

FIRST LIGHT

RESEARCH

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SUMMARY

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TOP PICKS

LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Bajaj Finance	Buy	5,200
Cipla	Buy	570
Eicher Motors	Buy	25,000
Petronet LNG	Buy	330
Reliance Industries	Buy	1,500

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	2,870
Greenply Industries	Buy	205
Laurus Labs	Buy	510
Transport Corp	Buy	355
Ashok Leyland	Sell	64

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	0.67	(6bps)	(48bps)	(180bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	6.14	(7bps)	(23bps)	(114bps)
USD/INR	75.54	(0.2)	(4.7)	(9.9)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	22.74	(0.1)	(55.0)	(67.2)
Dow	21,917	(1.8)	(13.7)	(16.3)
Shanghai	2,750	0.1	(4.5)	(13.4)
Sensex	29,468	3.6	(23.1)	(24.5)
India FII (US\$ mn)	30 Mar	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	(239.0)	(7,817.8)	(9,384.9)	(6,440.8)
FII-E	(481.1)	(7,885.6)	(6,098.7)	1,290.5

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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Pharmaceuticals

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Deal termination alleviates leverage concerns: The Sandoz deal was one of the key near-term stock triggers for ARBP and its termination impacts our FY21/FY22 earnings, besides potentially raising growth concerns for the US business in the medium term. Importantly, on the positive side, we view this event as a sentiment-booster in current uncertain times as (1) ARBP's net debt/EBITDA should now hold at comfortable levels of 0.4x in FY21E vs. our post-deal estimate of 1.8x, and (2) FCF could surge over the next two years to Rs 42bn from negative Rs 25bn, driving greater balance sheet comfort and stronger ROIC.

Management call takeaways: (1) Net debt-free status to be reached by FY22 – would repay Rs 10bn p.a. over two years. (2) Targeting US sales growth of 4-5% p.a., supported by >50 filings. (3) Inorganic assets not cheap at present and hence may be avoided. (4) Covid-19 lockdown has led to 20-25% lower utilisation across facilities.

Upgrade to BUY: Post the recent correction, the stock is trading at attractive valuations of 6x FY21E EV/EBITDA, 40%/25% below the 5Y/10Y mean, and 1.2x FY21E P/BV, close to historical lows. With comfort on leverage returning and resilient margins, risk of multiple downgrade subsides. We see 10% downside in the worst case (OAI at Unit-IV); upgrade to BUY, new TP Rs 500 (vs. Rs 560).

Ticker/Price	ARBP IN/Rs 392
Market cap	US\$ 3.1bn
Shares o/s	586mn
3M ADV	US\$ 33.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 838/Rs 289
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/19%/15%

Source: NSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	164,630	195,634	230,854	238,449	248,127
EBITDA (Rs mn)	37,718	39,519	47,118	46,663	48,548
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	24,227	24,126	27,331	25,602	28,059
Adj. EPS (Rs)	41.3	41.2	46.6	43.7	47.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	5.3	(0.4)	13.3	(6.3)	9.6
Adj. ROAE (%)	23.1	18.8	18.0	14.6	14.1
Adj. P/E (x)	9.5	9.5	8.4	9.0	8.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.6	5.8	5.9	5.4

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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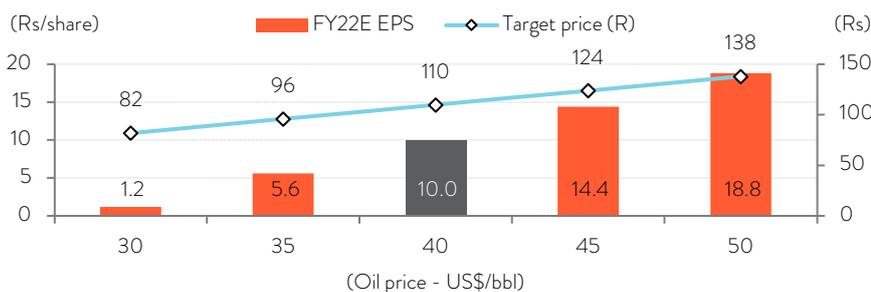
Cash profits for core business look sustainable: ONGC's India business is likely to remain in the black at ~US\$ 6/boe EBITDA, as its operating costs decline to ~US\$ 17/boe on reduction in cess/royalty levies (~30% of oil revenues) at current oil prices. This implies the company will be able to sustain operating activities without major disruptions. OVL's operations may take a hit as costs for international assets average >US\$ 20/bbl.

Capex outlook could be revised in Jun'20: Management has guided for stable capex at Rs 300bn for FY21, but may revise this figure down if oil prices remain depressed until Jun'20. The company sees a strong case for oil to revert to normalised levels of >US\$ 50/bbl in H2FY21, once the world economy likely emerges from the Covid-19-induced shutdown.

No case for oil production cuts; gas demand to revive as soon as lockdown ends:

India's domestic oil production constitutes <20% of its consumption; hence, the company sees no reason to cut output for now. However, gas production at Mumbai High was recently reduced by 5mmscmd owing to lower requirements from GAIL's customers amid reduced economic activity. With the 21% reduction in domestic gas prices to all-time lows of US\$ 2.3/mmbtu (GCV basis) for the Apr-Sept'20 period, ONGC anticipates a V-shaped recovery in gas consumption once the nationwide lockdown ends.

