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KEC International

Near term challenges persist

KEC reported robust execution with revenue at Rs 43.6bn (10% beat), driven by non-T&D segments. However, margin contracted by 197/95 bps to 8.1% due to SAE EBIDTA loss of ~Rs 0.7bn (higher commodity prices and overhead/idling costs). Margins could deteriorate further if commodity prices inches up further. FY21 order inflow stood at Rs 119bn, taking the order book (OB) to Rs 191bn (Rs 250bn with L1). Despite the lockdown, all sites are operating. With robust prequalification in domestic/international markets and across sectors, KEC is well-placed for a re-rating. However, sustained higher commodity prices could impact the margins. We maintain BUY on KEC with reduced target price of Rs 452/sh (Rs 476 earlier), 14x Mar-23 EPS.

- Execution outperformance negated by margin miss:** KEC reported revenue at Rs 43.6bn (+19/+33% YoY/QoQ). While execution in T&D segment (Rs 23.2bn) declined 6% YoY, revenue growth was driven by non-T&D segments, mainly from Railways (Rs 12bn, +39% YoY) and Civil (Rs 5bn, ~3x 4QFY20) segments. EBITDA declined 4.4% YoY as margins shrunk by 197bps to 8.1%. (vs est. of 9.1%) owing to losses at SAE ~Rs 700mn. Consequently, APAT was flattish YoY at Rs 1.5bn. With the current OB, we expect double digit revenue growth in FY22. However, high commodity prices could impact margins. 35-40% of the OB is fixed price and only 10% of OB is exposed to metals commodity prices.
- International T&D and Domestic non-T&D to drive the ordering:** KECI received Rs 119bn of orders in FY21, primarily driven by International-T&D, civil and railways. International T&D pipeline remains strong as ordering has picked up in MENA and SAARC region. Growth in railways would come from metros, DFC and high-speed rail. Order wins in newer segments like water pipeline, hydrocarbon, warehouse, FGD and chemical would allow civil business to scale up. KEC gave double digit rev growth guidance.
- Sharp reduction in Debt/NWC days:** Consolidated net debt, including the interesting bearing acceptances, reduced to Rs 32bn (Rs 37.4bn at the end of Dec-20). Better credit terms on switching to large railways vendors from MSME suppliers, led to decline in NWC from 144 to 112 days QoQ. Debt is likely to remain at similar level given the growth prospects.

Consolidated Financial Summary

(INR mn)	4QFY21	4QFY20	YoY (%)	3QFY21	QoQ (%)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Revenues	43,605	36,710	18.8	32,892	32.6	1,19,654	1,31,142	1,47,669	1,65,927
EBITDA	3,546	3,707	(4.4)	2,987	18.7	12,344	11,412	12,172	15,888
APAT	1,943	1,929	0.7	1,451	33.9	5,655	5,527	5,738	8,294
EPS (Rs)	7.6	7.5	0.7	5.6	33.9	22.0	21.5	22.3	32.3
P/E (x)						17.4	17.8	17.1	11.8
EV/EBIDTA(x)						10.5	10.0	9.9	7.7
RoE (%)						21.6	18.0	15.7	19.1

Source: Company, HSIE Research

Consolidated Estimate Change Summary

Particulars	FY22E Old	FY22E New	% Change	FY23E Old	FY23E New	% Change
Revenues (Rs mn)	1,43,788	1,47,669	2.7	1,60,985	1,65,927	3.1
EBITDA (Rs mn)	14,968	12,172	(18.7)	16,732	15,888	(5.0)
EBITDA (%)	10.4	8.2	(216.7)	10.4	9.6	(81.9)
APAT (Rs mn)	7,759	5,738	(26.0)	9,068	8,294	(8.5)

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

CMP(as on 12 May 2021)	INR 382
Target Price	INR 452
NIFTY	14,697

KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW
Rating	BUY	BUY
Price Target	INR 476	INR 452
EPS	FY22E	FY23E
Change %	-26.0	-8.5

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	KECI IN
No. of Shares (mn)	257
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	98/1,319
6m avg traded value (INR mn)	173
52 Week high / low	INR 486/188

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	(11.2)	11.4	95.6
Relative (%)	(5.7)	(0.9)	40.4

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Dec-20	Mar-21
Promoters	51.82	51.82
FIs & Local MFs	25.31	24.92
FPIs	9.84	10.75
Public & Others	13.03	12.51
Pledged Shares	-	-

