

# FIRST LIGHT 04 May 2020

#### **RESEARCH**

Reliance Industries | Target: Rs 1,515 | +3% | ADD

RJio, Retail drive earnings; cut to ADD on limited upside

Tech Mahindra | Target: Rs 570 | +4% | REDUCE

Miss on all counts

Laurus Labs | Target: Rs 630 | +23% | BUY

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# **Building Materials**

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### **SUMMARY**

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#### **TOP PICKS**

#### LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Bajaj Finance	Buy	3,000
<u>Cipla</u>	Buy	570
Eicher Motors	Buy	18,100
Petronet LNG	Buy	330
Reliance Industries	Add	1,515

#### MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	2,870
Greenply Industries	Buy	145
<u>Laurus Labs</u>	Buy	630
Transport Corp	Buy	255
Ashok Leyland	Reduce	43

Source: BOBCAPS Research

#### **DAILY MACRO INDICATORS**

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	0.63	1bps	(5bps)	(187bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	6.12	(1bps)	(2bps)	(129bps)
USD/INR	75.67	0.7	(1.0)	(8.8)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	22.54	10.2	(9.6)	(68.8)
Dow	24,634	2.2	13.9	(6.8)
Shanghai	2,822	0.4	1.8	(8.3)
Sensex	32,720	1.9	9.7	(16.2)
India FII (US\$ mn)	28 Apr	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	(82.4)	(747.7)	(10,507.2)	(747.7)
FII-E	6.4	(503.4)	(7,106.4)	(503.4)

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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**ADD** TP: Rs 1,515 | ▲ 3%

### **RELIANCE INDUSTRIES**

Oil & Gas

02 May 2020

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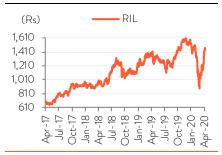
Inventory loss hits cyclical business earnings: Reported GRMs outperformed at US\$ 8.9/bbl as RIL maximised utilisation and raised light distillate output. However, GRMs do not factor in inventory loss of US\$ 4.3/bbl (reported in exceptional items below EBITDA). Adj. GRMs could therefore be well below our estimates, reflecting demand erosion due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A crash in polymer and polyester spreads has induced a decline in petchem EBITDA to Rs 59bn (-18% QoQ), coming in much below our estimates. Q1FY21 would likely be worse for cyclicals given the global economic shutdown.

Robust performance across consumer businesses: RJio ARPU improved to Rs 131 (+1.7% QoQ), with slightly better subscriber additions (~18mn), leading to in-line EBITDA. Rising data consumption (~25%) during the economic lockdown could boost Q1FY21 earnings. Retail business EBITDA at Rs 26bn (+33% YoY) underperformed marginally. Q1 is expected to be worse for retail, with only the grocery segment running partial operations during the lockdown.

Fundraising plans put deleveraging on track: RIL plans to raise Rs 540bn through a rights issue. This coupled with the Rs 430bn Facebook and Rs 70bn BP deals offers assurance of a ~Rs 1tn fund raise in Q1FY21. We thus increase our FY21 debt reduction estimate by Rs 500bn. In an update on the US\$ 15bn Saudi Aramco stake sale, RIL stated that due diligence was being conducted.

Ticker/Price	RIL IN/Rs 1,466
Market cap	US\$ 122.6bn
Shares o/s	6,339mn
3M ADV	US\$ 292.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,618/Rs 876
Promoter/FPI/DII	50%/24%/26%
Source: NISE	

# STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	4,082,650	5,830,940	6,116,450	3,697,210	4,507,796
EBITDA (Rs mn)	641,760	841,670	882,170	948,636	1,378,438
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	352,869	400,860	443,240	421,312	748,947
Adj. EPS (Rs)	52.2	59.3	65.6	62.3	110.8
Adj. EPS growth (%)	17.4	13.6	10.6	(4.9)	77.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	12.7	11.7	11.1	9.2	13.6
Adj. P/E (x)	28.1	24.7	22.4	23.5	13.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.4	13.3	13.0	12.6	8.8

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research





**REDUCE** TP: Rs 570 | ▲ 4%

**TECH MAHINDRA** 

**IT Services** 

01 May 2020

#### Miss on all counts

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**Dull quarter:** TECHM reported a disappointing Q4 operating performance with a hefty miss on revenue and operating margins. Revenue at US\$ 1.3bn declined 4.3% QoQ - marking the highest sequential contraction since the 2008 crisis. EBITDA margin at 14.2% was down 200bps QoQ, erasing all recovery progress made after the Mar'17 quarter (when margins had dropped to 12%). We highlight that margin contraction is despite a ~290bps QoQ tailwind from subcontract expense reduction.

Worst communication business performance since GFC: Revenue from the communication vertical contracted 8.4% QoQ - the highest sequential decline post-GFC. BFSI revenue growth at 10.9% QoQ was the only pocket of strength, supported by ramp-up of the Jackson Life Insurance contract won in the Dec'19 quarter. Top 5 client revenue contracted 8.2% QoQ, reflecting communication vertical weakness.

