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SHREE CEMENT | TARGET: Rs 24,792 | -6% | HOLD

Subpar quarter; earnings chasing valuations

CUMMINS INDIA | TARGET: Rs 2,200 | +29% | BUY

Strong operating performance; maintain BUY

ALEMBIC PHARMA | TARGET: Rs 700 | -5% | HOLD

Higher opex from new facilities to keep a lid on margins

VST TILLERS TRACTORS | TARGET: Rs 3,858 | +4% | HOLD

Healthy performance across segments

Daily macro indicators

Indicator	6-Nov	7-Nov	Chg (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	4.64	4.57	(8bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	7.31	7.28	(3bps)
USD/INR	83.22	83.27	(0.1)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	85.2	81.6	(4.2)
Dow	34,096	34,153	0.2
Hang Seng	17,967	17,670	(1.6)
Sensex	64,959	64,942	0.0
India FII (US\$ mn)	3-Nov	6-Nov	Chg (\$ mn)
FII-D	67.5	(1.4)	(68.9)
FII-E	(10.3)	43.3	53.5

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

SUMMARY
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- TP reduces to Rs 24,792 (vs. Rs 25,731) as we cut FY25 EBITDA by 4%; maintain HOLD

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CUMMINS INDIA

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VST TILLERS TRACTORS

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Topline growth steady in a monsoon quarter: SRCM's revenue grew 21% YoY (-8% QoQ) to Rs 45.8bn in Q2FY24, aided by volume growth of 10% YoY (-8% QoQ) to 8.2mn tonnes and a 10% YoY rise in aggregate realisations to Rs 5,594/t (flat QoQ). Higher volumes were helped by better YoY utilisation at 74% in the eastern region and 71% overall. SRCM's focus on higher pricing saw it foregoing better volume growth.

Energy expenses rise on higher power sales: Operating cost/tonne increased 4% YoY (flat QoQ) to Rs 4,533/t as energy cost grew 2% YoY to Rs 1,671/t. Although softer pet coke prices led to lower fuel cost, SRCM's energy cost increased due to higher power generation for external and captive sales at 880mn units (400mn units sold externally). Fuel cost declined to Rs 2.05/kcal from Rs 2.8/kcal in the year-ago quarter (Rs 2.34/kcal in Q1FY24). Raw material costs increased only 2% YoY to Rs 392/t and logistic cost was flat at Rs 1,160/t.

Low base effect pushes up EBITDA: Q2 EBITDA rose 66% YoY (-7% QoQ) to Rs 8.7bn coming off a soft base, with margin expansion to 19% from a weak 13.8% in Q2FY23 (flat QoQ). Power EBITDA stood at Rs 300mn. SRCM's EBITDA/t grew 46% YoY (-2% QoQ) to Rs 1,025/t and PAT rose 2.5x YoY (-16% QoQ) to Rs 4.9bn.

Capacity expansion plans: The 3mtpa Purulia grinding unit in West Bengal has been commissioned and the 3.5mtpa Nawalgarh (Rajasthan) unit is on track for Q4FY24. The 3mtpa integrated cement unit in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, is also scheduled to be commissioned by FY24-end, which will take total capacity to 56mt, rising further to 62mt in FY25.

Maintain HOLD: SRCM's capacity expansion continues unabated, but the gap between dispatches and rated capacity has broadened. Opex remains high and we estimate relatively modest ROE of 12-13% in FY25. We maintain FY24 estimates but cut FY25 EBITDA by 4% and EPS by 12% to factor in higher depreciation related to capacity addition. Our TP thus reduces to Rs 24,792 (Rs 25,731 earlier), set at an unchanged 15x FY25E EV/EBITDA – 2.25x over the industry replacement cost. We find current valuations rich at 16x FY25E and hence retain HOLD.

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Key changes

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Ticker/Price	SRCM IN/Rs 26,271
Market cap	US\$ 11.5bn
Free float	37%
3M ADV	US\$ 8.8mn
52wk high/low	Rs 27,299/Rs 21,410
Promoter/FPI/DII	63%/13%/12%

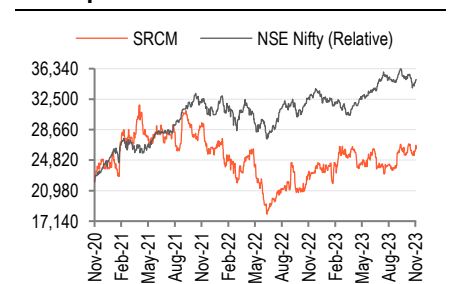
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	1,64,961	1,86,384	2,16,732
EBITDA (Rs mn)	25,504	40,431	50,928
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	13,281	20,404	26,851
Adj. EPS (Rs)	368.1	565.5	744.2
Consensus EPS (Rs)	368.1	592.0	736.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	7.5	10.7	12.7
Adj. P/E (x)	71.4	46.5	35.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.6	21.2	16.5
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(43.9)	53.6	31.6

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



BUY
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CUMMINS INDIA

| Capital Goods

| 08 November 2023

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Strong operating numbers: KKC achieved revenue of Rs 19bn in Q2FY24, thanks to robust demand in the industrial and distribution businesses, which grew 23% and 20% YoY respectively, even as the generation business dropped 28%. Exports continued to hold up at Rs 5.1bn, forming 27% of sales. EBITDA margin remained robust at 18% (+320bps YoY), translating into PAT growth of 23% YoY to Rs 3.3bn.

