
TOP PICKS

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AXIS TOP PICKS: More Growth and More value

Axis top picks have delivered a whopping 46% return since introduction in the month of May (+11% in November) beating the benchmark. The month of November turned out to be one of the strongest months for Indian equities with an across the board rally. Mid and small caps registered very strong growth, but also the much underperforming banking sector also wiped out significant losses and was the second best performing sector after the metals sector. Rally was seen across the financial services sector including the PSU banks which have lagged significantly. In the last month edition of top picks, we had added 4 new stocks to our top picks with focus on BFSI, small and mid caps. As our allocation in the BFSI space has increased significantly, we will continue to maintain our allocation in the sector even after the solid rally. We book profit in Cholamandalam which has rallied by 33% in just one month and replace it with Federal bank.

With the strong rally seen in the month of November, the markets could take a breather in the month of December. Economic indicators have improved with GDP for Q2FY21 was better than expectations. However, the impact of pent up demand has also started to recede and sustenance of demand across the sectors could pose challenges. While there are challenges, the opportunities in the market are also significant. There is still value in BFSI, IT, Telecom, small and mid cap stocks. Our top picks orientation will continue towards adding beta and market dips should be viewed as a buying opportunity. Our key ideas are as follows:

Strong rally in the BFSI sector: The month of October saw a very strong rally across the top banks with Kotak Bank being the top performer among the frontline private banks. This traction continued in the month of November with the BFSI rally broad-basing. Small and mid cap NBFCs also performed during the month with the Nifty Financial services index registering 23% gain. The NSE private bank index was up by 24% while the NSE PSU bank index was also up by 24%. The key reason for the rally is that the market now believes that the orientation of the sector has changed from capital protection to growth while the challenges of NPA may not be as severe as they were believed to be at the beginning of Q2FY21. The management commentary across the board was largely upbeat.

Q2 FY21 results beat expectations; NIFTY target for December 2021 at 14,600: In NIFTY 50 companies, 34 companies beat earnings expectations in Q2 by a reasonable margin. While a significant portion of the beat has been on account of better margins which is attributable to cost management but recovery of revenues has also been better than expectations. With the significant beat as a backdrop, we have raised our earnings estimates for FY21/22 by 6%/8% and introduced FY23 earnings. We arrive at December 2021 target by valuing the NIFTY at 20x FY23E earnings of 730 translating to our target of 14,600.

Mid and small caps outperform and likely to gain more traction: In the month of November the NIFTY midcap 100 index and NIFTY small cap index delivered 16% and 13% returns respectively, outperforming the benchmark NIFTY which delivered a return of 11%. Mid and small cap indices have outperformed the large cap indices over longer time frames of 6 months and one year also by a significant margin. Also, small and mid caps present with both better value and growth proposition over the medium term. We continue to remain bullish on the mid and small cap theme and recommend more allocation in the space.

Growth combined with value is a win-win proposition: Even as the Indian equity markets have reached an interesting point the market offers multiple plays. Value plays like Metals, Banks, NBFCs and others have started delivering solid returns but also the small and midcap space marked by discretionary consumption, retail, autos and others have delivered returns. Thus, the market is rewarding handsomely across both the themes. Hence, combination of the two themes continues to deliver the most rewarding returns.

Based on the above themes we recommend the following stocks:

ICICI Bank, Manappuram Finance, Canfin Homes, Federal Bank, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Varun Beverages, CCL Products, Biocon, Minda Industries, NOCIL, Endurance Technologies, Steel Strip Wheels and Dr Reddy's

Axis Securities Top Picks

| Company Name | Sector | Stock price | Target Price | Upside (%) | 12 Month Fwd PE | 12 Month Fwd P/BV | Dividend Yield | TR 1M% | TR 3M% | TR 6M% | TR YTD% |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| ICICI BANK LTD | Financials | 473 | 504 | 6% | 24.2 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 22.9 | 23.4 | 42.3 | -10.4 |
| MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD | Financials | 180 | 207 | 15% | 9.5 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 12.3 | 13.9 | 32.7 | -0.9 |
| CAN FIN HOMES LTD | Financials | 482 | 515 | 7% | 17.0 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 7.8 | 29.1 | 69.9 | 26.1 |
| FEDERAL BANK LTD | Financials | 63 | 70 | 11% | 10.3 | 0.8 | N. A. | 28.8 | 18.9 | 39.3 | -26.1 |
| NOCIL LTD | Materials | 141 | 176 | 25% | 28.5 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 9.7 | 61.1 | 43.0 |
| VARUN BEVERAGES LTD | Consumer Staples | 871 | 1005 | 15% | 76.6 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 28.3 | 10.0 | 35.3 | 19.0 |
| CCL PRODUCTS INDIA LTD | Consumer Staples | 266 | 325 | 22% | 19.2 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 6.6 | 28.8 | 36.2 |
| ENDURANCE TECHNOLOGIES | Consumer Discretionary | 1,157 | 1190 | 3% | 38.6 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 47.5 | 4.3 |
| STEEL STRIPS WHEELS LTD | Consumer Discretionary | 496 | 590 | 19% | N. A. | N. A. | N. A. | 5.7 | 7.9 | 41.8 | -34.5 |
| MINDA INDUSTRIES LTD | Consumer Discretionary | 387 | 413 | 7% | 105.8 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 21.2 | 17.9 | 33.1 | 10.8 |
| DR. REDDY'S LABORATORIES | Health Care | 4,829 | 6200 | 28% | 29.3 | 4.5 | 0.5 | -1.1 | 11.2 | 23.1 | 69.4 |
| BIOCON LTD | Health Care | 429 | 470 | 9% | 53.1 | 6.8 | N. A. | 7.2 | 6.8 | 12.3 | 47.3 |
| TECH MAHINDRA LTD | Information Technology | 877 | 975 | 11% | 18.4 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 24.8 | 68.4 | 21.7 |
| BHARTI AIRTEL LTD | Communication Services | 463 | 676 | 46% | 266.1 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 10.4 | -12.3 | -14.0 | 5.5 |
| HCL TECHNOLOGIES LTD | Information Technology | 822 | 975 | 19% | 18.2 | 3.7 | 1.2 | -1.9 | 20.6 | 49.1 | 47.4 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities, N. A. – Not available

Sector Outlook

| Sector | Current View | Outlook |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Automobiles | Overweight | The Indian automobile sector has seen significant improvement in demand and most categories are seeing good traction. CV cycle will continue to be under pressure for even more prolonged period but policy changes could help. Two wheelers and entry level passenger vehicles in urban markets see revival as preference for personal mode of travel is seeing an upsurge. Rural demand is likely to be better than urban demand, and tractors are expected to perform better than most segments. PV demand has also started improving with Maruti reporting decent numbers for October month. With this backdrop we overweight the sector. |
| Banking and Financial services | Equal weight | The BFSI sector has under-performed the broader market by a significant margin owing to issues of moratorium and the stress in the system. However, Q2FY21 operating and financial performance across the banking sector was better-than-expected. Capital raising plans for various banks like ICICI, Axis, Kotak and others have progressed smoothly. Clearly the banks are better placed to deal with the upcoming challenges and current valuations are attractive. Considering the long-term prospects backed by attractive valuations, We maintain Equal Weight stance. |
| Capital Goods | Underweight | Private capex was seeing significant challenges because the capacity utilization has been sluggish. With the marked slowdown because of COVID19, the demand scenario will witness a major slump. Thus, both government as well as private capex will be very sluggish. We recommend underweight stance on the sector. |
| Cement | Equal weight | The cement sector has had pricing power and it has managed to withstand tough times better. We change our outlook to equal-weight as we see better pricing scenario evolving. Demand scenario is also picking up in quite a few regions which have been a positive surprise. Overall, we find the cement sector has been able to cope better than expected. Hence, we upgrade our outlook. The Q1FY21 quarterly numbers have shown solid cost management across companies. |

Sector Outlook (Cont'd)

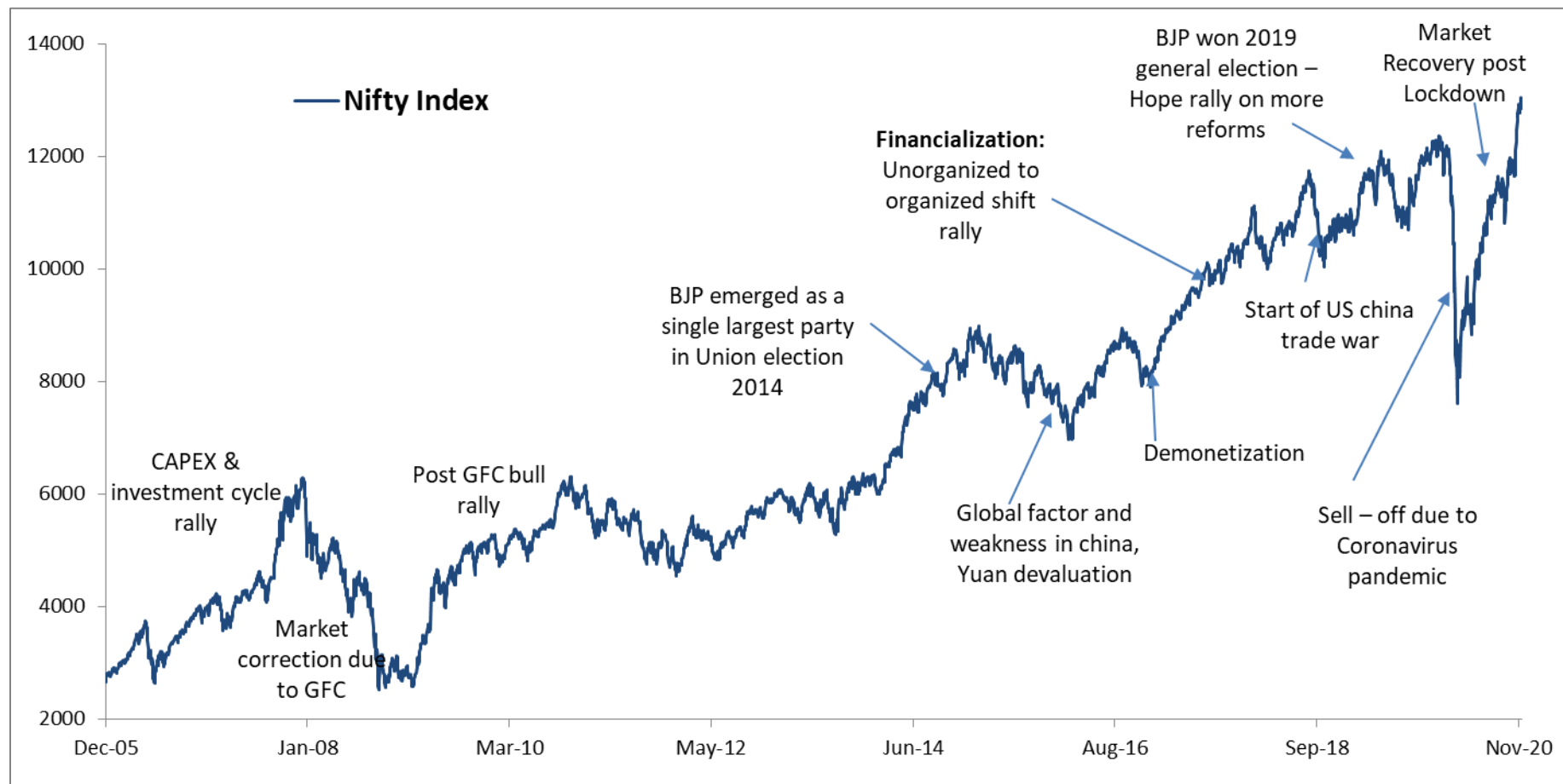
| Sector | Current View | Outlook |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Consumer staples | Overweight | The consumer staples sector has seen good demand recovery with HUL, Dabur, Marico, Britannia and Asian paints beating expectations for Q1FY21. The consumer sector is likely to witness consistent recovery in the forthcoming quarters. Valuations remain sky high and are a serious concern. Notwithstanding the valuation challenges, the consumer staples space has consistently delivered returns for shareholders. We believe the trend is sustainable for the next 12 months and recommend an overweight stance on the sector. |
| Consumer Discretionary | Equal weight | The consumer discretionary space is a mixed bag with large ticket consumer discretionary will take time to revive but the small ticket discretionary could revive faster. Segments like skin care, beverages, apparels and others could revive while large ticket discretionary like white goods could take longer. We recommend equal weight stance with positive outlook on small ticket discretionary segment. |
| Information Technology | Overweight | Q1FY21 earnings for the sector were a significant beat to expectations and the sector has seen earnings upgrades. The sector is in a re-rating cycle and this trend is likely to persist over the medium term. The information technology space is marked by companies with strong balance sheet and play on the current trend of digitization. Even at current levels, the IT sector valuations are reasonable. Thus, we recommend an overweight stance on the sector. |
| Metals and Mining | Equal Weight | The metals and mining sector has seen significant pricing uptrend as Chinese data has improved and weakening dollar. This trend is likely to persist in the medium term and metal stocks are likely to perform well. We upgrade the sector to equal weight. |
| Oil and Gas | Underweight | The Oil and Gas sector has its own set of challenges because of lower GRMs and demand scenario. While the OMCs have seen solid marketing margins but the sustainability remains a questionable. We recommend an underweight stance on the sector. |

