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RESEARCH

Axis Bank | Target: Rs 900 | +27% | BUY

Asset quality disappoints

Tech Mahindra | Target: Rs 710 | +11% | ADD

Miss on all counts

Gujarat Gas | Target: Rs 250 | +53% | BUY

Volumes and margins surge

Transport Corp of India | Target: Rs 365 | +39% | BUY

Slowdown weighs on topline growth; margin expansion stands out

Greenlam Industries | NOT RATED

Prominent player in India's laminate market

SUMMARY

Axis Bank

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TOP PICKS

LARGE-CAP IDEAS

| Company | Rating | Target |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| <u>Cipla</u> | Buy | 630 |
| GAIL* | Buy | 245 |
| ONGC | Buy | 230 |
| <u>TCS</u> | Add | 2,360 |
| <u>HPCL</u> | Sell | 210 |

^{*}GAIL target price is adjusted for the 1:1 bonus issue

MID-CAP IDEAS

| Company | Rating | Target |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Balkrishna Ind | Buy | 1,290 |
| Future Supply | Buy | 780 |
| Greenply Industries | Buy | 245 |
| <u>Laurus Labs</u> | Buy | 495 |
| PNC Infratech | Buy | 235 |

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

| Indicator | Current | 2D (%) | 1M (%) | 12M (%) |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| US 10Y yield (%) | 2.07 | (1bps) | 6bps | (91bps) |
| India 10Y yield (%) | 6.41 | (11bps) | (47bps) | (138bps) |
| USD/INR | 68.73 | 0.3 | 0.4 | (0.1) |
| Brent Crude (US\$/bbl) | 63.71 | 0.4 | (4.3) | (15.0) |
| Dow | 27,221 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 7.6 |
| Shanghai | 2,941 | (0.1) | (1.3) | 2.5 |
| Sensex | 37,686 | (0.5) | (4.3) | 0.5 |
| India FII (US\$ mn) | 26 Jul | MTD | CYTD | FYTD |
| FII-D | (191.9) | 1,082.6 | 2,510.9 | 1,966.3 |
| FII-E | 436.3 | (1,568.9) | 9,770.0 | 2,924.8 |

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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Tech Mahindra

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Gujarat Gas

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Greenlam Industries

We attended Greenlam Industries' (GRLM) analyst meet. Following are the key takeaways: (1) As of FY19, GRLM held ~13% market share in the Rs 42bn domestic laminate market and ~30% share in the Rs 15bn export market. Laminates accounted for 85% of the company's revenue for the year. (2) The domestic laminate business posted tepid revenue growth of 4.3% in FY19 as the company kept tight control on debtors and also focused on products carrying better margins. Export revenues clocked a 7.3% CAGR during FY14-FY19 to Rs 5.3bn. For FY20, management expects the overall laminate segment to grow ~10%.

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BUYTP: Rs 900 | ▲ 27%

AXIS BANK

Banking

30 July 2019

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Miss on asset quality: AXSB identified its exposure (incl. loans, investments and NFB) to eight stressed corporate groups at Rs 122bn. Ex-NPA and 'BB & below' exposure, this pool stands at Rs 67bn. The bank already has additional provisions worth Rs 23.6bn, ~60% of which are towards these stressed groups. Its 'BB & below' rated pool was stable at Rs 75bn as slippages/reductions here were offset by downgrades of a similar quantum. Gross slippages at Rs 48bn included corporate slippages worth Rs 21.3bn centred around two lumpy accounts in the power and shipping sectors.

Retail drives loan growth: Despite strong 19% YoY growth in the domestic book, loan growth was subdued at 12.7% as AXSB's overseas book declined 34%. Retail continues to propel domestic growth with personal loans, credit cards and auto loans being the key drivers. Management retained its guidance of posting domestic loan growth 5-7% above industry levels. NIM is guided to stay stable with an upward bias in FY20 but improve to 3.5-3.8% thereafter.

Maintain BUY: We cut FY20/FY21 EPS by 9-12% on higher credit costs, and reduce our core book multiple to 2.3x from 2.5x earlier. Our Mar'20 TP remains at Rs 900 after building in the capital raise and warrant conversion. Reiterate BUY as we believe AXSB is well placed to play the turning asset quality cycle.