Subdued deal wins: Q4FY20 TCV stood at US\$ 505mn. Deal wins normalised after two quarters of record US\$ 1bn+ figures. Management expects delays in deal ramp-ups and more pronounced operational weakness in the Jun'20 quarter.

Ticker/Price	TECHM IN/Rs 546
Market cap	US\$ 6.3bn
Shares o/s	873mn
3M ADV	US\$ 31.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 847/Rs 471
Promoter/FPI/DII	36%/39%/25%
Source: NSF	

#### STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	3,07,729	3,47,421	3,68,677	3,68,578	4,04,408
EBITDA (Rs mn)	47,169	63,368	57,261	58,237	71,811
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	38,001	42,975	42,505	35,646	45,614
Adj. EPS (Rs)	42.7	47.7	48.3	40.5	51.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	33.6	11.9	1.2	(16.1)	28.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	21.0	21.4	19.8	15.4	18.0
Adj. P/E (x)	12.8	11.4	11.3	13.5	10.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.7	7.4	8.2	8.1	6.4

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research





**BUY**TP: Rs 630 | ▲ 23%

**LAURUS LABS** 

Pharmaceuticals

30 April 2020

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FY20 impressive but FY21/FY22 can see equally strong growth: The shift towards a high-margin product mix led to an operationally strong FY20, with 58% EBITDA growth, 20% margins (+400bps over FY19) and 13% ROCE (+5ppt). This momentum is expected to sustain and predictability in the business has also risen substantially with the ex-ARV sales mix at 64% (vs. 39% in FY19). Further, a strong order book in FDF and non-ARV APIs (oncology, cardio-diabetic), TLE400/600mg FDA approvals in H1FY21, and offtake in non-Aspen CDMO contracts are key levers, driving ~20% EBITDA growth for FY20E-FY23E.

Formulations (FDF) execution remains key: In our view, FDF clocked >20% EBITDA margins in FY20 – we see expansion potential of at least 3-4ppt over the next 2-3 years as sales shift from EM-LMIC tenders to US and EU generics. With solid orders in hand, Laurus is doubling FDF capacity by FY22 via brownfield expansion (incurring Rs 3.3bn in capex for FY21 – ATR could be 1.5-2x). We expect US\$ 140mn/160mn of FDF sales in FY21/FY22.

**Earnings call highlights:** (1) Expect growth recovery in ARV business in FY21 as pricing has stabilised. (2) Strong Q4 margin led by product mix and volumes. (3) Working on Favipiravir APIs and formulations with a partner. (4) Oncology API sales growth to normalise from H1FY21. (5) announced stock split of 1:5.

# KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	20,562	22,919	28,301	33,002	37,403
EBITDA (Rs mn)	4,134	3,560	5,607	6,768	7,973
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	1,483	937	2,582	2,968	3,587
Adj. EPS (Rs)	13.9	8.8	24.3	27.9	33.7
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(10.8)	(36.8)	175.5	14.9	20.9
Adj. ROAE (%)	10.5	6.2	15.4	15.3	16.0
Adj. P/E (x)	36.8	58.2	21.1	18.4	15.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.5	18.1	11.6	9.8	8.4

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Ticker/Price	LAURUS IN/Rs 513
Market cap	US\$ 726.3mn
Shares o/s	106mn
3M ADV	US\$ 2.0mn
52wk high/low	Rs 536/Rs 295
Promoter/FPI/DII	32%/37%/5%
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## STOCK PERFORMANCE



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# **BUILDING MATERIALS**

30 April 2020

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Tile exports to Gulf countries to face pressure: Higher anti-dumping duty (ADD) of ~41% on most Indian ceramic tile players vs. ~24% for a bulk of Chinese players imposed by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will make Indian exporters less competitive and lead to market share losses in Gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar. The ADD imposed on Indian companies is broadly similar to the levies proposed in Nov'19 despite industry representation to the council.

Morbi players to feel the heat: GCC countries account for 35-40% of the total exports (~Rs 120bn as per industry reports) from India's largest tile manufacturing hub of Morbi in Gujarat. About 400 of the ~850 units in Morbi are estimated to sell to Gulf countries. Rising exports from India had enabled Morbi players to stay afloat despite recent headwinds from lower domestic demand, the ban on coal gasifiers (leading to higher cost of production), and increased compliance requirements. Now with exports to GCC also facing pressure due to higher ADD, many Morbi players would be hit hard.

Domestic tile prices may weaken: Morbi players have been focusing on exports to markets outside the GCC such as the US and Indonesia for a while now, but it may not be possible to immediately replace the loss in demand from Gulf countries. Some companies may thus look to sell their production in India, creating pricing pressure in a market that is already seeing subdued demand, whereas others could shut shop as business becomes unviable. However, most Morbi producers do not have a wide distribution network and thus we see limited pricing pressures on bigger organised, branded players such as Kajaria Ceramics and Somany Ceramics.

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#### **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ticker	Rating
KJC IN	BUY
SOMCIN	BUY





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ADD - Expected return from >+5% to +15%

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