Sector Outlook (Cont'd)

| Sector | Current View | Outlook |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| Pharmaceuticals | Overweight | The demand for Pharmaceutical products shot up significantly in the COVID environment and there have been many structural changes like supply chain realignment. This led to an overall re-rating of the sector which had been under pressure for the last couple of years because of FDA issues and pricing environment in the US generics markets. While the challenges are significant for the sector but there is value in the sector and many stocks offer solid growth potential. We believe the re-rating is likely to sustain over the medium term and hence we recommend an Overweight stance on the sector. |
| Real Estate | Underweight | Real estate would be one of the most impacted sectors as both residential and commercial real estate will be impacted. Over the medium to long term, the impact on commercial real estate could be even more significant as companies bring sweeping changes to their business models or significantly reduce expansion plans. The residential space was sluggish and the current slowdown will further aggravate the challenges of the sector. |
| Specialty Chemicals | Overweight | The specialty chemicals sector of India has been one of the sunrise sectors of India. India has been gaining global market share in the space because of India's capabilities in the space and supply chain realignment from China to India. We believe that Indian companies could gain ground further as companies would want to reduce dependence on China after the COVID19 pandemic and shift their supply chains. Apart from the long-term theme of shift in supply chain, the manufacturing of many specialty chemicals is part of essentials and the facilities have started opening up. The decline in raw materials prices could also help the margins and reduce working capital needs, however, input costs are a pass through for most companies and benefits could be limited. Overall the specialty chemicals industry is likely to continue to perform well in the medium term. We recommend an overweight stance on the sector. |
| Telecom | Overweight | Telecom has become the most critical sector during the current challenging times to keep the businesses up and running. Even before the COVID19 outbreak, the sector was seeing improved pricing environment. Price growth in the sector has sustained unlike the past instances and more likely to improve in the forthcoming quarters. The industry is highly consolidated with two strong and one weak player in the wireless space. We recommend an overweight stance for the sector. |

Nifty events update

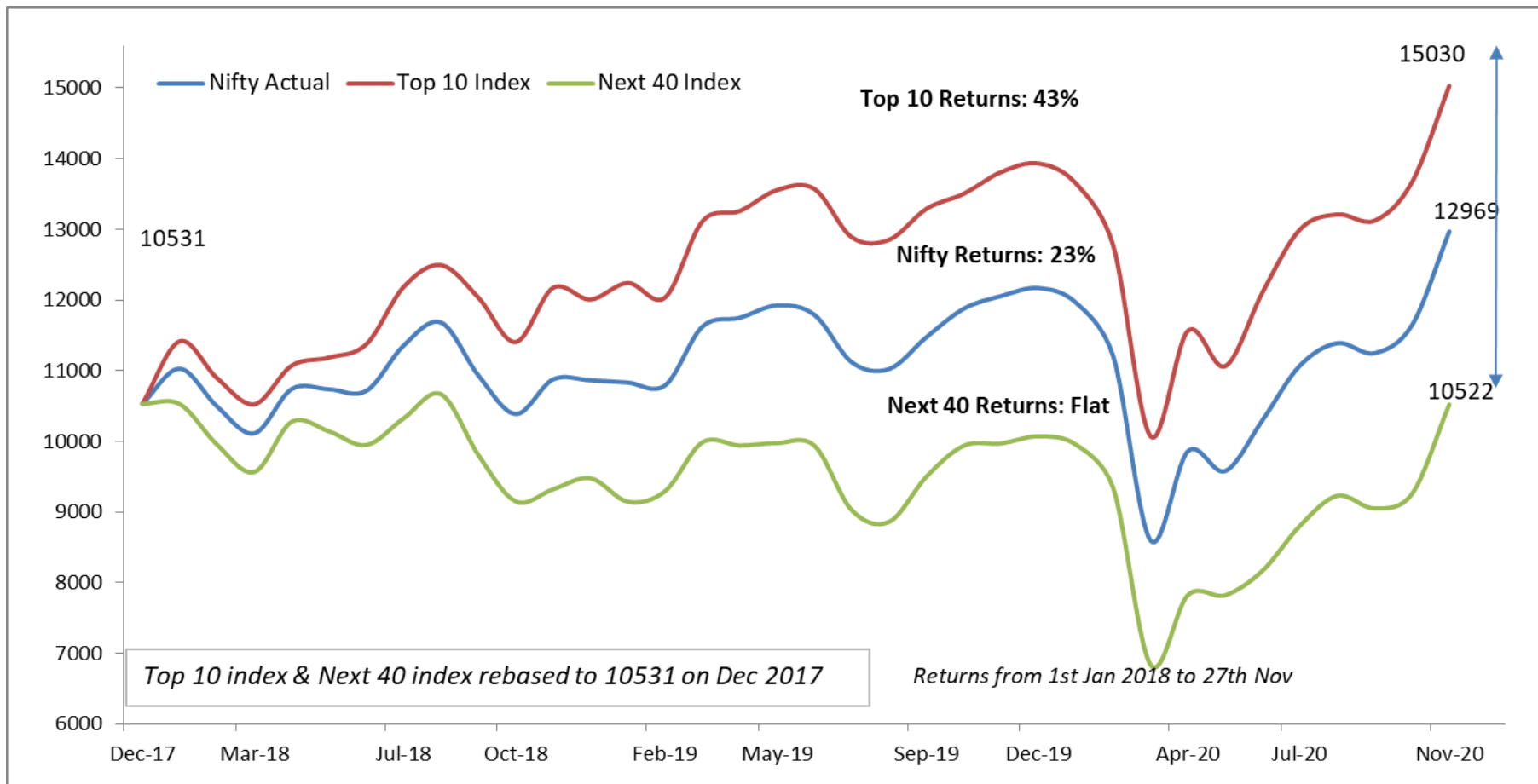
Indian Equity market has bounced back by 70% to 12969 from bottom after a major sell-off seen in the month of March. Currently, multiple events are simultaneously playing out well for the equities market, ranging from a sign of relief from uncertainty over the US election, consistent FII flows, a weaker dollar, better than expected Q2 Earnings, optimism on the vaccine development, all favoring equities.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Huge Divergence in the returns of Nifty Constituents

Since Dec 2017, Nifty has delivered a return of 23%. Out of which, the top 10 stocks by free float market cap have delivered a Stellar return of 43% while remaining 40 stocks remained flat. This divergence has widened in recent months, based on the top 10 stocks the adjusted Nifty value works out to 15030 while the remaining 40 would lead NIFTY to just 10522 (Dec 2017 level). **This indicates Nifty is better valued beyond top 10 names. Long term risk rewards are better in next 40 names vs. top 10.**

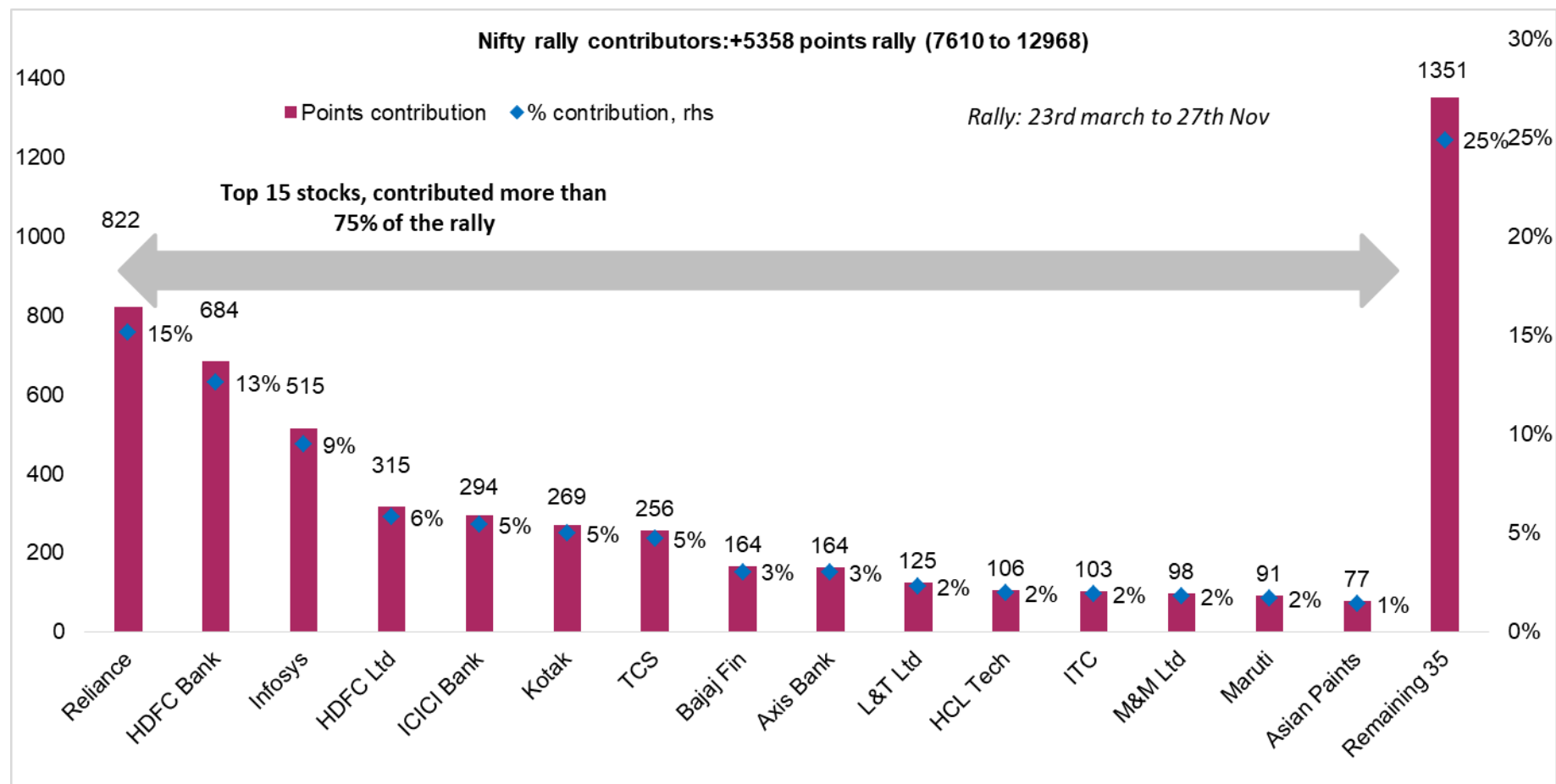


Source: Bloomberg, NSE, Axis Securities

Dominance of Reliance has reduced significantly

Nifty index rallied +5358 points (From 7610 to 12968) after making a bottom on 23rd Mar 2020. In this massive rally, top 15 stocks have contributed more than 75% to the rally while remaining 35 stocks have contributed only 25%. During the same time, 48% of the rally is driven by 5 Names: Reliance, HDFC bank, Infosys, ICICI, HDFC Ltd

Reliance contribution to the rally has reduced significantly to 15% vs 28% which was the case two months back.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Top 500 stock performance