FIG 1 – VALUATION AND EARNINGS SENSITIVITY



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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Ticker/Price	ONGC IN/Rs 66
Market cap	US\$ 11.0bn
Shares o/s	12,580mn
3M ADV	US\$ 34.6mn
52wk high/low	Rs 179/Rs 50
Promoter/FPI/DII	63%/9%/29%

Source: NSE

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	4,097,122	4,513,862	5,149,784
EBITDA (Rs mn)	638,284	314,511	477,618
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	294,989	35,815	125,999
Adj. EPS (Rs)	23.4	2.8	10.0
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(15.3)	(87.9)	251.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	12.9	1.5	5.2
Adj. P/E (x)	2.8	23.1	6.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	2.8	5.7	4.0

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PVs – hopes of recovery stalled: Domestic PV sales fell an estimated 50-52% YoY in Mar'20. Maruti Suzuki's (MSIL) domestic PV volumes dropped 47% YoY while exports fell 55%. M&M's (MM) PV sales nosedived 88% YoY; management cited disruption in BS-VI ramp-up owing to discontinuation of supply from China. Tata Motors' (TTMT) PV volumes fell 68% YoY. Among other major PV OEMs, domestic sales for Hyundai/Toyota/Honda slid 41%/45%/79% YoY. Most major PV players have exhausted their BS-IV inventory within the deadline for changeover.

2Ws – steep decline and uphill climb: Domestic 2W volumes for Hero Moto (HMCL) fell 43% YoY. HMCL had ~150k units of unsold BS-IV inventory prior to the nationwide lockdown. TVS Motor's (TVSL) domestic 2W sales plummeted 62% YoY while its exports dropped 37% YoY. TVSL has liquidated most of its BS-IV inventory. Royal Enfield (RE) volumes fell sharply by 41% YoY; however, the company says it has cleared all BS-IV inventory. The steep cost rise due to BS-VI transition, especially in lower-priced 2W segments, is likely to act as a demand headwind even once the Covid-19 impact plays out.

CVs – the worst hit: MHCV volumes continued to falter with TTMT's domestic CV sales dropping 90% YoY, while exports were down 68%. However, the company mentioned that retail sales remained ahead of wholesale volumes by 3x and almost all BS-IV vehicles in the ecosystem had been retailed. Ashok Leyland's (AL) domestic sales also plunged 91%, while VECV reported an 83% YoY decline.

Tractors – tepid sales: Positive momentum in tractor demand on the back of a healthy rabi crop has been disrupted by the lockdown. Sales for MM fell 31% YoY with domestic volumes declining 27% in Mar'20 while Escorts (ESC) reported a 54% drop. Tractor sales for MM/ESC were down 9%/11% in FY20.

SALES SNAPSHOT

Ticker	Volume	YoY (%)	MoM (%)
AL IN	2.2	(90)	(81)
EIM IN*	37.3	(54)	(37)
HMCL IN	334.6	(42)	(33)
MM IN	21	(75)	(62)
MSIL IN	83.8	(47)	(43)
TVSL IN	144.8	(55)	(43)
TTMT IN	12.9	(83)	(68)

Source: Company | *RE & VECV combined
 Volumes in '000



OIL & GAS

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LNG prices across contracts to align with spot: Given current Brent oil prices of US\$ 25/bbl, long-term LNG contract rates from Qatar and Australia are expected to crash by May'20, aligning closer than they have in a long time to the already-depressed spot LNG rate (<US\$ 3/mmbtu currently). The availability of new R-LNG capacities at Dahej (+2.5mmtpa) and Mundra (+5mmtpa) offers more flexibility to LNG buyers for spot imports. Low prices could lead to better consumption from the power sector in Q2FY21.

Domestic gas production declines: Gas production dropped 12% YoY to 81mmscmd during Feb'20, affected by the decline in output from ONGC and private players to 64.5mmscmd (-5.4mmscmd YoY) and 9.3mmscmd (-5mmscmd YoY) respectively. This trend would worsen in Q1FY21 as demand disruption due to the economic shutdown deepens.

FIG 1 – GAS CONSUMPTION BREAKDOWN

(mmscmd)	Feb'20	Feb'19	YoY (%)	Jan'20	MoM (%)
Fertiliser	47.3	43.4	8.9	47.0	0.6
Power	29.0	29.0	(0.0)	26.1	11.1
CGD	30.4	26.0	16.9	30.2	0.8
Other Industrials:	52.9	46.6	13.7	49.5	7.0
Refineries	24.2	18.8	29.1	20.9	15.6
Petrochemicals	10.0	9.5	5.6	9.5	5.4
Miscellaneous	18.7	18.3	2.0	19.0	(1.8)
Total	159.7	145.0	10.1	152.8	4.5

Source: PPAC, BOBCAPS Research

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KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Ticker	Price	Target	Rating
GAIL IN	76	140	BUY
PLNG IN	200	330	BUY
IGL IN	393	433	BUY
MAHGL IN	815	750	ADD
GUJS IN	181	275	BUY
GUJGA IN	228	265	BUY

Price & Target in Rupees

GAS CONSUMPTION

(mmscmd)	Feb'20	Feb'19	YoY (%)
Fertiliser			
Domestic	16.5	16.9	(2.0)
R-LNG	30.8	26.6	15.9
Total	47.3	43.4	8.9
Power			
Domestic	19.6	24.8	(20.8)
R-LNG	9.4	4.2	122.0
Total	29.0	29.0	(0.0)
CGD			
Domestic	16.9	15.5	8.8
R-LNG	13.6	10.5	29.0
Total	30.4	26.0	16.9
Other Industrials			
Domestic	11.5	14.4	(20.2)
R-LNG	41.4	32.1	28.8
Total	52.9	46.6	13.7
Total Consumption	159.7	145.0	10.1
Total R-LNG	95.2	73.5	29.5
Total Domestic	64.5	71.6	(9.9)

Source: PPAC, BOBCAPS Research



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