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Good quarter, healthy order flows

- Good Q1 performance though legacy orders continue to weigh on infrastructure margins
- Order inflow and execution improves along with stronger pipeline commentary; new energy investments to continue
- Outlook mixed; retain HOLD with a revised TP of Rs 2,600 (vs. Rs 2,400)
 on rollover

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Good Q1 but infrastructure margin remains soft: TMX's Q1FY24 revenue grew 17% YoY to Rs 19.3bn, with the industrial products business up 26% to Rs 8.4bn, industrial infrastructure up 13% to Rs 9.2bn, green solutions up ~2x to Rs 1.1bn and chemicals rising 7% to Rs 1.6bn. EBITDA grew 38% YoY to Rs 1.3bn but the margin was muted at 6.8% (+105bps) due to legacy infrastructure orders under execution. Going forward, TMX will commence more lucrative projects, aiding full-year margins. Adj. PAT increased 88% YoY to Rs 1bn in Q1, excluding one-time provisioning of Rs 500mn for an arbitration award that went against the company.

Stronger order pipeline commentary: After plateauing over the past two quarters, TMX's order book has risen from Rs 97bn in Q4FY23 to Rs 105bn. The Q1 order inflow stood at Rs 25.7bn, with base orders forming 70-75% and growing in double digits. Management expects a healthy pipeline across most end-customer segments, albeit comprising smaller orders worth Rs 500mn-1,000mn. The company sees potential for only 4-5 big-ticket projects and even these may not materialise in FY24.

International business a mixed bag: Management indicated that international subsidiaries had fallen short of order intake and operating margin expectations in Q1, with cost runups in some projects. While the company expects both overseas subsidiaries, Danstoker and PTTI, to be profitable in 15-18 months as guided previously, the turnaround is likely to be faster for Danstoker than PTTI in FY24.

Continued investment in new energy initiatives: TMX indicated that it continues to invest in the solar business under subsidiary FEPL and in biomass-to-hydrogen under TOESL, though these will take time to evolve. Management plans to infuse equity worth Rs 5bn-6bn in both subsidiaries and expects these two entities to take on combined debt of Rs 15bn-20bn without recourse to TMX's balance sheet.

Retain HOLD: Though order inflows were healthy and the outlook is improving, weak infrastructure margins from legacy orders remain a drag. We retain HOLD and roll valuations forward to Jun'25E for a revised TP of Rs 2,600 (earlier Rs 2,400). Our TP is set at an unchanged 40x P/E multiple, in line with the stock's 5Y average.

Key changes

Target	Rating	
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Ticker/Price	TMX IN/Rs 2,516
Market cap	US\$ 3.6bn
Free float	32%
3M ADV	US\$ 1.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 2,729/Rs 1,831
Promoter/FPI/DII	62%/12%/16%

Source: NSE | Price as of 1 Aug 2023

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	80,898	95,857	1,09,346
EBITDA (Rs mn)	5,976	6,758	8,684
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	4,507	5,334	7,135
Adj. EPS (Rs)	37.8	44.8	59.9
Consensus EPS (Rs)	37.8	43.3	60.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	12.2	13.3	16.2
Adj. P/E (x)	66.5	56.2	42.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	51.2	44.8	36.0
Adj. EPS growth (%)	44.3	18.4	33.7

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 - Quarterly performance

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	YoY (%)	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)
Revenue	19,330	16,545	16.8	23,108	(16.4)
EBITDA	1,322	960	37.7	1,999	(33.9)
EBITDA margin (%)	6.8	5.8	104bps	8.7	(181bps)
Depreciation	294	286	3.0	294	(0.1)
Interest	134	66	103.5	139	(4.0)
Other Income	531	205	158.3	575	(7.7)
PBT	1,425	815	74.9	2,140	(33.4)
Tax	315	224	40.5	581	(45.8)
Adjusted PAT	1,106	590	87.6	1,562	(29.2)
Exceptional item	506	0	0.0	0	0.0
Reported PAT	600	590	1.7	1,562	(61.6)
Adj. PAT margin (%)	5.7	3.6	216bps	6.8	(104bps)
EPS (Rs)	9.9	5.2	88.0	13.8	(28.8)

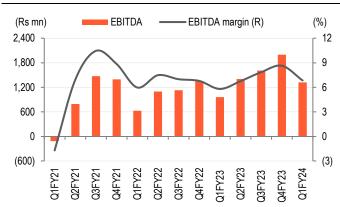
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 2 - Revenue growth trend



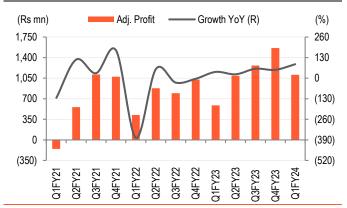
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Fig 3 - EBITDA growth trend



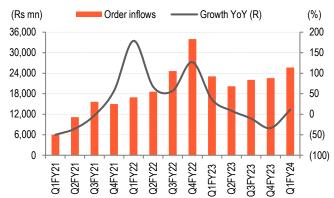
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Fig 4 - Profitability trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

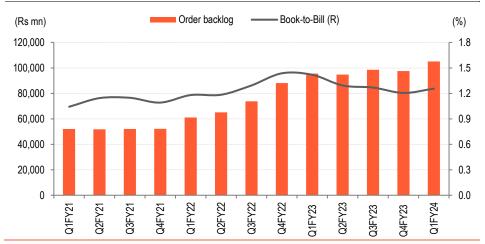
Fig 5 - Order inflow trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Fig 6 - Order backlog trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Valuation methodology

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Key risks

Key upside risks to our estimates are:

- swift recovery in the chemicals segment translating to higher margins, and
- faster payback from newly incubated businesses.