Market capitalization of top 500 stocks has recovered by 68% to 163.9 trillion vs 97.4 trillion on 23rd March. Maximum recovery has been seen in IT, Oil & Gas (led by Reliance), and in pharma sector. Significant mom market cap improvement seen for NBFC (+26%), Banks (+22%), Metals (22%), Industrials (17%), Auto (13%)

| | No of companies | Sectoral market cap of Top 500 stocks in Trillion as of | | | | | | | | | | Current Mcap vs 20th Feb |
|---------------|-----------------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | | 20th Feb | 23rd Mar | 30-Apr | 31-May | 30-Jun | 31-Jul | 31-Aug | 30th Sep | 30-Oct | 27-Nov | |
| Banks | 35 | 23.7 | 13.8 | 17.1 | 15.4 | 17.8 | 17.5 | 19.2 | 17.5 | 19.4 | 23.6 | -1% |
| IT | 23 | 17.2 | 12.1 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.8 | 18.7 | 18.4 | 20.5 | 21.6 | 22.1 | 29% |
| Oil & gas | 15 | 15.3 | 9.4 | 14.0 | 13.9 | 16.1 | 18.5 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 17.7 | 17.8 | 17% |
| NBFC | 49 | 15.2 | 8.2 | 9.8 | 8.5 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 14.1 | -8% |
| Staples | 27 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 14.1 | 13.7 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 14.3 | 0% |
| Discretionary | 49 | 11.0 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 10.8 | -1% |
| Auto & Anc | 36 | 9.0 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 12% |
| Pharma | 35 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 35% |
| Industrials | 47 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | -2% |
| Build Mate | 33 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 4% |
| Metals & mi | 20 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5% |
| Tele & Media | 18 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.5 | -1% |
| Insurance | 6 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | -3% |
| Utilities | 12 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 35% |
| Others | 45 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 14% |
| Agri & Chem | 30 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 6% |
| Transport | 12 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | -6% |
| Healthcare | 8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 37% |
| Total | 500 | 151.9 | 97.4 | 124.3 | 121.6 | 132.6 | 140.1 | 145.2 | 145.7 | 148.0 | 163.9 | |

Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

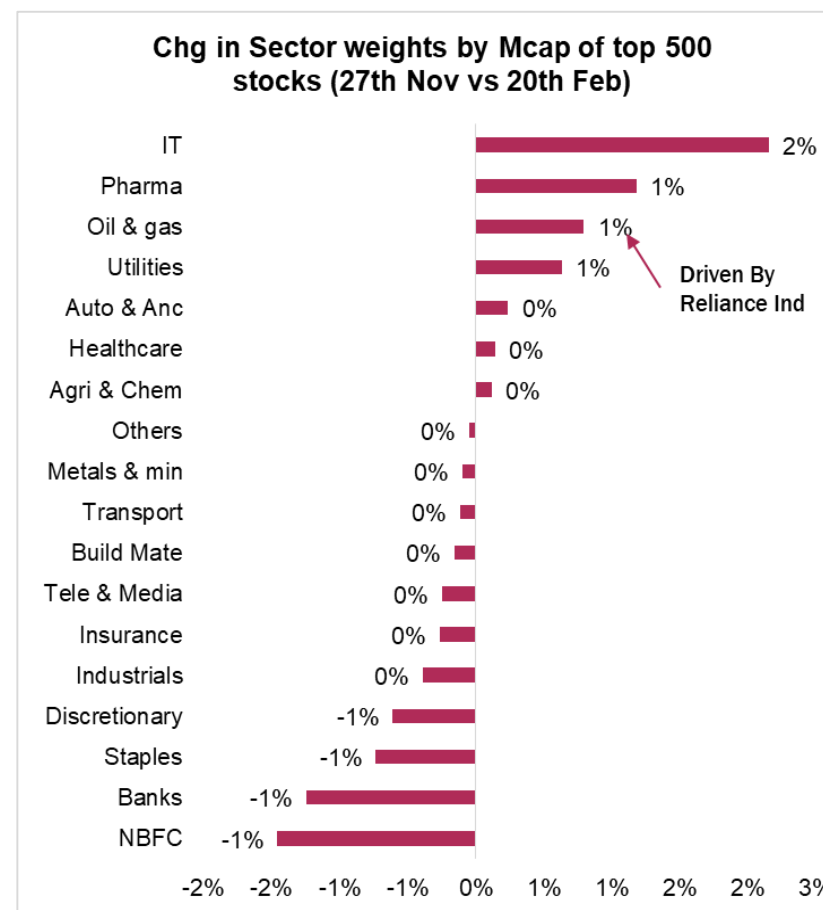
Top 500 stock performance

Since 20th Feb, biggest Weight change seen in IT (+2.2%), Pharma (+1.2%), Oil & Gas (+0.8%).

Weight of BFSI sector has significantly improved in the month of November, with the support of double digit rally in NBFC (+26%) & Banks (+22%)

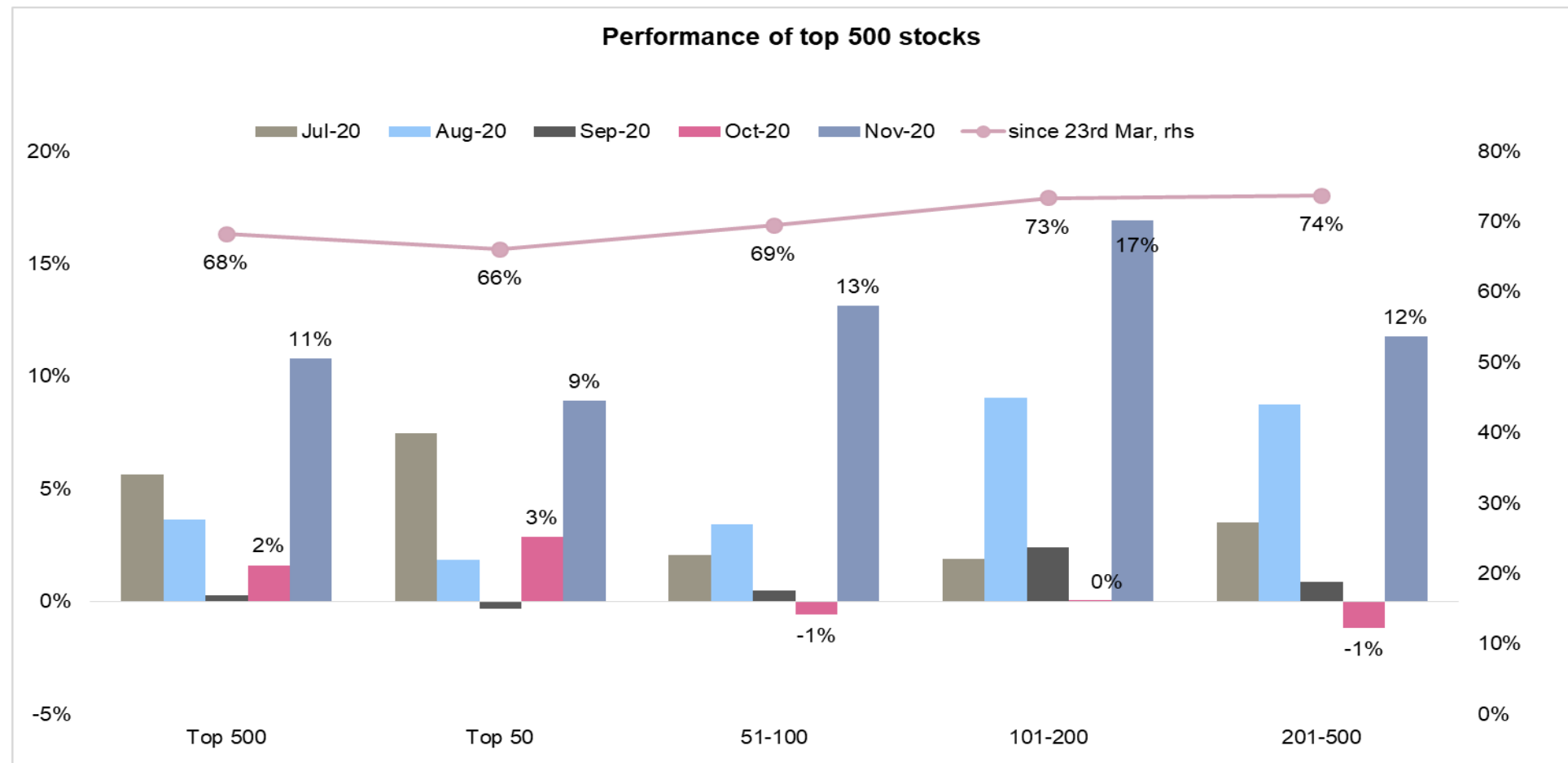
| | No of companies | Sector weight of top 500 stocks as of date | | | Chg in weight 24th Nov vs 20th Feb |
|---------------|-----------------|--|----------|--------|------------------------------------|
| | | 20th Feb | 23rd Mar | 27-Nov | |
| Banks | 35 | 16% | 14% | 14% | -1.2% |
| IT | 23 | 11% | 12% | 13% | 2.2% |
| Oil & gas | 15 | 10% | 10% | 11% | 0.8% |
| NBFC | 49 | 10% | 8% | 9% | -1.5% |
| Staples | 27 | 9% | 11% | 9% | -0.7% |
| Discretionary | 49 | 7% | 7% | 7% | -0.6% |
| Auto & Anc | 36 | 6% | 6% | 6% | 0.2% |
| Pharma | 35 | 5% | 6% | 6% | 1.2% |
| Industrials | 47 | 4% | 4% | 4% | -0.4% |
| Build Mate | 33 | 4% | 4% | 4% | -0.1% |
| Metals & min | 20 | 3% | 3% | 3% | -0.1% |
| Tele & Media | 18 | 3% | 3% | 3% | -0.2% |
| Insurance | 6 | 3% | 2% | 2% | -0.3% |
| Utilities | 12 | 3% | 3% | 3% | 0.6% |
| Agri & Chem | 45 | 2% | 2% | 3% | 0.1% |
| Others | 30 | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0.0% |
| Transport | 12 | 1% | 1% | 1% | -0.1% |
| Healthcare | 8 | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0.1% |

Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities



Performance of top 500 stocks

Broader market performance seen in the month of November, 17% rally was seen for companies ranking from 101-200. Small and midcaps are picking up steam and they should deliver solid returns in 2021 as economic uncertainties will reduce and volatility will decline. We believe volatility will decline significantly in 2021 which will lead to a small and mid cap rally.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

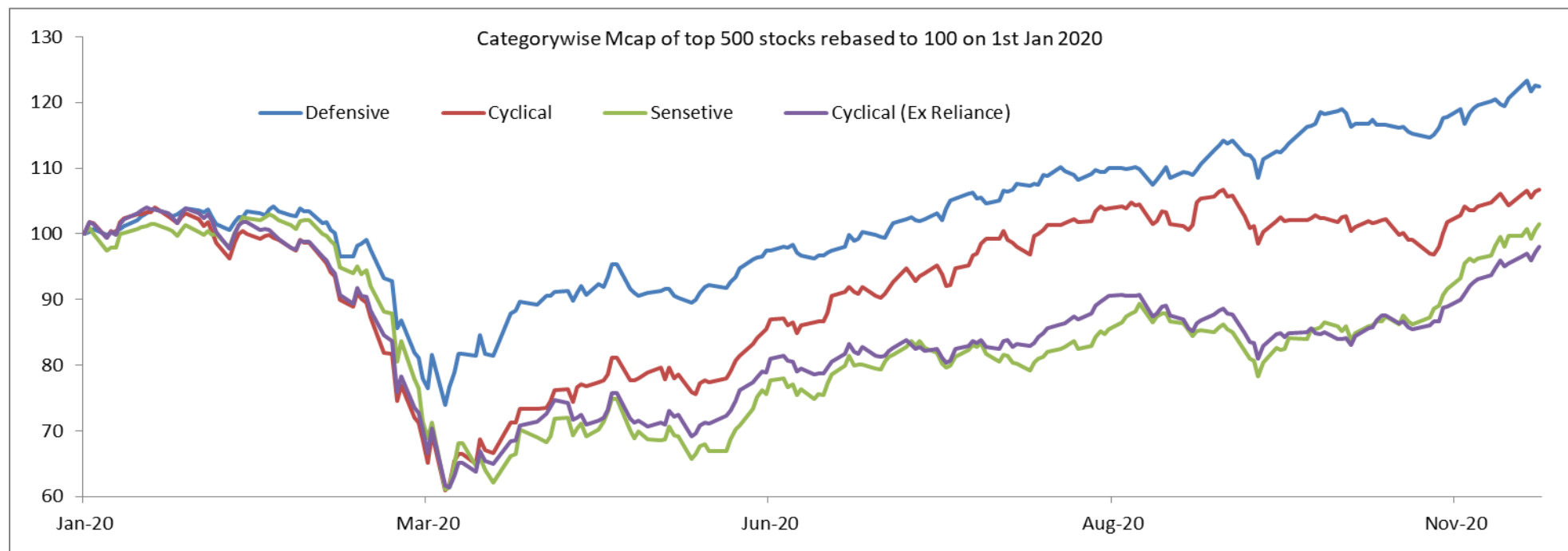
Sector rotation: Cyclical are gaining traction

In the last few months, the entire market narrative was positioned towards defensive plays with IT and pharma stocks were outperforming the market. In November, we saw recovery in BFSI, Auto, Metals, Cyclical (Ex Reliance) which has also started outperforming in the month of November. BFSI sector was on backseat till October and outperformed the broader market with improved fundamentals in the month of November. Market cap of BFSI space is still 4-5% below pre-covid level. With improved outlook and with focus towards growth, risk rewards are in favour for this sector. We believe outperformance of BFSI will continue in upcoming quarters also.