KEY FINANCIALS

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY18A | FY19A | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 2,757 | 46,766 | 98,113 | 138,808 | 187,115 |
| EPS (Rs) | 1.1 | 18.2 | 36.1 | 48.5 | 65.3 |
| P/E (x) | 636.8 | 38.9 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 10.8 |
| P/BV (x) | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| ROA (%) | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| ROE (%) | 0.5 | 7.2 | 12.1 | 13.7 | 16.4 |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

| Ticker/Price | AXSB IN/Rs 708 |
|------------------|----------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 26.4bn |
| Shares o/s | 2,569mn |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 90.3mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 828/Rs 535 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 26%/50%/24% |
| | |

Source: NSE

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ADDTP: Rs 710 | ▲ 11%

TECH MAHINDRA

IT Services

31 July 2019

Miss on all counts

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Revenues below already modest estimates: June quarter revenue at US\$ 1.2bn decreased 1.6% QoQ (vs. our/consensus estimates of a 0.9%/1.1% decline), as revenues from both the enterprise (-0.4% QoQ) and communication (-3.2%) businesses contracted. We highlight that the annual growth trajectory in the enterprise business was negative (-2.2% YoY) for the second quarter in a row.

Anaemic operating margins: EBIT at Rs 9.9bn fell ~15% short of estimates as EBIT margins at 11.5% shed 390bps QoQ, coming in lower than our 13.2% forecast. Besides planned wage revision, visa costs and the known adverse currency impact, factors such as lower subsidiary profitability, large deal transition costs and reduced utilisation ate into Q1 margins. Subcontracting expenses at 14.1% climbed 90bps QoQ/240bps YoY, approaching the company's historical high of 14.5% last seen in the Jun'15 quarter.

Retain ADD on reasonable valuations: We see downside risk to management's growth outlook (read our report **US-Huawei feud casts uncertainty over 5G opportunity**), and hence reset our target P/E to 13x vs. 15x earlier, while cutting growth and margin assumptions. Retain ADD as the stock is trading at reasonable valuations of 12.1x FY21E PE after correcting >20% in three months.

| Ticker/Price | TECHM IN/Rs 640 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 8.1bn |
| Shares o/s | 873mn |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 28.7mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 847/Rs 633 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 36%/39%/25% |
| | |

Source: NSE

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Source: NSE

KEY FINANCIALS

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY18A | FY19A | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 38,001 | 42,975 | 40,882 | 46,456 | 53,065 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 42.7 | 47.7 | 46.4 | 52.8 | 60.3 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 33.6 | 11.9 | (2.7) | 13.6 | 14.2 |
| Adj. ROAE (%) | 21.0 | 21.4 | 18.6 | 19.0 | 19.4 |
| Adj. P/E (x) | 15.0 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 12.1 | 10.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 11.7 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 6.2 |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research





BUYTP: Rs 250 | ▲ 53%

GUJARAT GAS

Oil & Gas

30 July 2019

Volumes and margins surge

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Buoyant volume outlook: GUJGA's volumes beat estimates at 9.15mmscmd due to higher sales in Morbi, Gujarat, aided by the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) recent order directing ceramic units in the district to dismantle their coal gasifiers and switch them over to LNG/PNG. GUJGA's management sees more demand potential from Morbi and hence expects even higher volumes in the coming quarters (at 9.5-10mmscmd levels). Although ceramic units have challenged this order in higher courts, we believe their options are limited considering the stringent legal stand on pollution control.

Margins surge: EBITDA margins outperformed at Rs 5.6/scm in Q1FY20, buoyed by the crash in spot LNG prices (-27% QoQ to US\$ 4.5/mmbtu). Coupled with the recent upswing in volumes, GUJGA gained from improved operating leverage. This should help the company address the issue of low ROCE, which we expect will rise from 12% in FY19 to 23%/24.5% in FY21/FY22.

Undemanding valuations: At 11x FY21E EPS, valuations remain one of the lowest among CGD peers (~16x for Indraprastha Gas/Mahanagar Gas). This gap may now be bridged given the recent spike in volumes and margins. GUJGA remains one of our top picks among CGD players as it carries significant potential for earnings upgrades.

