

SpiceJet Ltd — Jun 2025 Quarterly Analysis

1. VERDICT & BUSINESS QUALITY SNAPSHOT

The punchline. Read this first — it frames everything below.

Result: Inline (Stabilization phase) **One-line:** The thesis has transitioned from "Liquidity Crisis" to "Margin Recovery" as SpiceJet achieved a positive unit margin (RASK-CASK spread of ₹24) and restored positive Net Worth (₹83 Cr), though the 29% YoY capacity collapse remains the primary hurdle to absolute profitability.

Dimension	This Quarter	Signal / Evidence	Sentiment
Beat/Miss vs Guidance / Prior Quarter	Inline	Completed promoter infusion of 500 Cr; cash levels stabilized at ₹88.8 Cr.	🟩
Earnings Quality	Moderate	Q4 operating profit of ₹18.6 Cr (implied); Annual PAT still negative due to Forex and grounded costs.	🟩
Guidance Confidence	Neutral	Strategic partnerships (StandardAero/Carlyle) show intent, but fleet ungrounding targets lack specific Q-on-Q timelines.	🟩
Management Credibility	Improving	Followed through on recapitalization and statutory clearance; Net Worth is now positive.	🟩
Business Quality Signal	Improving	Unit economics are robust; Yields surged 29% YoY to ₹176, proving brand pricing power.	🟩
Key Q&A Exchange	N/A — no concall	Section not applicable.	🟩
The Street's Primary Anxiety	Shrinking Footprint	Can the airline reclaim market share before competition permanently fills the 29% capacity gap?	🟩
Capital Cycle Stage	Recapitalization	Shifting from "debt-settlement" to "fleet-restoration" mode.	🟩
Margin / Return Ratio Trajectory	Improving	EBITDAR grew 15.6% YoY (Annual); Q4 RASK-CASK spread widened significantly YoY.	🟩
Pricing Power	Expanding	Passenger Yield up 28.9% YoY; Total RASK up 16.5% YoY.	🟩
FCF Conversion & Quality	Distorted	Cash consumed for fleet restoration and liability cleaning; CFO not disclosed in PPT.	🟩
Competitive Moat Signals	Stable	Retention of Haj mandates and high PLF (88%) indicates resilient demand despite lower fleet count.	🟩
Balance Sheet Strength	Adequate (Improved)	Net worth turned positive (₹83 Cr) vs deep negative in prior years.	🟩
Working Capital Efficiency	Improving	Paydown of high-cost finance costs (-43.8% in Q4) and statutory settlements.	🟩
Mgmt Guidance Track Record	Mixed	Strong on fundraising; slow on fleet ungrounding (ASKM still down 29% YoY).	🟩
Key Vulnerability / Red Flag	Capacity Decline	ASKM down from 3,610M to 2,557M YoY; a 29% smaller airline cannot support the same fixed cost base long-term.	🟩
Management Tone	N/A	Based on PPT: Operationally focused and engineering-centric.	🟩

Sentiment: 🟩Positive

Key Takeaways (Positives & Negatives): * **Positives:** The airline is finally "unit profitable." Q4 RASK (₹159) significantly outperformed CASK (₹135), a massive improvement over the near-breakeven spread in Q4FY24.

The successful completion of the 500 Cr promoter infusion and the resulting positive Net Worth of 683 Cr removes the immediate threat of regulatory or insolvency-led shutdown. Yield growth (+29%) and load factors (88%) remain industry-leading, proving demand is not the bottleneck. * **Negatives:** Capacity remains the "achilles heel." ASKM (volume) is down 29% YoY, and market share is struggling to break past 3.4%. While unit margins are good, the absolute scale of the airline is shrinking, which increases the pressure on the remaining fleet to cover corporate overheads. * **The Street's Primary Concern:** Analysts are focused on the "missing fleet." Management's response via PPT is the Carlyle/StandardAero partnership, but the actual ungrounding pace remains opaque, with the fleet target table for year-end 2025 left blank in the presentation. * **Forward Watchpoint:** Monitor the "Other RASK" sustainability. It grew 10.2% to 194; any dip here would immediately compress the narrow unit margin.

2. BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

2A. KEY METRICS

DATA SOURCE: Concall not available — Mgmt Commentary column absent.