Defensive: IT, Staples, Pharma, Healthcare, Utilities, Insurance

Cyclical: Oil & gas, Industrials, Metals, Building Materials, Agri & Chemicals, Transport

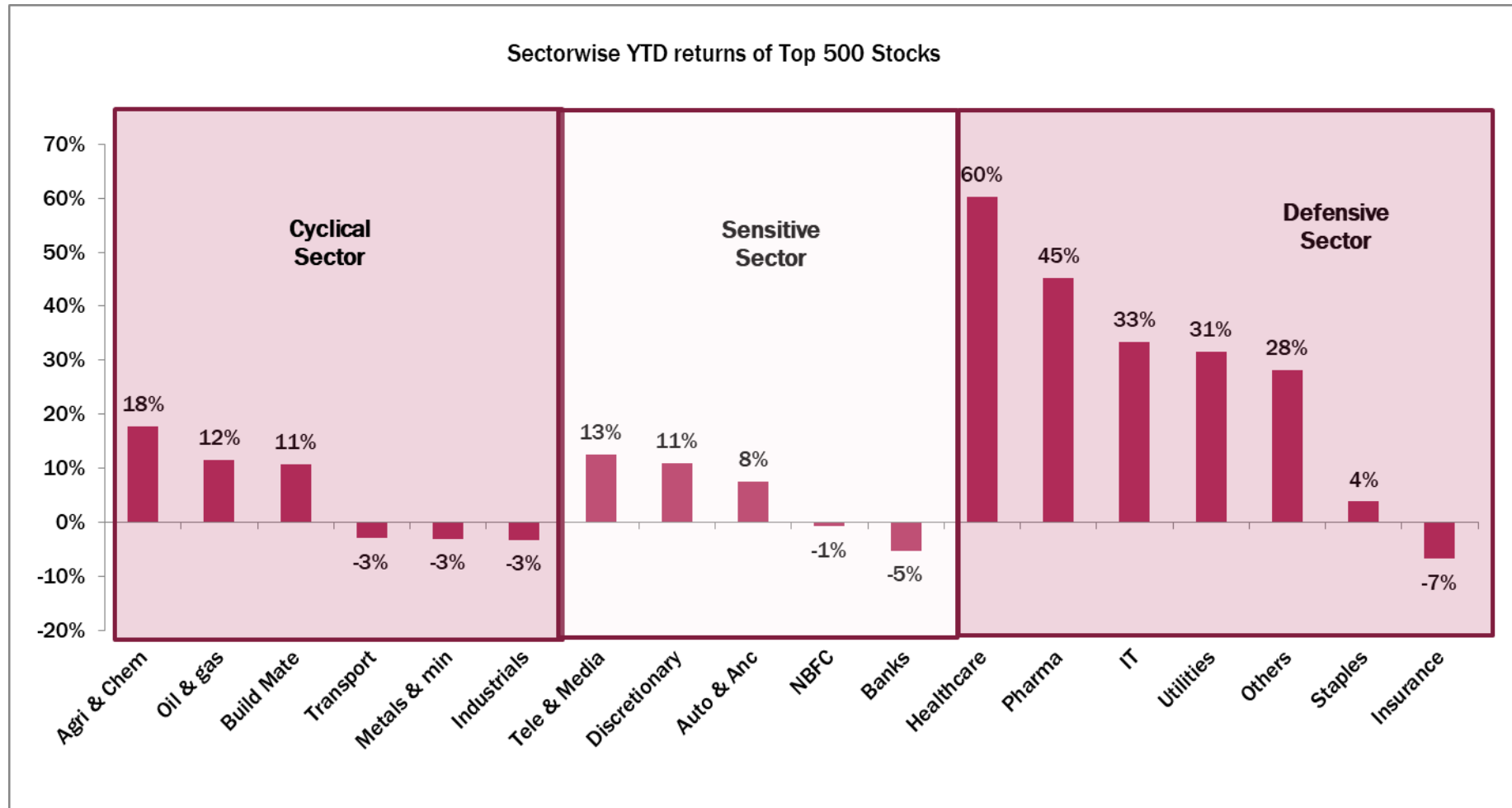
Sensitive: Banks, NBFC, Discretionary, Auto, Telecom



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Sector rotation: Cyclical & Sensitive sectors are playing a catch-up rally

On YTD basis defensives are the clear winners, Pharma gained 45%, IT up 33% on YTD basis while NBFC down by 5%, Bank down by 1%, Industrials and Metals are down by 3% on YTD basis.

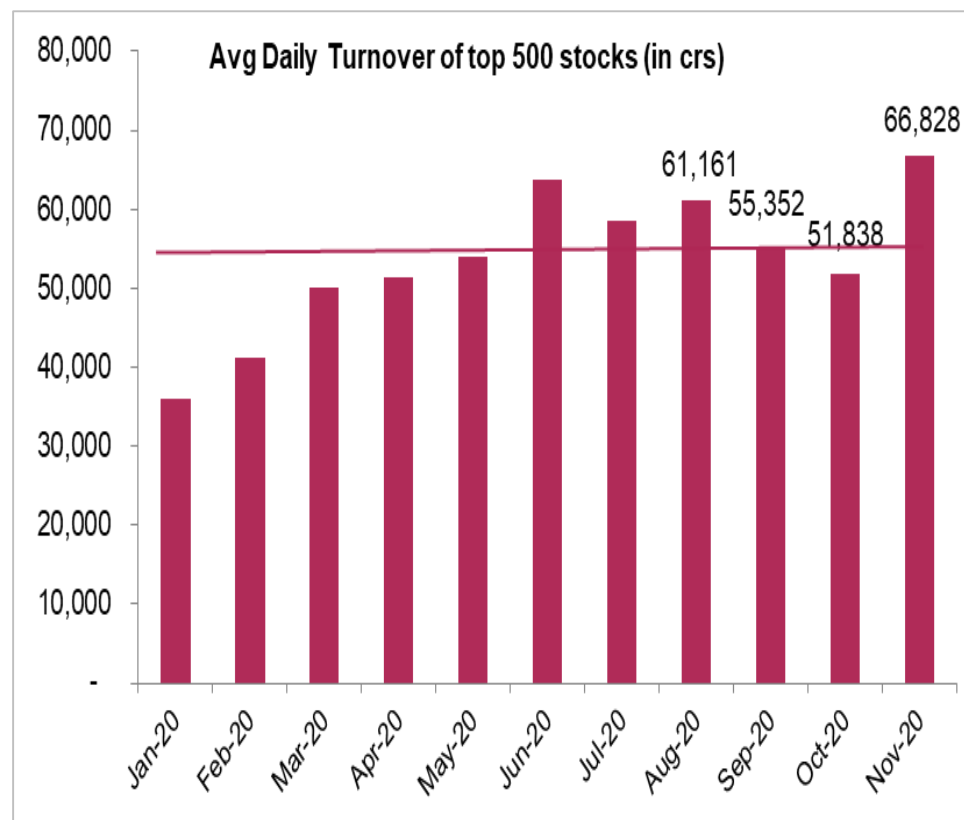
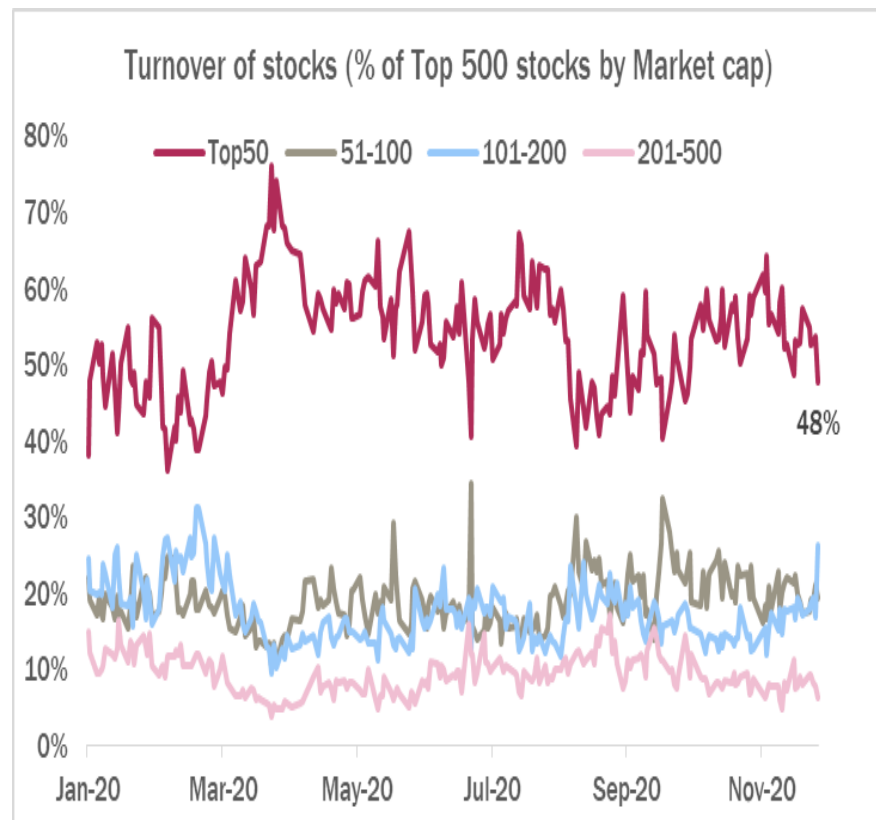


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Market turnover (% of top 500 Names)

Market turnover of top 50 stocks has been consistently more than 50% in November, stronger broader market participation seen on last trading day

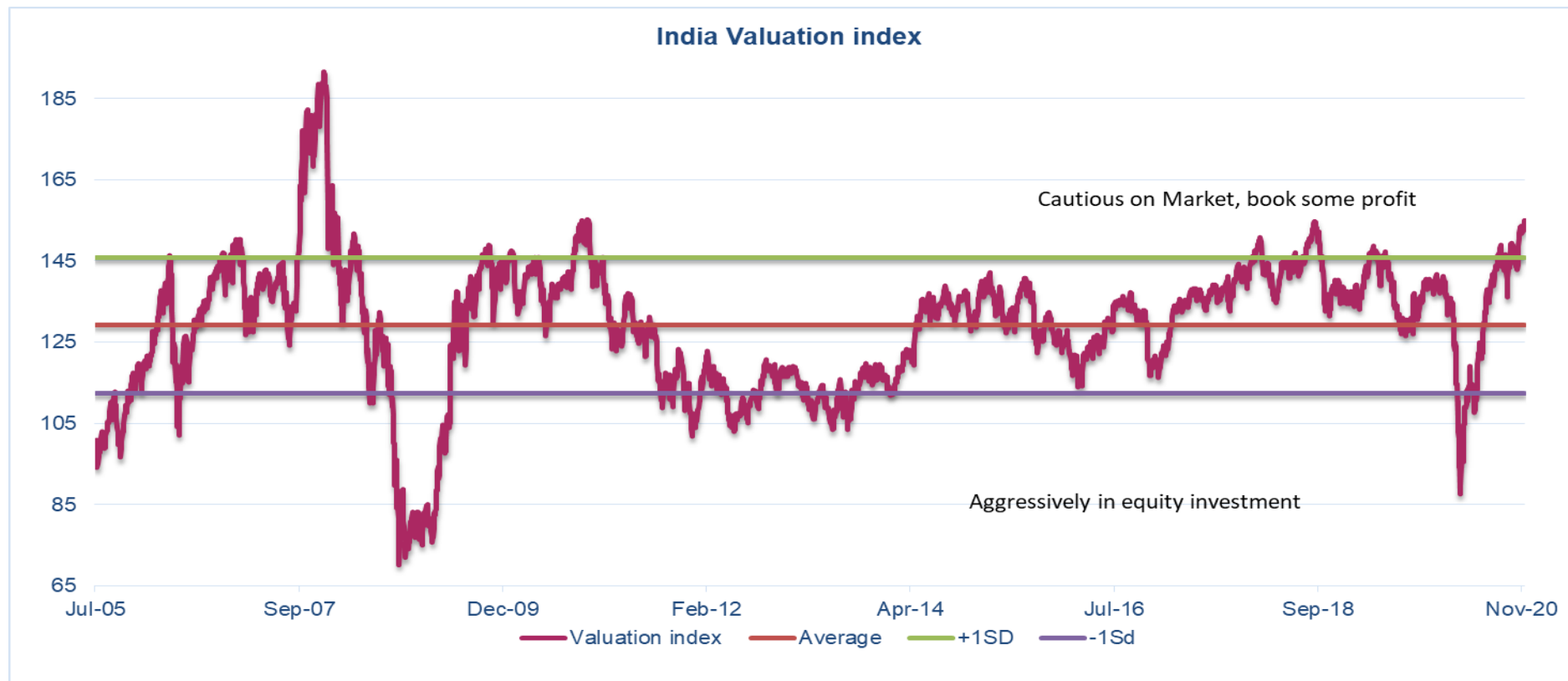
Healthy Turnover: Strongest average daily turnover of ~ 67000 cr for the month of November, significantly higher than June/July 2020.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