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- inability to scale up new businesses, and
- cyclicality in the end-user market.

Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
ABB India	ABB IN	11.7	4,520	3,700	HOLD
AIA Engineering	AIAE IN	3.9	3,376	3,500	BUY
Cummins India	KKC IN	6.5	1,927	2,000	BUY
Hitachi Energy	POWERIND IN	2.0	3,965	4,400	HOLD
KEC International	KECI IN	2.0	625	550	HOLD
Larsen & Toubro	LT IN	45.6	2,667	3,000	BUY
Siemens India	SIEM IN	16.9	3,891	3,700	HOLD
Thermax	TMX IN	3.6	2,516	2,600	HOLD

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 1 Aug 2023



Financials

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue	47,913	61,283	80,898	95,857	1,09,346
EBITDA	3,552	4,214	5,976	6,758	8,684
Depreciation	1,146	1,132	1,169	1,138	1,080
EBIT	2.406	3,081	4,807	5.620	7,603
Net interest inc./(exp.)	206	252	376	350	301
Other inc./(exp.)	1,077	1,270	1,602	1,842	2,210
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	2,210
EBT	3,277	4,100	6,033	7,112	9,513
Income taxes	686	978	1,524	1.778	2.378
Extraordinary items	525	0	0	506	2,570
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	0	1	(2)	0	
Reported net profit	2,066	3,123	4,507	4,828	7,135
	525	0	4,307	506	7,133
Adjustments					
Adjusted net profit	2,591	3,123	4,507	5,334	7,135
Balance Sheet					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Accounts payables	11,380	14,598	14,979	19,697	20,970
Other current liabilities	16,497	20,002	25,181	27,575	31,456
Provisions	0	0	0	0	C
Debt funds	3,051	3,596	8,158	5,000	4,300
Other liabilities	1,627	1,491	1,367	1,620	1,847
Equity capital	225	225	225	225	225
Reserves & surplus	32,289	34,700	38,456	41,594	46,231
Shareholders' fund	32,514	34,925	38,702	41,840	46,478
Total liab. and equities	65,069	74,611	88,386	95,732	1,05,051
Cash and cash eq.	20,545	9,535	11,316	17,540	19,633
Accounts receivables	12,371	14,237	17,621	22,323	25,464
Inventories	4,047	7,270	7,556	7,879	8,987
Other current assets	7,702	16,336	24,309	18,384	19,473
Investments	1,192	7,034	2,168	2,569	2,931
Net fixed assets	12,451	12,014	12,645	12,707	12,827
CWIP	211	443	4,338	4,338	4,338
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	.,000
Deferred tax assets, net	0	0	0	0	0
Other assets	6,550	7,743	8,433	9,992	11,398
Total assets	65,069	74,611	88,386	95,732	1,05,051
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Cash Flows					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Cash flow from operations	7,695	3,247	4,596	13,980	8,030
Capital expenditures	(834)	(838)	(6,499)	(1,200)	(1,200)
Change in investments	(5,789)	(4,263)	(993)	(401)	(362)
Other investing cash flows	266	885	696	(1,307)	(1,178)
Cash flow from investing	(6,357)	(4,216)	(6,797)	(2,908)	(2,740)
Equities issued/Others	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	947	762	4,481	(3,158)	(700)
Interest expenses	0	0	0	0	C
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	C
Other financing cash flows	(174)	(968)	(996)	(1,690)	(2,497)
Cash flow from financing	772	(206)	3,485	(4,848)	(3,197
Chg in cash & cash eq.	2,110	(1,175)	1,284	6,224	2,093
Closing cash & cash eq.	20,545	9,535	11,316	17,540	19,633

Per Share					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Reported EPS	17.3	26.2	37.8	40.5	59.9
Adjusted EPS	21.7	26.2	37.8	44.8	59.9
Dividend per share	7.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
Book value per share	272.9	293.1	324.6	351.0	389.9
Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
EV/Sales	6.5	5.2	3.8	3.2	2.9
EV/EBITDA	87.5	75.3	51.2	44.8	36.0
Adjusted P/E	115.7	96.0	66.5	56.2	42.0
P/BV	9.2	8.6	7.8	7.2	6.5
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	79.1	76.2	74.7	75.0	75.0
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	136.2	133.1	125.5	126.5	125.1
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	5.0	5.0	5.9	5.9	7.0
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	76.9	87.7	99.3	104.1	108.9
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3
Adjusted ROAE	8.3	9.3	12.2	13.3	16.2
Ratio Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	(16.4)	27.9	32.0	18.5	14.1
EBITDA	(12.6)	18.6	41.8	13.1	28.5
Adjusted EPS	22.0	20.5	44.3	18.4	33.7
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	7.4	6.9	7.4	7.1	7.9
EBIT margin	5.0	5.0	5.9	5.9	7.0
Adjusted profit margin	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.6	6.5
Adjusted ROAE	8.3	9.3	12.2	13.3	16.2
ROCE	7.0	8.3	10.9	12.4	15.5
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	94	85	80	85	85
Inventory	31	43	34	30	30
Payables	87	87	68	75	70
Ratios (x)					

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Adjusted debt/equity Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets

Current ratio

Net interest coverage ratio



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