Source : BSE

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Sonata Software

Growth visibility improves

Sonata posted better-than-expected growth in the IT services business (IITS), led by strong growth in Microsoft portfolio (+10.2% QoQ) and recovery in Travel (+9.0% QoQ). Revenue from Microsoft related services (product engineering + dynamics implementation and upgrade) is now ~50% of IITS and is expected to deliver high teens growth. The Microsoft Dynamics modernisation program is a multi-year opportunity and Sonata is constantly investing in this segment. Travel has recovered but TUI will accelerate when leisure travel resumes in Europe (expected in 2Q). The IITS EBITDA margin contracted 543bps QoQ due to a wage hike, which was higher than the historical average. The company has stepped up hiring; offshore and utilisation (89%) are at peak levels, while the target margin range for IITS is ~22-24%. DPS growth was impressive (+26% YoY), driven by higher cloud adoption (~75% of DPS is cloud) and annuity revenue. Sonata's growth profile is improving, led by the Microsoft ecosystem, recovery in Travel, and traction in DPS business. We increase our EPS estimates by +3.6/3.7% for FY22/23E and multiple to 18x (earlier 16x). Our target price of INR 685 is based on 18x FY23E EPS. Maintain BUY. The stock trades at a P/E of 18.8/15.4x FY22/23E.

- 4QFY21 highlights:** IITS revenue stood at USD 43.8mn (+6.2% QoQ CC) vs. an estimate of USD 42.4mn. Digital/IP-led/Platform revenue contributed 67/34/18% to IITS revenue and grew +12/10/7% QoQ. ISV/Travel/Retail/Distribution grew +9/9/14/12% QoQ. IITS margin stood at 22.4% (-543bps QoQ) due to wage hike (11-12%) while DPS margin stood at 4.2% (+169bps). Consolidated revenue was down 23% QoQ due to DPS (-30.7% QoQ) and EBITDA margin stood at 9.6%. Net cash stood at INR 5.3bn (~9% of MCap); RoE is at 34% and dividend yield is at ~3%.
- Outlook:** We expect IITS growth of +18.6/+15.0% and DPS growth of +20.2/+20.3% for FY22/23E. IITS margin will be at 23.4/23.8% and DPS margin at 3.1/3.3% for FY22/23E respectively. Revenue/EPS CAGR for FY21-23E are expected at +17/22%.

Quarterly Financial summary

YE Mar (INR Bn)	4Q FY21	4Q FY20	YoY (%)	3Q FY21	QoQ (%)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
IITS Revenues (US \$mn)	44	44	-1.4	41	6.8	161	181	160	190	219
Net Sales	10.76	9.29	15.8	13.96	-23.0	29.61	37.43	42.28	50.65	60.48
EBIT	0.94	0.74	27.0	1.01	-7.2	3.23	3.36	3.40	3.98	4.84
APAT	0.83	0.74	11.5	0.76	9.8	2.47	2.77	2.66	3.24	3.95
Diluted EPS (INR)	8.0	7.2	11.5	7.3	9.8	23.7	26.7	25.6	31.2	38.0
P/E (x)						24.7	22.0	22.9	18.8	15.4
EV / EBITDA (x)						17.7	15.9	14.8	12.4	10.0
RoE (%)						34.7	38.5	33.7	33.4	35.4

Source: Company, HSIE Research, Consolidated Financials

Change in Estimates

YE Mar (INR Bn)	FY21E Old	FY21 Actual	Change %	FY22E Old	FY22E Revised	Change %	FY23E Old	FY23E Revised	Change %
Revenue (USD mn)	159	160	0.9	182	190	4.2	209	219	4.7
Revenue	43.38	42.28	-2.5	51.47	50.65	-1.6	61.46	60.48	-1.6
EBIT	3.39	3.40	0.3	3.84	3.98	3.6	4.71	4.84	2.9
EBIT margin (%)	7.8	8.0	23bps	7.5	7.9	40bps	7.7	8.0	35bps
APAT	2.57	2.66	3.5	3.12	3.24	3.6	3.81	3.95	3.7
EPS (INR)	24.7	25.6	3.5	30.1	31.2	3.6	36.6	38.0	3.7

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

CMP (as on 12 May 2021) INR 586

Target Price INR 685

NIFTY 14,697

KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW
Rating	BUY	BUY
Price Target	INR 585	INR 685
EPS %	FY22E	FY23E
	+3.6	+3.7