India Valuation Index: Retracing back to cautious zone after a recent run-up

Our Market valuation index has retraced back to the cautions zone after the recent run-up (earlier seen in 2018). Index value was one standard deviation below its long-term average in March 2020, which meant one should have aggressively invested in equity. However, current levels indicate some profit booking in the market (especially large caps), stock picking and sector rotation is a key at current level to generate outperformance. India valuation index calculated on the basis of four fundamental market parameters (12m fwd PE, 12m fwd PB, Bond Equity Earning yield ratio, Mcap to GDP ratio)

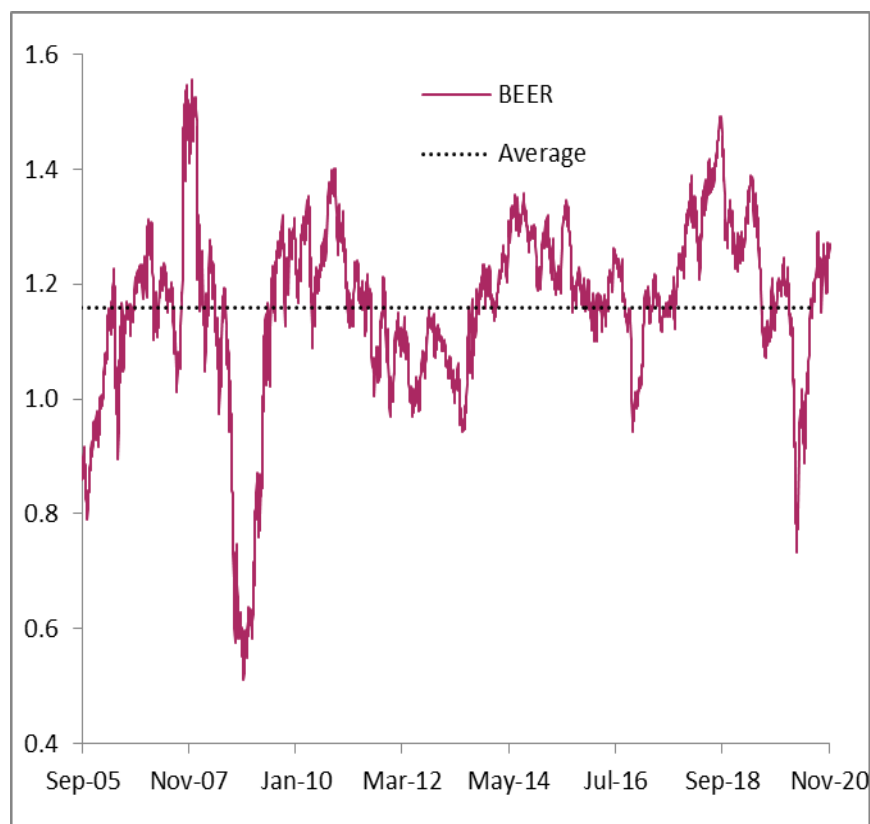


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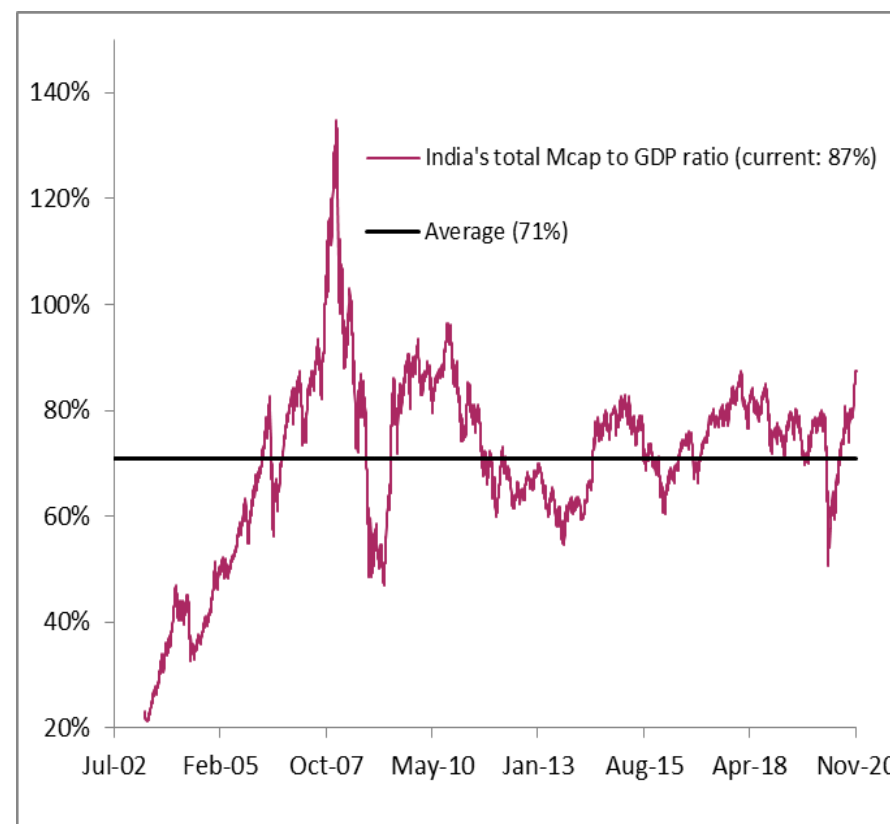
Two fundamental ratios are trading slightly above its LTA

BEER: With recent run-up in benchmark index, BEER ratio is trading above its LTA which indicates stock market is slightly expensive at current level vs the bond market.

India's total market cap to GDP: is trading at 87%, above its long term average. Currently we are entering into a positive earnings momentum cycle after a sharp downgrade seen in earlier quarters. Historically, immediately after the GFC crisis similar upward earning momentum seen for FY10 earnings which took market cap to GDP to the range of 95-98%. **With this positive earnings momentum in current cycle, it is likely to see similar levels (95-98%) of market cap to GDP in upcoming quarters.**



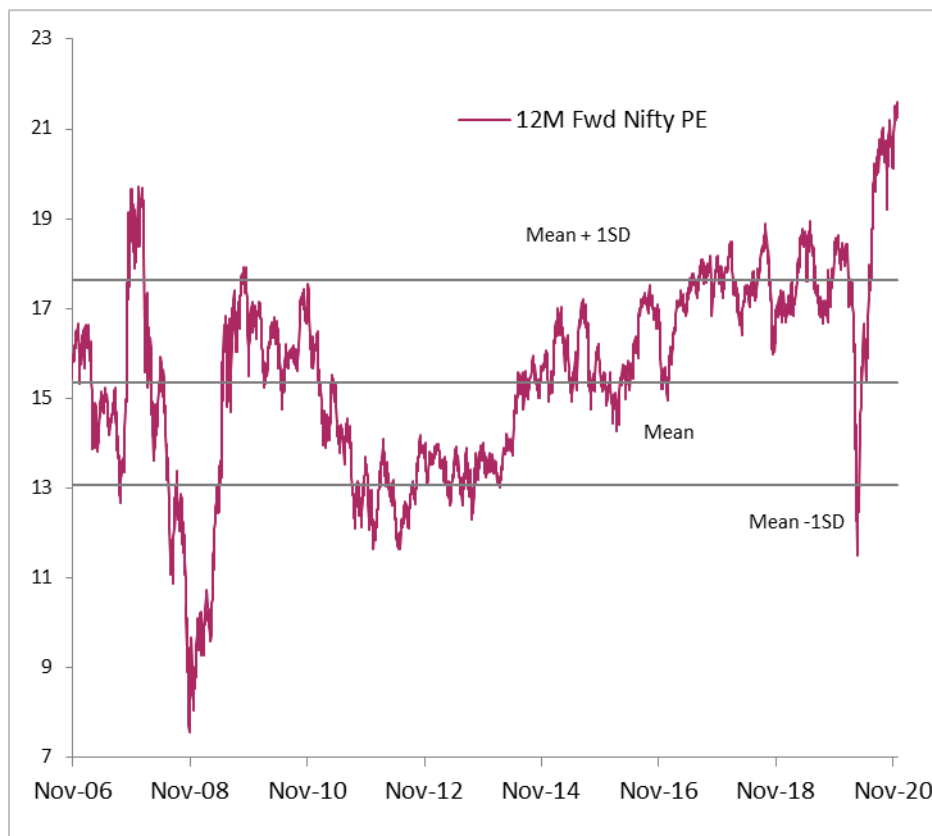
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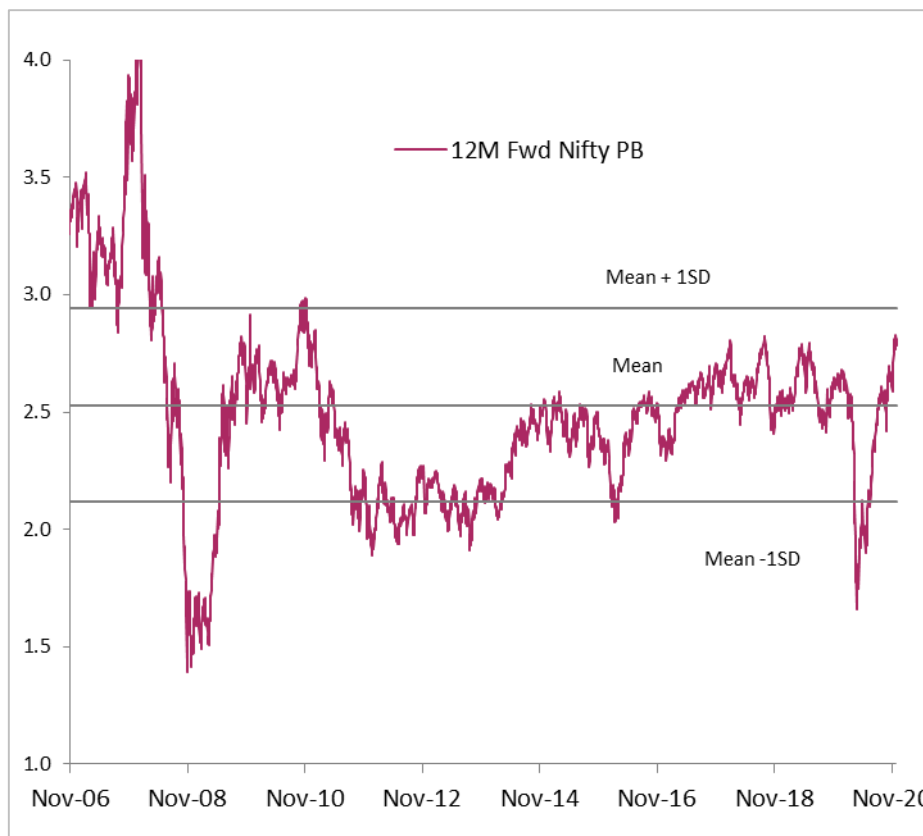
Market Valuations: optically expensive but fairly valued beyond the top 10 names

Nifty is currently trading at 21.3x on 12m fwd PE, 2.6 std above its long-term average while Nifty is trading at its long-term average on 12m Fwd PB. Divergence between returns of top 10 vs. remaining 40 constituents has brought Nifty into expensive zone. Beyond top 10 names, Nifty looks less expensive. **(Top 10 trading at 25.0x while remaining 40 trading at 17.7x on 12m fwd PE)**

