Project: an ownership profile of one company

This free guide walks Class 11–12 Commerce students through an ownership profile of one listed Indian company. Students read its shareholding pattern, pledges, related-party note and dividend history, and cite every number to its filing.

5-minute prep

- Decide whether students may use any listed company or must choose from a list. A list makes checking quicker.
- Decide the two quarter-ends for the class, for example Sep 2026 and Sep 2024.
- Print the project planner (the worksheet) and the marking checklist.
- Download one company's shareholding pattern and annual report yourself, and find the promoter table, the pledge columns and the related-party note, to show students where they sit.

Class	Senior secondary, Class 11–12 (Commerce)
Time	Three 40-minute periods in class, or two periods plus homework.
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Objective

Students can build an ownership profile of one listed company from its filings: who owns it, whether promoter shares are pledged, what it pays related parties and what it gives back to shareholders, with every number cited.

CBSE units the lesson supports

- Business Studies (054), Class XII, Unit 9 (CBSE Business Studies (054)), in part
- Financial Markets Management (805), Class XI or XII, Practical work: Project (CBSE Financial Markets Management (805)), in part

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Timing

Minutes	Step	What happens
0–40	**Period 1: choose and collect**	Students choose one company, download two shareholding patterns two years apart and one annual report, and fill in Part A of the planner.
40–80	**Period 2: build the profile**	Students fill in the four parts of the profile, copying every number into the number log with its filing, date and page.
80–120	**Period 3: explain, check and share**	Students write what each part shows, partners check three numbers against the filings, and each student adds one thing the filings do not show.

Materials

- The project planner (one per student): the worksheet for this lesson
- Two shareholding patterns of the chosen company, two years apart, from nseindia.com or bseindia.com
- The company's annual report for one financial year, from the same site
- The marking checklist from this page (teacher), or printed for students
- A calculator

Discussion questions

1. Why does the project ask for two shareholding patterns two years apart?
2. A pledge figure is "of promoter holding". Why must your profile also give it as a share of all shares?
3. Who approved the related-party payment you found, and where did the annual report say so?
4. What reason did your company's board give for its dividend decision? Where is it written?
5. What can the filings not tell you about who controls the company?

Adapting the lesson

Students still building their English: Give students the word bank and the sentence starters from the planner. Let them write each part in short sentences, one fact per sentence.

Students who need more support: Pre-select a company and mark the shareholding table and the related-party note in the annual report. Students complete Parts 1 and 4 fully and Parts 2 and 3 with one fact each.

Students ready for more: Students add a third shareholding pattern between the two dates and explain one change with a reason the company gave in an exchange filing, quoted with its date.

Extension: Students build the same four-part profile for a second company in the same industry and describe one difference in ownership, without saying which company is ahead.

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Teacher background

Which filings does the project use?

The shareholding pattern, filed with NSE and BSE every quarter, shows who owns the shares and how many promoter shares are pledged. The annual report has the related-party note and the dividend for the year.

Which date should students use?

Any quarter-end works, as long as students name it. Ask for one quarter and a second quarter two years earlier, so the profile shows a change.

What if the company has no promoter?

Some companies, such as ITC, have no promoter group. Students then write that the pledge part does not apply and describe who the largest shareholders are instead.

Where does Cityfort fit in?

Each Cityfort stock page shows the shareholding, pledges, related-party flags and dividends with their sources, so a teacher can use it as a map to the right filing and a check on a student's numbers. Students cite the filing itself, never the Cityfort page.

If your class runs a stock-market simulation, these lessons can come before it: they explain what a company does and how it reports results. They do not suggest which companies to choose, and Cityfort does not run, rank or judge simulation picks.

Teaching notes

- Check the number log first: if every number has a filing and a page, the rest of the profile is easy to mark.
- Students mix up "of promoter holding" and "of all shares" for pledges. Ask which one each figure is before you mark Part 2.
- Related-party notes are long. Tell students to look for the parent company or a promoter-group company by name, and to pick one payment only.
- If a company paid no dividend in a year, the payout is zero. Ask the student to quote the board's reason.

A worked example with a made-up company

Made-up company, Example Foods Ltd: promoter group 60% of all shares; 10% of the promoter group's shares pledged; dividend per share ₹4; earnings per share ₹10.

Pledge as a share of all shares: 10 × 60 ÷ 100 = 6%. Payout: ₹4 ÷ ₹10 × 100 = 40%.

Explanation a student might write: "The promoter group controls the company, and has given part of its holding as security for a loan." The made-up numbers show the method only.

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Marking checklist

Company and filings (2), who owns it (4), pledges (3), related parties (3), what it gives back (4), explanation and limits (2), citations (2): 20 suggested points. Map them to your school's marking scheme. No points for an investment opinion.

student page

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Sources

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