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	SSOF IN
No. of Shares (mn)	105
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	62/828
6m avg traded value (INR mn)	273
52 Week high / low	INR 634/185

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	46.4	72.6	196.9
Relative (%)	51.9	60.3	141.7

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Dec-20	Mar-21
Promoters	28.17	28.17
FIs & Local MFs	14.35	12.96
FPIs	11.88	13.82
Public & Others	45.60	45.05
Pledged Shares	0.00	0.00

Source : BSE

Pledged shares as % of total shares

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Kalpataru Power Transmission

In-line performance

Kalpataru Power (KPTL) reported in-line revenue/EBITDA at Rs 23.3/2.4bn. However, APAT missed our estimates by 12% on higher than expected interest cost and taxes. Impact of CTC provision of Rs 1.4bn, to account for higher commodity prices, was negated by reversal of earlier provisions. It received orders of Rs 84bn during FY21, taking the order book (OB) to Rs 139bn. Management has guided for 10-15% top-line growth in FY22. However, margins could come under pressure on sustained higher commodity prices as 60% of OB is fixed price. KPTL remains on track to achieve net zero debt status by 1HFY22, with (1) divestment of transmission assets coming to an end, (2) Indore real estate monetisation picking up pace and, (3) Shubham Logistics operation performance improving. We maintain BUY on KPTL and increased target price to Rs 560 (vs Rs 553 earlier), to account for higher EPS from JMC Projects.

- Recovery on expected lines:** KPTL reported revenue at Rs 23.4bn (+1.5%/+17.3% YoY/QoQ), in-line with our estimates. EBITDA came in at Rs 2.4bn (-4.0/+17.4% YoY/QoQ, beat of 2%). KPTL made CTC provisioning of Rs 1.4bn during the quarter to account for the higher commodity prices. However, reversal of earlier provisions on project closures negated the impact on EBITDA margins. APAT was at Rs 1.3bn (+21.5%/-8.1% YoY/QoQ), missing our estimates by 11.6% on higher than expected interest cost and taxes. Shubham logistic margin were impacted on debtor provisioning.
- FY21 order inflow driven by international T&D:** KPTL received orders of Rs 84.4bn during FY21, taking the order book to Rs 139bn. Including the L1 of Rs 13bn, OB stands at Rs 152bn. In the absence of domestic T&D ordering, KPTL to focus on international ordering through Linjemontage and Fasttel. At home, it will focus on Oil & Gas and railways business, which now form 13% of the order book each.
- Zero net debt by 1HFY22:** Majority of the approvals are in place for Kohima asset sale to CLP India. However, completion was delayed due to COVID-led restrictions and is now expected by 1QFY22. KPTL standalone net debt stood at Rs 7.8bn (net D/E 0.2x). With divestment of transmission assets, KPTL is well on track to achieve its zero net debt target on the standalone level. About Rs 6bn of inflows are expected from Kohima asset sale.

Standalone Financial Summary

(INR mn)	4QFY21	4QFY20	YoY (%)	3QFY21	QoQ (%)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Net Revenues	23,370	23,030	1.5	19,930	17.3	79,040	76,710	85,227	98,187
EBITDA	2,430	2,530	(4.0)	2,070	17.4	8,600	8,080	8,400	10,546
APAT	1,300	1,070	21.5	2,570	(49.4)	4,450	4,890	4,692	6,242
Diluted EPS (Rs)	8.7	7.19	21.5	17.26	(49.4)	29.9	32.8	31.5	41.9
P/E (x)						12.8	11.6	12.1	9.1
EV/EBITDA (x)						7.7	8.0	7.6	6.0
RoE (%)						13.3	13.2	11.5	14.0

Standalone estimate change summary

Particulars	FY22E Old	FY22E New	% Change	FY23E Old	FY23E New	% Change
Revenues (Rs mn)	88,138	85,227	(3.3)	97,792	98,187	0.4
EBITDA (Rs mn)	9,435	8,400	(11.0)	10,579	10,546	(0.3)
EBITDA (%)	10.7	9.9	(84.9)	10.8	10.7	(7.8)
APAT (Rs mn)	5,458	4,692	(14.0)	6,299	6,242	(0.9)

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

CMP(as on 12 May 2021)	INR 381
Target Price	INR 560
NIFTY	14,697

KEY CHANGES	OLD	NEW
Rating	BUY	BUY
Price Target	INR 553	INR 560
EPS %	FY22E -14.0	FY23E -0.9