Nifty 12m Fwd PE



Nifty 12m Fwd PB



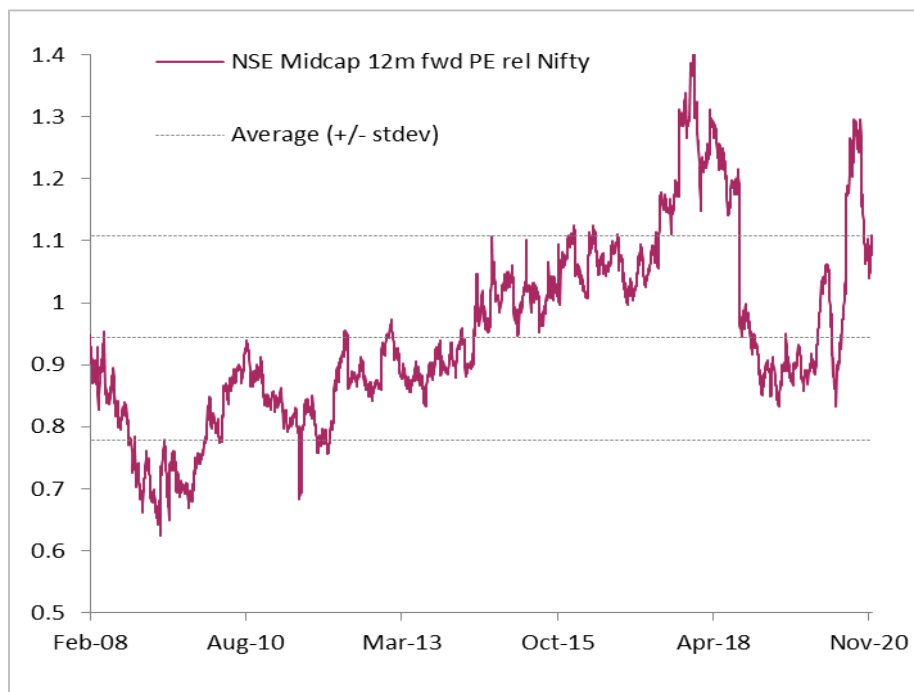
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Midcaps look attractive: Trading at 11% premium to large caps

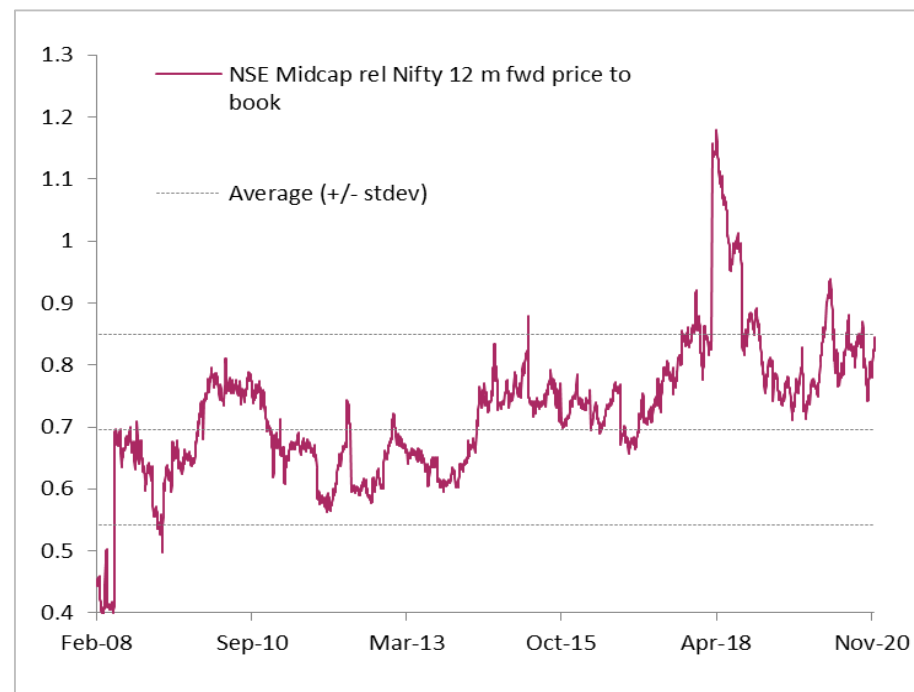
From a valuation perspective, the Midcaps look attractive vs. large caps. Historically, during the bull phase of 2017, midcaps were trading at 45% premium to large caps. The recent spate of IPOs and their success clearly indicates that the appetite for mid and small cap stocks. Our case for two year rolling returns indicates that the market has turned in favour of small and mid cap stocks which are more reasonably valued and offer greater upside potential. Also, SEBI's new guidelines on multicap funds has clearly tilted the favour in case of mid and small cap stocks which will keep the space in vogue over the medium term.

In November, Small and midcaps are picking up steam and they should deliver solid returns in 2021 as economic uncertainties will reduce and volatility will decline. We believe volatility will decline significantly in 2021 which will lead to a small and mid cap rally.

NSE Midcap rel Nifty 12m fwd PE



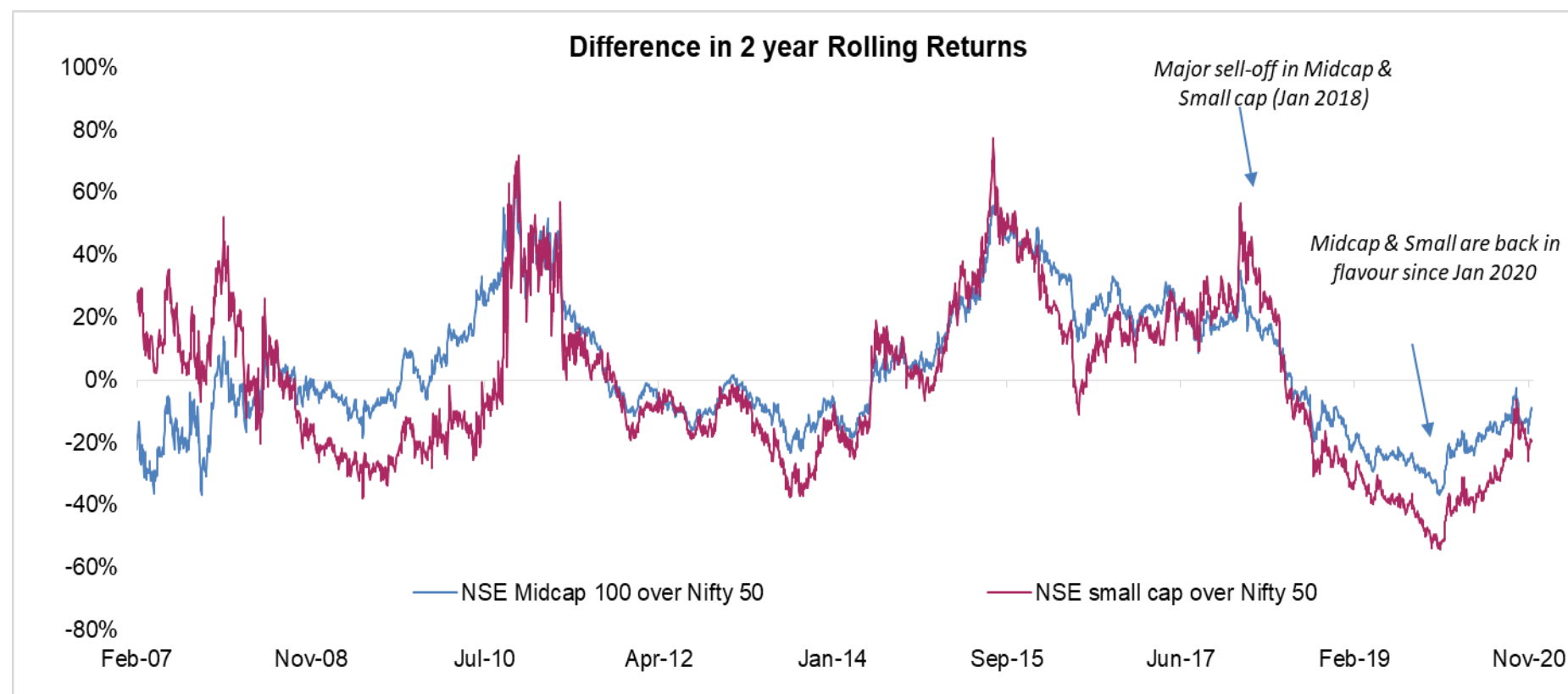
NSE Midcap rel Nifty 12m Fwd PB



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Mean reversion in rolling returns: Midcaps and Small caps are chasing large caps

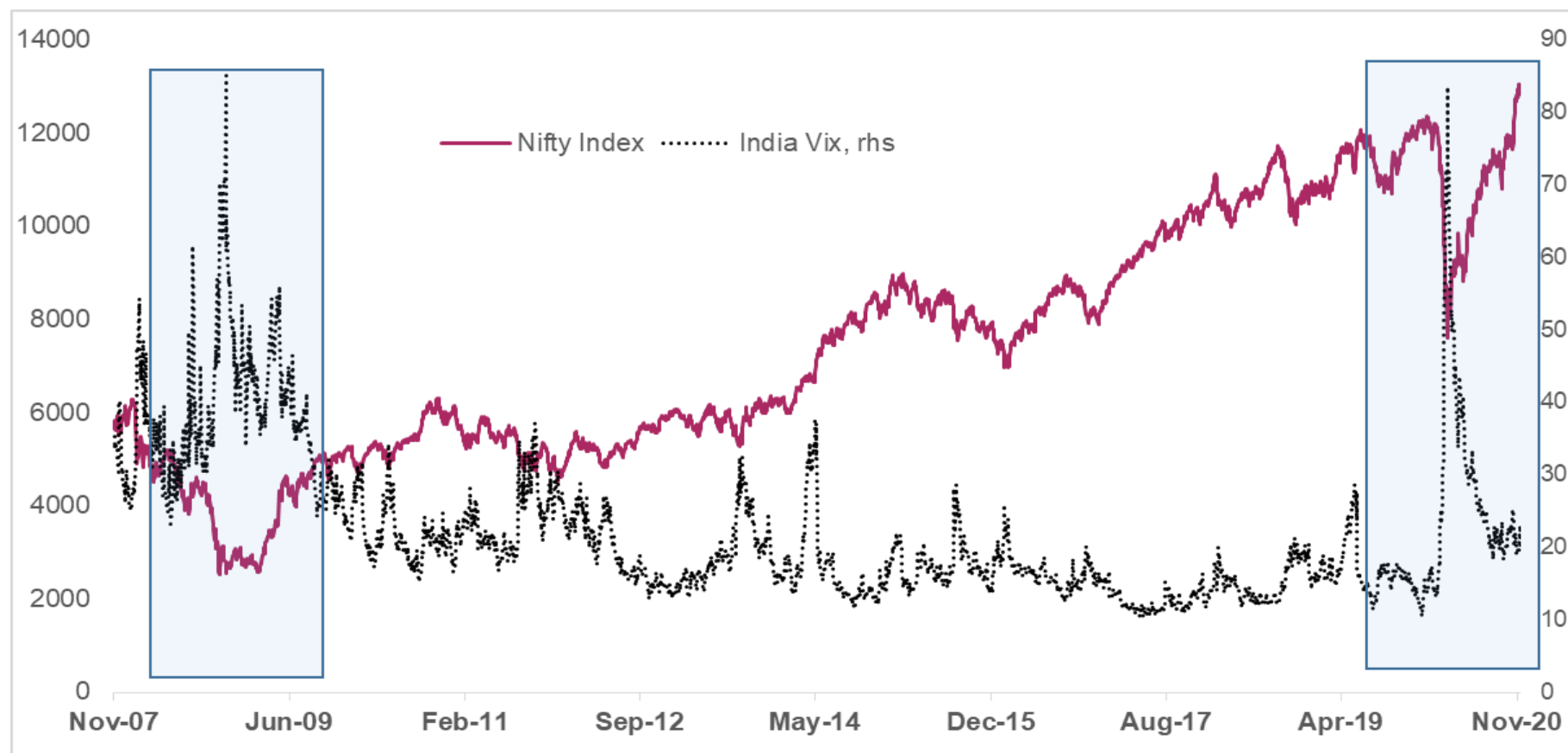
Since Jan 2020, we have seen mean reversion in the two years rolling returns of Midcaps and Small cap relative to Nifty 50. Broader market has started outperforming after the new SEBI guidelines on Multicap schemes. As on an expected lines broader market outperformance was seen for month of November as uncertainty over the US election eased, consistent FII flows, a weaker dollar, better than expected Q2 Earnings, optimism on the vaccine development, all favoring equities. **Currently 10 candidates are in Phase 3 trial of vaccine development, so theme on vaccination and complete opening up of the economy is going to play in 2021. We believe this will reduce uncertainty over the growth and volatility likely to decline which will lead to an outperformance of broader market.**