Margin improves due to trifecta of positives: Gross margin expanded 500bps YoY to 37.1% in Q2 supported by lower commodity costs as well as a larger share of high-powered products in the mix. Moreover, due to its leadership, KKC was able to hold on to prices despite lower commodity costs, which completed the trifecta behind its buoyant gross margin.

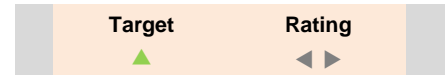
Rating transition demand surprises positively....: During H1FY24, KKC received a positive response to its new CPCB-IV engines which formed ~20% of the revenue mix – bettering the company’s own estimate of a 5-10% mix for the new engines.

...as does channel inventory normalisation: In Q2, KKC saw a sharp 60-70% YoY drop in low- and medium-horsepower (LHP/MHP) sales due to prebuying in Q1, ahead of the new emission norms. Management now highlighted that channel inventory has already normalised vs. its earlier timeline of Q4, which bodes well for demand in H2.

Positive long-term outlook: Management has reiterated revenue growth guidance at 2x GDP for KKC in FY24 and retained its annual EBITDA margin expansion target of 100bps with a focus on cost. It is cautiously optimistic about exports in the near term but bullish in the medium term and is even engineering its new CPCB-IV engines for country-specific needs.

Maintain BUY: We see visibility for sustained long-term growth in the domestic power genset market, with KKC best positioned to manage the ongoing transition to new emission norms. Post Q2, we raise our FY24/FY25 EPS estimates by 4% each and roll valuations over to Sep’25E. This causes our TP to rise to Rs 2,200 (vs. Rs 2,110), set at an unchanged 35x P/E – 25% premium to the 5Y mean. BUY.

Key changes



Ticker/Price	KKC IN/Rs 1,699
Market cap	US\$ 5.7bn
Free float	49%
3M ADV	US\$ 20.7mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,980/Rs 1,306
Promoter/FPI/DII	51%/10%/25%

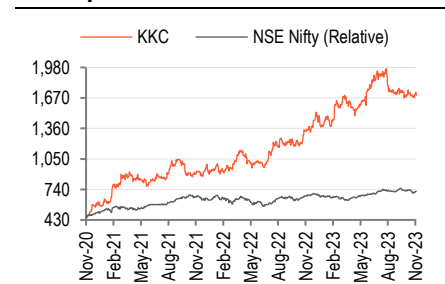
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	77,721	87,152	97,675
EBITDA (Rs mn)	12,477	14,000	15,944
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	12,425	14,342	16,621
Adj. EPS (Rs)	44.8	51.7	60.0
Consensus EPS (Rs)	44.8	48.4	56.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	22.8	23.6	24.5
Adj. P/E (x)	37.9	32.8	28.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	39.4	35.4	31.4
Adj. EPS growth (%)	59.0	15.4	15.9

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



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ALEMBIC PHARMA

Pharmaceuticals

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Revenue growth led by international business: ALPM reported 8% YoY revenue growth to ~Rs 16bn in Q2FY24 on the back of a strong 17% rise in ROW formulation sales (continuing the momentum of the last two quarters) and increases of 6%/5%/10% YoY in US/India/API business. The ROW demand outlook remains strong with product registrations as well as dossier extensions to new markets on track. US business grew 13% QoQ to US\$ 53mn supported by launches and market share gains in a few existing products. Upcoming launches from the three new facilities (F-II/III/IV) catering to US and ROW markets are likely to aid growth ahead.

Modest India growth; API steady: India growth was modest at 5% YoY (+10% QoQ) due to a market-wide slowdown in the acute business amid an extended summer and muted demand for antibiotics and respiratory products. The company's gynaecology and gastrointestinal segments demonstrated impressive growth vis-à-vis the market, and its API business grew at a steady 10% YoY (+6% QoQ), led by high offtake and a better product mix. The company anticipates continued growth in API business in coming quarters backed by a robust order book.

Gross margin guidance at 70%; opex to stay high: ALPM's Q2 gross margin grew 110bps YoY to 71.1% but contracted by the same degree sequentially due to a shift in product mix. Management highlighted that though US price erosion is moderating, the degree varies from product to product. EBITDA margin contracted 270bps YoY to 13.1% on higher opex, causing EBITDA/PAT to fall 13%/3% short of consensus at Rs 2.1bn/Rs 1.4bn. The company has guided for a 70% gross margin in FY24 but sees operating expenses at new facilities rising until approvals and launches kick in.