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	KPP IN
No. of Shares (mn)	149
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	57/763
6m avg traded value (INR mn)	150
52 Week high / low	INR 407/180

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	4.6	52.9	96.0
Relative (%)	10.1	40.6	40.8

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Dec-20	Mar-20
Promoters	56.49	56.49
FIs & Local MFs	28.54	26.45
FPIs	4.37	6.33
Public & Others	10.60	10.73
Pledged Shares	31.25	28.70

Source : BSE

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Mahindra Lifespaces

On track

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- Financial highlights:** Revenue: Rs 560mn (-45%/-14% YoY/QoQ, ~2x est.); EBITDA: Rs (371) mn (Rs (514)/(185) mn in 4QFY20/3QFY21, vs Rs (212) mn est.); Interest cost: Rs 19mn (+43.1%/-41.3% YoY/QoQ); Other income: Rs 70mn (Rs (403)/156 mn 4QFY20/3QFY21); RPAT/APAT: Rs (272) mn (Rs (893)/(112) mn 4QFY20/3QFY21), vs estimated loss of Rs 161mn.
- Operational highlights:** Presales value for the quarter came at Rs 3.5bn (-13%/+77% YoY/QoQ) and volume stood at 0.5msf (-31%/+68% YoY/QoQ). For the year FY21, presales value stood at Rs 6.9bn (-15% YoY) and volume at 1.1msf (-25% YoY). While new launches contributed Rs 2.6bn in pre-sales during FY21, sustenance inventory contributed 34% of the sales. 60% of the sales came from mid-premium segment and rest from the affordable. In the IC&IC business, MLDL leased out 28/55.6acres for Rs 664/1,287mmmn during 4QFY21/FY21.
- New launches/business development key for Rs 25bn annual presales by FY25:** MLDL completed three land acquisitions in last 9 months with sales potential of Rs 15bn and launched four projects of 0.94msf. To reach the target, it would have to acquire land parcels/launch projects with Rs 20bn sales potential every year. Currently, MLDL has BD pipeline with Rs 45bn sales potential which should augment its 4.71msf forthcoming area. Management is hopeful of opening >2 msf area for sales in new launches during FY22. Opening of international travel may aid IC&IC business.
- Healthy balance sheet supportive of growth:** MLDL consolidated net debt stood at Rs 1.1bn with net D/E at 0.07x, which provides ample room for expansion. Standalone borrowing cost at 5.9% is the lowest vs peers, which is a good sign for land bank acquisitions. However, MLDL's first preference would remain internal accrual to fund its Rs 5bn land outflow annually. Management could also adopt platform approach to fuel growth.

Consolidated Financial Summary (Rs mn)

YE March	4QFY21	4QFY20	YoY (%)	3QFY21	QoQ (%)	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E
Net Sales	560	1,014	(44.8)	652	(14.1)	6,109	1,663	1,474	7,136
EBITDA	(371)	(514)	NA	(185)	NA	(568)	(935)	(858)	83
APAT	(272)	(893)	NA	(112)	NA	(588)	(717)	32	1,454
EPS (Rs)	(5.3)	(17.4)	NA	(2.2)	NA	(11.5)	(14.0)	0.6	28.3
P/E (x)						(43.8)	(35.9)	797.0	17.7
EV/EBITDA (x)						(47.1)	(28.7)	(31.5)	316.9
RoE (%)						(10.7)	(4.3)	0.2	8.5

Source: Company, HSIE Research

BUY

CMP (as on 12 May 21)	INR 504
Target Price	INR 773
NIFTY	14,697

KEY STOCK DATA

Bloomberg code	MLIFE IN
No. of Shares (mn)	51
MCap (INR bn) / (\$ mn)	26/348
6m avg traded value (INR mn)	33
52 Week high / low	INR 579/172

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	1.7	76.0	179.9
Relative (%)	7.2	63.7	124.7

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Dec-20	Mar-21
Promoters	51.46	51.46
FIs & Local MFs	14.36	14.05
FPIs	12.41	13.50
Public & Others	21.77	20.99
Pledged Shares	-	-

Source : BSE

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Rating Criteria

BUY: >+15% return potential

ADD: +5% to +15% return potential

REDUCE: -10% to +5% return potential

SELL: > 10% Downside return potential

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