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

India's Nifty Index vs VIX: Volatility has reduced after the outcome of US election

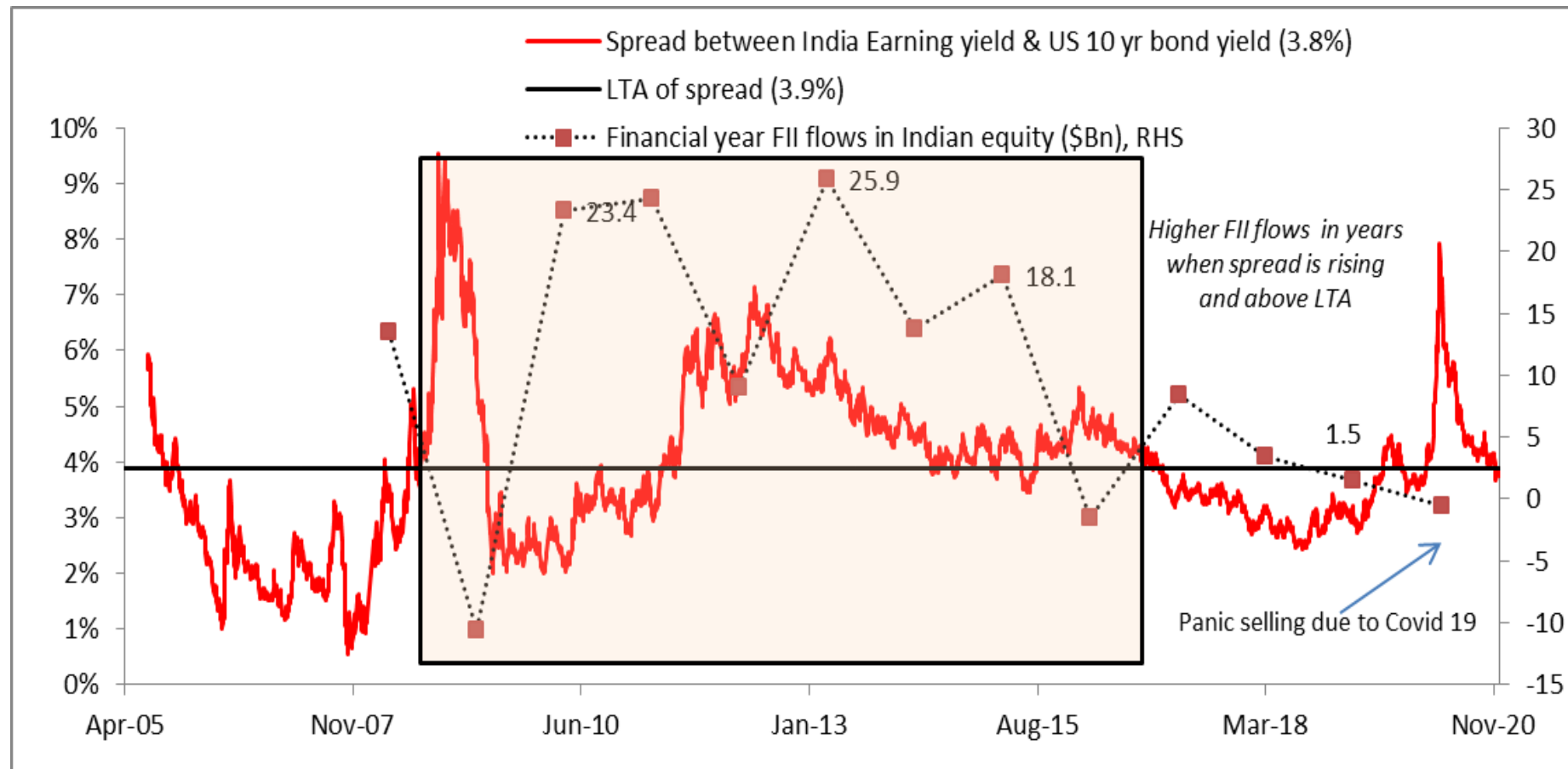
Volatility significantly reduced after the outcome of US election. Currently VIX is trading at 20 level vs historical average of 22. Business normalization in Q2 is ahead of street expectation; we have seen more upgrades than downgrades during the quarter. Overall visibility of growth has improved significantly during the quarter which also helped in the overall reduction of the volatility. Growth outlook has improved with Q2 GDP print, now the market will look for the sustainability of the demand especially after the festive season and watchful will be the direction of high frequency indicators. During Mar 2020, VIX was trading in panic zone of 80 levels, which was earlier seen during 2009 crisis.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Spread between India's earning yield and US 10-year Bond yields – On LTA

Historically, India sees positive FII flows whenever the spread between India earning yield and US 10-year bond yield is on rising trend or above long-term average. Rising and above average spread gives valuation comfort to the investors which was seen during FY10-15 where we had witnessed strong FII flows in Indian market.

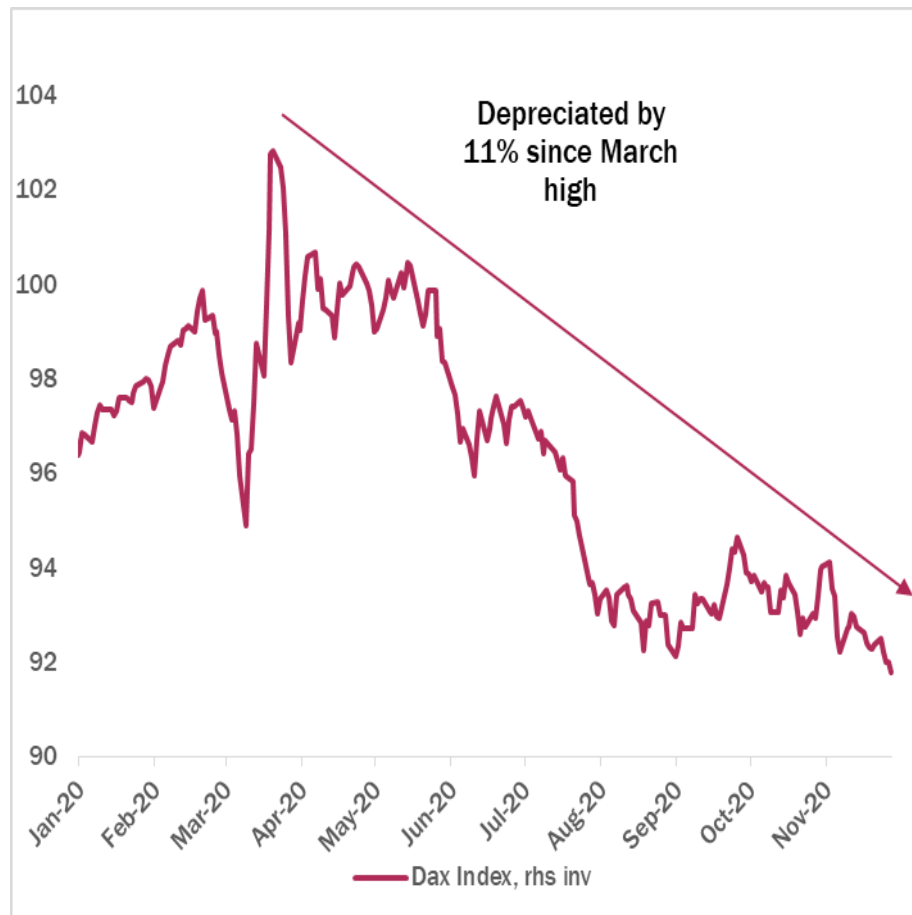


Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities Note: Data till 31st July 2020

Weaker dollar is good for emerging market

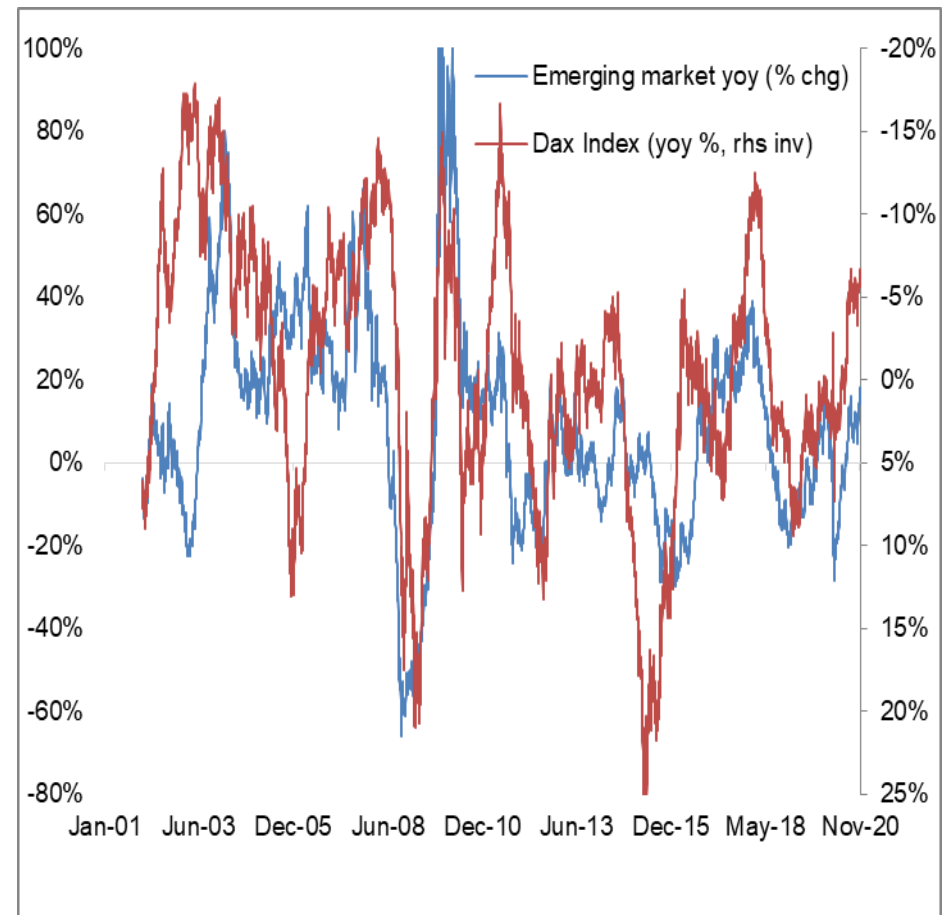
Dollar index has an inverse relationship with the emerging market. **DAX index has depreciated by almost 11% since March high which is positive for emerging market specially India.**