Metric	Current Qtr (Q4FY25)	YoY Change	QoQ Change	Trend	Mgmt Commentary
Total Income	1,941.6 Cr	-17.5%	Not in doc	↓	Capacity cuts (ASKM -29%) outpaced by yield gains.
Revenue from Ops	1,446.4 Cr	-15.9%	Not in doc	↓	Pricing gains partially offset the volume drop.
PAT (Implied Q4)	318.6 Cr	NA	Not in doc	↑	Computed as Total Income minus Total Expenses.
EBITDAR (Annual)	1,635.4 Cr	+15.6%	Not in doc	↑	Improving core operational profitability.
RASK (Total INR)	7.59	+16.5%	Not in doc	↑	Driven by 28.9% hike in passenger yields.
CASK (Total INR)	6.35	+2.6%	Not in doc	↓	Cost control strong despite capacity shrinkage.
Load Factor (%)	88.0%	-356 bps	Not in doc	↓	Remains high but down from 92% YoY.
Passenger Yield (₹)	5.76	+28.9%	Not in doc	↑	Reflects aggressive pricing/yield management.
ASKM (Million)	2,557	-29.2%	+0.2%	→	Capacity is bottoming out; flat versus Q3.
Total Cash Balance	708.8 Cr	+153.4%	-4.0%	→	Stable post-settlement; includes 610.4 Cr free cash.
Fuel Cost (₹Cr)	494.7 Cr	-33.7%	Not in doc	↑	Savings from lower capacity and -6.4% fuel CASK.
Finance Costs (₹ Cr)	100.5 Cr	-43.8%	Not in doc	↑	Significant reduction in interest/debt burden.
Net Worth (₹Cr)	683.0 Cr	NA	Not in doc	↑	Successfully turned positive post-infusion.
Market Share %	3.38% (Mar)	Not in doc	-2.6%	↓	Down from 3.47% in Dec; competition eating share.

2B. SEGMENT BREAKDOWN

Segment	Revenue (₹ Cr)	YoY Growth	Margin	Trend	vs Company Avg	Key Development
Pax Revenue	₹1,446.4 Cr	-15.9%	Not in doc	↓	Average	Capacity-constrained; yield-driven performance.
Other Income	₹95.2 Cr	-22.0%	Not in doc	↓	Underperformer	Includes ancillary and non-core RASK (₹194).
Haj Operations	Not in doc	NA	Not in doc	→	NA	Mandates secured for 4 cities for upcoming season.

3. MANAGEMENT OUTLOOK & EXECUTION TRACKER

Dimension	Category	Management Target / Claim	Required Run-Rate / Mathematical Feasibility	Historical Delivery	Risk Flag
Strategy	Fleet Restoration	Partnership with StandardAero & Carlyle for engine overhaul.	Need to unground 15+ aircraft to return to FY24 capacity.	Mixed; ASKM still down 29%.	High
Strategy	Network Expansion	Launched 24 new flights for Summer 2025.	Requires high utilization of the currently active fleet.	Delivered on summer slots.	Low
Strategy	Liability Management	Promoter completed 500 Cr infusion.	Completed as of March 2025.	Delivered.	Low
Strategy	Certification	Renew IOSA safety certification.	Done; globally recognized benchmark achieved.	Delivered.	Low
Balance	Net Worth	Restore positive Net Worth.	Achieved 683 Cr as of March 2025.	Delivered.	Low

(N/A — no concall conducted or available.)

4. ANALYST Q&A

Section not applicable — investor presentation only. No concall conducted or available.

5. WHAT CHANGED vs PRIOR QUARTER

What Changed	Prior Quarter (Q3 FY25)	This Quarter (Q4 FY25)	Direction
Net Worth	Deeply Negative (Distressed)	683 Cr (Positive)	↑
Promoter Infusion	Ongoing Tranches	Completed (500 Cr total)	↑
RASK-CASK Spread	Not highlighted	₹24 (Positive per-unit margin)	↑
Unit Revenue (RASK)	Not provided	₹159 (+16.5% YoY)	↑
Market Share	3.47% (Dec-24)	3.38% (Mar-25)	↓
On-Time Performance	61.5% (Dec-24)	72.1% (Feb) / ~70% (Mar)	↑
Free Cash Balance	656.3 Cr	610.4 Cr	↓
Credit Rating	Upgraded to B+/BB-	Ratings reaffirmed/maintained	→
Finance Costs	₹178.8 Cr (est)	₹100.5 Cr (44% YoY reduction)	↑

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