KEY FINANCIALS

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY18A | FY19P | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 2,914 | 4,160 | 8,192 | 10,291 | 11,198 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 4.2 | 6.0 | 11.9 | 14.9 | 16.3 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 32.7 | 42.8 | 96.9 | 25.6 | 8.8 |
| Adj. ROAE (%) | 16.7 | 20.6 | 33.9 | 38.7 | 40.6 |
| Adj. P/E (x) | 38.7 | 27.1 | 13.8 | 10.9 | 10.1 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 15.1 | 13.6 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 6.3 |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

| Ticker/Price | GUJGA IN/Rs 164 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 1.6bn |
| Shares o/s | 688mn |
| 3M ADV | US\$1.0mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 194/Rs 115 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 61%/12%/27% |
| | |

Source: NSE

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BUYTP: Rs 365 | ▲ 39%

TRANSPORT CORP OF INDIA

Logistics

30 July 2019

Slowdown weighs on topline growth; margin expansion stands out

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Growth subdued across segments: General economic sluggishness exacerbated by a slowdown in the key auto sector weighed on TRPC's growth across segments. While growth deceleration in freight (+5.3% YoY) and supply chain (+2.7% YoY) was on the cards, the seaways segment disappointed with soft growth (+10% YoY) despite a higher number of ships YoY (one ship added in Q2FY19). As per management, topline performance could have been better but for its strategic decision not to pursue unprofitable business opportunities.

Recovery expected in H2FY20: Topline growth is likely to remain tepid in Q2 as well, before festive season demand aids a potential revival in H2FY20. TPRC has thus maintained its FY20 revenue growth guidance of \sim 15%.

Margin expansion a key positive: Subdued revenue growth notwithstanding, TPRC's profitability focus has yielded consolidated EBITDA margin expansion of 48bps YoY to 8.9%. This was also aided by lower operating expenses/other expenses (-51bps/-28bps YoY). EBIT margins for freight/supply chain/seaways expanded 24bps/2bps/77bps YoY to 2.7%/6.9%/19.8%.

Maintain BUY: We prune our estimates marginally given the Q1FY20 miss, but maintain our Jun'20 SOTP-based TP at Rs 365.

KEY FINANCIALS

| Y/E 31 Mar | FY18A | FY19A | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 1,238 | 1,460 | 1,692 | 1,960 | 2,324 |
| Adj. EPS (Rs) | 16.2 | 19.0 | 22.1 | 25.6 | 30.3 |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 52.4 | 17.7 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 18.6 |
| Adj. ROAE (%) | 17.6 | 17.7 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.8 |
| Adj. P/E (x) | 16.3 | 13.8 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 8.7 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 11.0 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 6.3 |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

| Ticker/Price | TRPC IN/Rs 263 |
|------------------|----------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 292.9mn |
| Shares o/s | 77mn |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 0.2mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 330/Rs 260 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 67%/2%/10% |
| | |

Source: NSE

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GREENLAM INDUSTRIES

Construction Materials

30 July 2019

Prominent player in India's laminate market

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Laminates

- As of FY19, GRLM held ~13% market share in the Rs 42bn domestic laminate market and ~30% share in the Rs 15bn export market. Laminates accounted for 85% of the company's revenue for the year.
- The industry grew at ~5% in FY19 with the organised sector in the lead. Organised players control roughly 69% of the Indian laminate market.
- GRLM's domestic laminate business posted tepid revenue growth of 4.3% in FY19 as the company kept tight control on debtors and also focused on products carrying better margins. For FY20, management expects the overall laminate segment to grow ~10%.
- Export revenues clocked a 7.3% CAGR during FY14-FY19 to Rs 5.3bn. Management is targeting a 12-15% CAGR over FY19-FY22.
- Laminate capacity will be expanded by 1.6mn sheets to 15.62mn sheets by
- Total planned capex for FY20 including laminate capacity expansion (at ~Rs 250mn) is Rs 500mn.

Decorative veneer

- GRLM has ~11% organised market share in India's Rs 20bn decorative veneer business (60% organised). This segment contributed ~15% of revenues in FY19.
- Decowood veneer is sourced from across the globe with the company stocking over 200 species and 600 product offerings.

New businesses

Management expects the new engineered wood flooring (EWF) and engineered door (ED) businesses to see better traction in FY20. Both businesses had capacity utilisation of ~18% in FY19 and GRLM projects breakeven at >25-30% utilisation.

| Ticker/Price | GRLM IN/Rs 685 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Market cap | US\$ 240.0mn |
| Shares o/s | 24mn |
| 3M ADV | US\$ 0.05mn |
| 52wk high/low | Rs 1,090/Rs 652 |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 55%/3%/42% |
| Source: NSF | |

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