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BOB Economics Research | Weekly Wrap

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Greenply Industries | Target: Rs 135 | +56% | BUY

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SUMMARY

India Economics: Weekly Wrap

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TOP PICKS

LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Bajaj Finance	Buy	4,000
Cipla	Buy	850
GAIL	Buy	155
Petronet LNG	Buy	305
Tech Mahindra	Buy	780

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	3,600
Chola Investment	Buy	280
Laurus Labs	Buy	1,200
Transport Corp	Buy	270
Mahanagar Gas	Sell	750

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	0.71	(1bps)	8bps	(84bps)
India 10Y yield (%)	5.97	7bps	16bps	(58bps)
USD/INR	74.90	(0.1)	0.3	(5.3)
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	44.80	(0.4)	2.3	(23.6)
Dow	27,931	0.1	3.9	7.9
Shanghai	3,360	1.2	0	19.0
Sensex	37,877	(1.1)	5.1	1.4
India FII (US\$ mn)	13 Aug	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	78.9	36.8 (14,490.8)	(4,731.3)	
FII-E	66.4	3,613.4	2,325.2	8,928.2

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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17 August 2020

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Markets

- **Bonds:** Except China, global yields closed higher. US 10Y yield rose the most by 15bps (0.71%) supported by better CPI data and improvement in employment scenario. Oil prices rose by 0.9% (US\$ 45/bbl) due to unexpected drop in US inventory. India's 10Y yield rose by 8bps (5.97%) due to firming up of CPI, core print and also lower than expected surplus transfer by RBI to the government. System liquidity surplus fell to Rs 3.3tn as on 14 Aug 2020 compared with Rs 3.8tn in the previous week.
- **Currency:** Except JPY, other global currencies closed higher this week on the back of dollar weakness. DXY fell by 0.4% in the week, as uncertainty remained over US fiscal stimulus. EUR rose by 0.5% supported by improvement in Germany's economic sentiment index in Aug'20. AUD also rose by 0.2% as Australia's unemployment rate rose less than expected in Jul'20. INR closed stable even as FII inflows surged to US\$ 2.2bn in the week.
- **Equity:** Except Sensex, global equity indices rose on hopes of an economic recovery. Nikkei surged the most by 4.3%, to a 6-month high. Dow surged by 1.8% amidst improvement in US CPI print and jobless claims. Sensex fell by 0.4% weighed down by banking and technology stocks.
- **Upcoming key events:** In current week, markets await global flash manufacturing PMIs and US FOMC meeting minutes. Apart from this, housing data and jobless claims print of the US will also shed some light on the underlying economic conditions. On the domestic front, minutes of RBI's August policy meeting are awaited.



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VRL LOGISTICS

Logistics

17 August 2020

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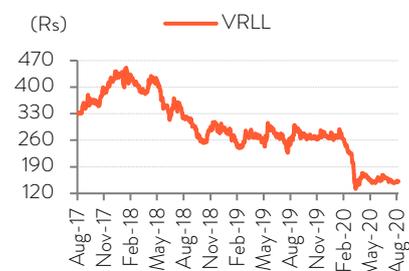
GT tonnage recovering: VRL's goods transport (GT) revenue fell 65% YoY due to muted freight availability and lockdown-induced disruptions. Realisation increased 5% YoY. After abysmal ~5% utilisation in April, GT tonnage scaled up to 25-30% of pre-Covid levels in May, 65-70% in June, and 70-75% at present. VRL expects operations to normalise by November-December. People transport (PT) revenue fell 95% YoY, affected by government regulations.

Ticker/Price	VRL IN/Rs 151
Market cap	US\$ 182.5mn
Shares o/s	90mn
3M ADV	US\$ 0.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 302/Rs 130
Promoter/FPI/DII	68%/5%/21%

Source: NSE

Cost controls mitigated EBITDA loss: Despite the revenue slump, VRL contained EBITDA losses at Rs 339mn through cost controls. Staff costs fell 28% YoY, aided by lower incentives to drivers, salary cuts and branch-level manpower optimisation. The company also negotiated Rs 40mn of rental concessions for Q1. VRL expects ~Rs 100mn/quarter of staff cost savings to continue over Q2-Q4FY21, though further rentals savings are unlikely. The company is confident of recouping Q1 losses and posting net profit in FY21.

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

Beneficiary of industry formalisation: VRL gained several new clients in Q1 as smaller peers were unable to provide optimum service owing to supply disruptions. These accounts added 6-8% to volumes and are expected to be sticky. With its wide network and market leadership, we believe VRL will be a key beneficiary of LTL industry consolidation in India.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	21,095	21,185	18,127	21,646	23,810
EBITDA (Rs mn)	2,440	2,983	1,813	3,150	3,479
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	919	901	(126)	863	1,011
Adj. EPS (Rs)	10.2	10.0	(1.4)	9.6	11.2
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(0.7)	(2.0)	(114.0)	(783.7)	17.2
Adj. ROAE (%)	14.8	14.3	(2.1)	14.0	14.9
Adj. P/E (x)	14.9	15.2	(108.2)	15.8	13.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.1	4.9	8.4	4.9	4.5

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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GREENPLY INDUSTRIES

Construction Materials

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Consolidated revenues slump due to lockdown: GIL's consolidated revenue dropped 62% YoY to Rs 1.3bn as India plywood revenue slid 65% to Rs 1.1bn (volumes down 65%) due to the lockdown. Subsidiaries – primarily Gabon face-veneer operations – posted a 43% YoY topline decline to Rs 251mn. Gabon operations faced logistical issues during the quarter which stand resolved in Q2, implying a better performance ahead. In India, sales have returned to 65-70% of normal levels in July and the August trend is along similar lines. The company saw good cash collections during the quarter which resulted in consolidated debt reduction of ~Rs 370mn QoQ.

Operating loss at Rs 28mn: The drop in topline led to a consolidated operating loss of Rs 28mn and pre-tax loss of Rs 133mn. India operations reported an EBITDA loss of Rs 58mn and Gabon margins contracted 730bps YoY to 12%. Management aims to maintain full-year margins at FY20 levels if sales pick up, aided by lower raw material cost and other cost initiatives. Over the longer term (by FY23), GIL aims to raise operating margins ~400bps and be debt-free.

Maintain BUY: We maintain estimates post Q1 and roll over to a new Sep'21 TP of Rs 135 (earlier Rs 120), based on an unchanged 18x one-year forward P/E multiple. BUY.

Ticker/Price	MTLM IN/Rs 87
Market cap	US\$ 141.7mn
Shares o/s	123mn
3M ADV	US\$ 0.2mn
52wk high/low	Rs 195/Rs 73
Promoter/FPI/DII	52%/11%/37%

Source: NSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE

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KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20P	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	14,122	14,204	11,693	13,816	15,278
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,507	1,556	1,156	1,524	1,727
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	852	851	517	827	1,009
Adj. EPS (Rs)	6.9	6.9	4.2	6.7	8.2
Adj. EPS growth (%)	236.1	(0.1)	(39.3)	60.0	22.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	14.0	23.9	12.9	18.1	19.2
Adj. P/E (x)	12.5	12.5	20.5	12.8	10.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.3	9.7	11.3	8.5	7.2

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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