Retain HOLD: We lower our FY24/FY25 EBITDA estimates by 8%/4% as we bake in higher opex at the new units until ramp-up. At the same time, we raise our target FY25E EV/EBITDA multiple from 11x to 12.5x – a 20% discount to the 5Y average – to account for improving market conditions in the US with moderating price erosion, anticipated approvals and launches as all the new facilities have USFDA clearance, and acceleration in ROW markets. Our TP stands revised from Rs 615 to Rs 700 – given the 5% downside from the current price, we retain HOLD.

Key changes

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Ticker/Price	ALPM IN/Rs 740
Market cap	US\$ 1.8bn
Free float	31%
3M ADV	US\$ 1.8mn
52wk high/low	Rs 839/Rs 462
Promoter/FPI/DII	70%/5%/13%

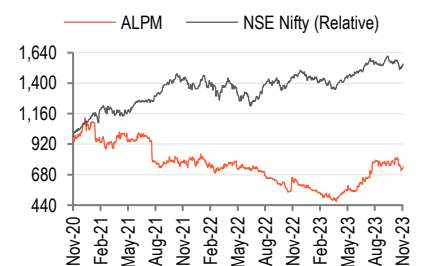
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	56,526	64,687	71,309
EBITDA (Rs mn)	7,083	9,674	11,392
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	3,729	5,517	6,982
Adj. EPS (Rs)	17.4	28.1	35.5
Consensus EPS (Rs)	17.4	27.5	35.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	7.2	12.5	14.4
Adj. P/E (x)	42.5	26.4	20.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.1	15.7	13.3
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(34.4)	61.4	26.5

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



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Healthy revenue growth: VSTT's Q2FY24 revenue grew 19% YoY (+13% QoQ) to Rs 2.8bn as volumes increased 16% (+15% QoQ) to 12.2k units. Despite the healthy volume push, net realisation per vehicle grew 3% YoY (-2% QoQ) to Rs 0.23mn. Tractor volumes lagged in H1FY24, declining 13% YoY, but VSTT was able to post strong growth on the back of higher sales of power tillers (+10%), power weeders (+27%) and reapers (+49%). Management expects tractor volumes to rebound in the festive third quarter.

Margin expansion continues: Raw material cost improved to 67.3% of sales from 70.9% in Q2FY23 and 68.4% in Q1FY24 owing to softer commodity prices, supporting gross margin expansion of 360bps YoY (+110bps QoQ) to 32.7%. Other expenses were under control (aided by positive leverage), helping EBITDA rise 34% YoY (+36% QoQ) to Rs 431mn with margin gains of 170bps (+260bps QoQ) to 15.5%. Adj. PAT grew 60% YoY (+11% QoQ) to Rs 365mn.

Focus on higher-HP/compact segment: Management has guided for flat tractor growth in FY24 owing to a weak H1. The *Zetor* brand of tractors will be launched in Q3 and is expected to sell 1,000 units in the first 12 months at an indicative price of Rs 0.7mn. Tractor export volumes grew ~50% YoY in H1. Per management, the response to the VST Series-9 tractors has been encouraging while its electric tractors have a ~15% cost advantage in European markets. VSTT has a target of reaching Rs 30bn in revenue with ~40% tractor contribution by FY26.

Valuations rich, maintain HOLD: We expect VSTT's focus on the high-end farm equipment business, sizeable contribution from non-farm business and regional diversification to enhance earnings. Contribution from JV partners and export markets adds comfort. Early response to the Series-9 tractors is encouraging and *Monarch* sales are likely to further boost volumes. We thus raise our FY24/FY25 volume projections, which boosts our EPS estimates by 8%/9% and takes our TP to Rs 3,858 (from Rs 3,464). We continue to value the stock at 20x FY25E EPS at premium to long term average. Valuations look rich following the recent run-up and so we retain HOLD.

Key changes

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Ticker/Price	VSTT IN/Rs 3,723
Market cap	US\$ 394.2mn
Free float	45%
3M ADV	US\$ 1.2mn
52wk high/low	Rs 3,914/Rs 2,100
Promoter/FPI/DII	55%/5%/15%

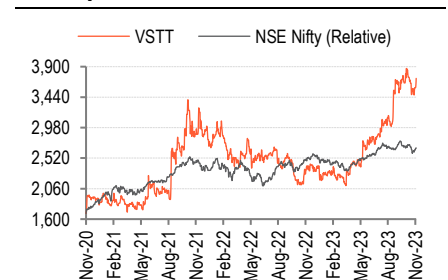
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Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	10,064	11,584	13,475
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,272	1,566	1,912
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	924	1,368	1,634
Adj. EPS (Rs)	106.9	158.3	189.1
Consensus EPS (Rs)	106.9	168.0	195.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	11.2	14.5	15.1
Adj. P/E (x)	34.8	23.5	19.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.2	20.6	16.7
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(7.0)	48.1	19.5

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE



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