FY22  | FY23   | FY24  | H1FY25 |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Employee Attrition Rate   | 79.1% | 101.2% | 90.4% | 72.1%  |
| KMP Attrition Rate        |       | 40.0%  | 33.3% | 33.3%  |
| Senior Mgt Attrition Rate | 10.0% | 10.0%  | 20.0% |        |

Note: Employee Attrition rate for H1FY25 is annualized, KMP and Senior Management Attrition rate is not annualised.

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