Dollar Index



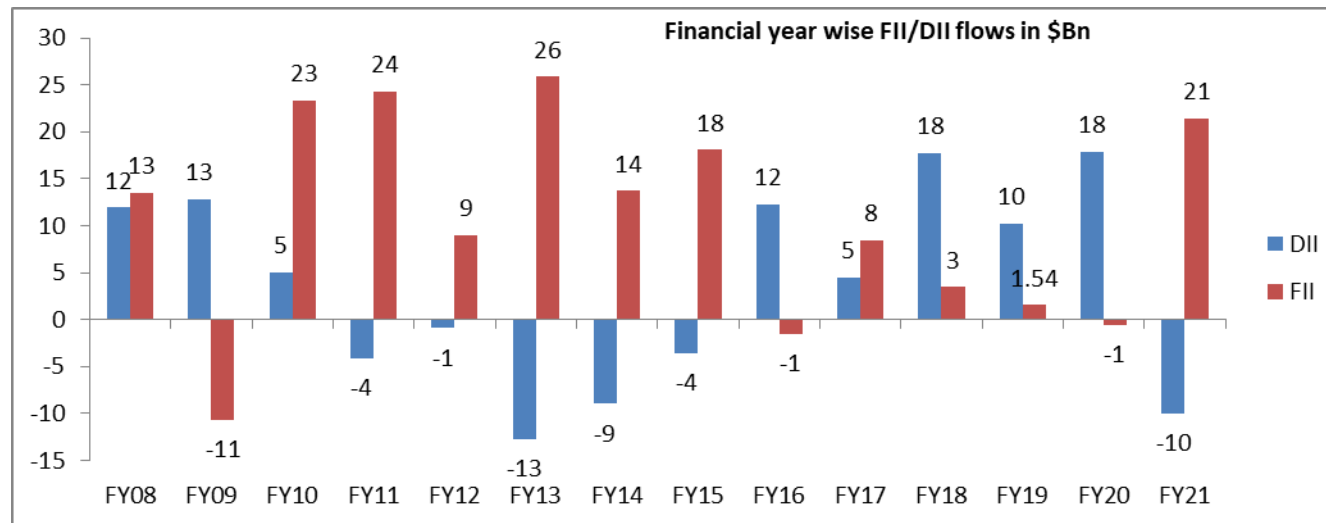
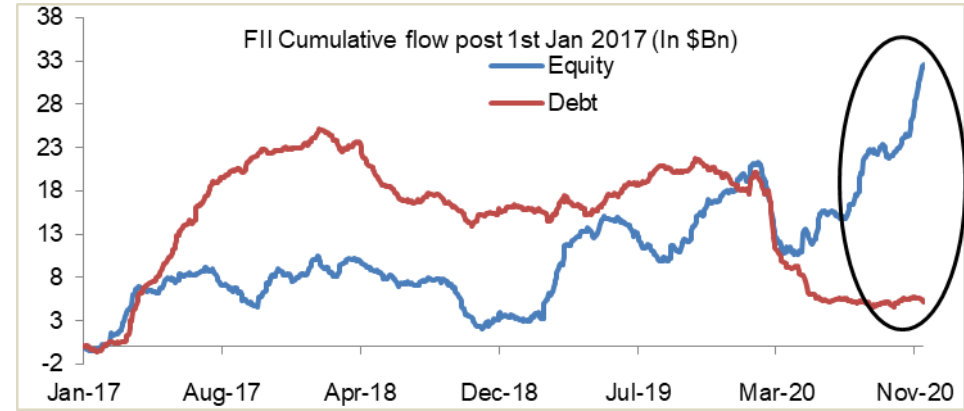
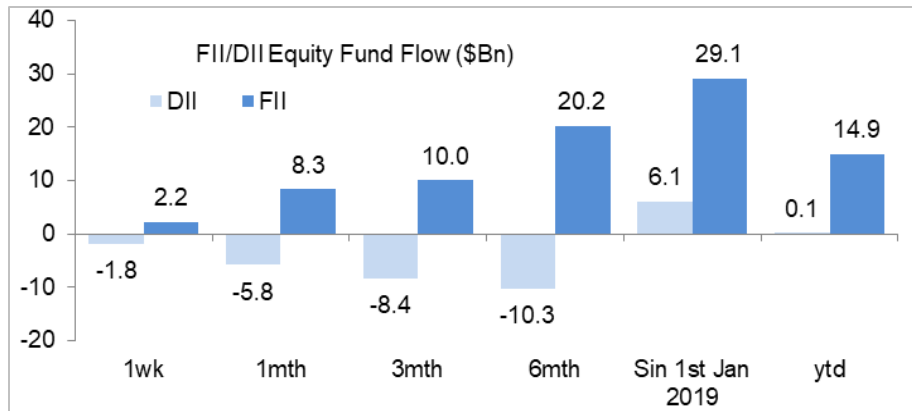
Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Emerging market vs Dollar index



Strongest FII flows in November

FII are net buyers in last 3 months; FIIs have added USD 10 bn while DIIs have pulled out USD 8.4 bn from Indian equity market in last 3month. FIIs Cumulative flow in equity market is at USD 32.5 bn since Jan 2017. **In first 10 months of FY21, FIIs have added USD 21 bn in Indian market, similar to the trend earlier seen during FY10-13.**



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Strongest FII flows in November vs Peers

Based on the assumption of more predictable policy making under the Presidency of Biden which will lead to a realignment of global portfolios, with more investments shifting to riskier assets and the emerging markets are the biggest beneficiary resulting in huge FII flows in Emerging markets including India. The trend is building for a weaker dollar in 2021 on account of higher fiscal spending and lowers interest rates. Based on this trend the emerging markets are likely to see consistent FII flows in 2021. Further, till the time the rate differentials between India's earning yield and US bond yield is high, India continues to be in the sweet spot for FII flows.

Fundamentals are getting better for long term equity investment in India which is attracting liquidity driven by FIIs with positive inflows. Though all the major emerging market countries were witnessing inflows in the month of November, the quantum of flows into India was better than other comparable emerging economies.

| Monthly FII equity flows in Emerging market \$Bn | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Month | India | Indonesia | Malaysia | Brazil | Phillipines | S. Korea | Sri Lanka | Taiwan | Thailand | Vietnam |
| Mar-20 | -8.39 | -0.37 | -1.29 | -5.04 | -0.30 | -10.54 | -0.01 | -12.08 | -2.45 | -0.34 |
| Apr-20 | -0.03 | -0.56 | -0.61 | -0.90 | -0.32 | -3.96 | 0.00 | 0.82 | -1.44 | -0.26 |
| May-20 | 1.72 | 0.55 | -0.69 | -1.29 | -0.17 | -3.30 | -0.04 | -5.05 | -0.98 | -0.02 |
| Jun-20 | 2.47 | -0.32 | -0.70 | 0.09 | -0.19 | -0.70 | -0.05 | 3.27 | -0.74 | 0.64 |
| Jul-20 | 1.15 | -0.26 | -0.60 | -1.60 | -0.12 | 0.73 | -0.02 | 0.27 | -0.32 | -0.02 |
| Aug-20 | 6.10 | -0.58 | -0.36 | -0.06 | -0.26 | -2.30 | -0.04 | -2.18 | -0.89 | -0.14 |
| Sep-20 | -0.77 | -1.05 | -0.48 | -0.46 | -0.31 | -0.99 | -0.04 | -1.43 | -0.74 | 0.07 |
| Oct-20 | 2.51 | -0.25 | -0.16 | 0.52 | -0.16 | -0.43 | -0.03 | -0.61 | -0.70 | -0.32 |
| Nov-20 | 8.32 | 0.47 | -0.08 | 4.80 | -0.06 | 6.79 | -0.01 | 5.99 | 1.14 | -0.12 |
| YTD | 14.9 | -2.7 | -5.5 | -13.3 | -2.2 | -17.9 | -0.3 | -16.4 | -8.3 | -0.5 |

Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Q2FY21 Earnings: Business normalization in Q2 is ahead of street expectation

1). IT sector continues to beat the expectations seen a margin recovery driven by pyramid rationalization and travel cost, better than expected guidance has changed the outlook for the sector resulting earning upgrade. 2) Better realization in the cement sector has impressed the street on PAT & EBITDA expectation, 3) Discretionary spending gradually returning after muted numbers in last quarter. 4) Staples posted fairly good numbers. 5) Liabilities side of balance sheet has improved for banks/NBFCs with ample liquidity, reduced cost to funds. Focus now has shifted to growth and redeployment of excess liquidity. It remains watchful for the asset quality trends in upcoming quarters. 6) Better realization and favorable product mix, lower cost has impressed the street with above expectation EBITDA and Volume for Metal sector 7) OMCs earning improvement is led by inventory gains and healthy marketing margins.

Two positive trends playing out in Q2:

1) Visible expansion in the margin across the board led by better control over cost by the management 2) Stronger than expected sales and volume numbers reflects stronger economic recovery

| Nifty Q2FY21 | | Earnings | | | EBITDA | | | Revenue | |
|--------------|------|----------|------|------|---------|------|------|---------|------|
| Results Out | Beat | In Line | Miss | Beat | In Line | Miss | Beat | In Line | Miss |
| 50 | 34 | 4 | 12 | 32 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 24 | 8 |

Q2FY21 Performance so far:

Beat results: IT, FMCG, Cements, Banks

FY21 EPS: 22/50 Nifty companies have seen FY21 EPS upgrade of more than 5% post Q2 results

Upgrade: Shree Cement (30%), Ultratech (24%), JSW Steel (68%), ICICI bank (14%), Kotak (13%), Tech Mahindra (10%), M&M (9%), HDFC bank (8%), Infosys (6%)

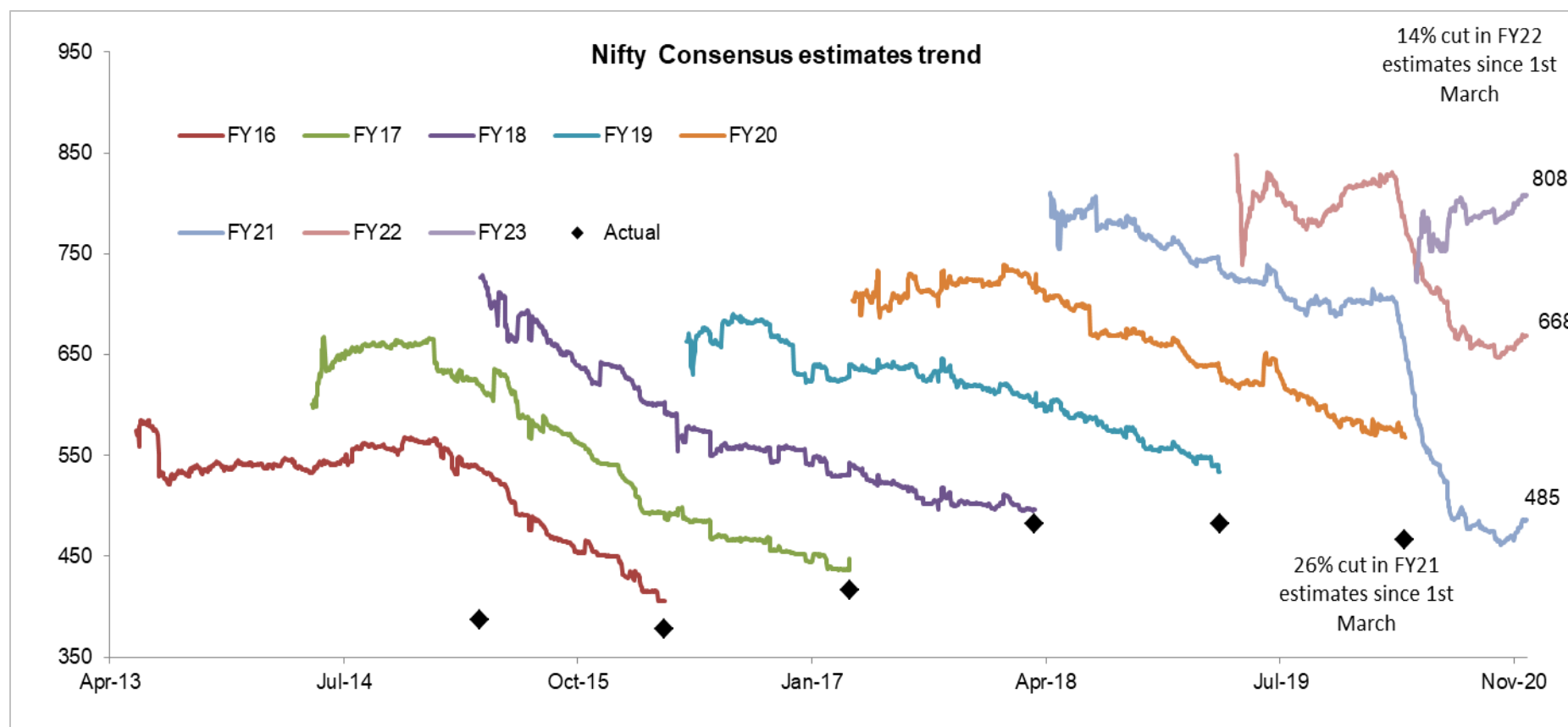
FY21 EBITDA

Upgrade: Ultratech (15%), JSW Steel (16%), Shree Cements (11%), Tech Mahindra (11%), M&M (11%), Infosys (8%)

Consensus Nifty EPS trend

Stronger than expected economic recovery and above expected volume and sales numbers has led the EPS upgrade across the sectors. FY21 consensus EPS has been upgraded by 5% in Q2 to 485. Before Q2, uncertainty due to COVID-19 was visible in Nifty downgrades. Since 1st March, FY21/22 Nifty EPS was downgraded by 26%/14% till September, but Q2 earnings saw broad based recovery with consensus FY21/22 upgrade of 5%/4%.

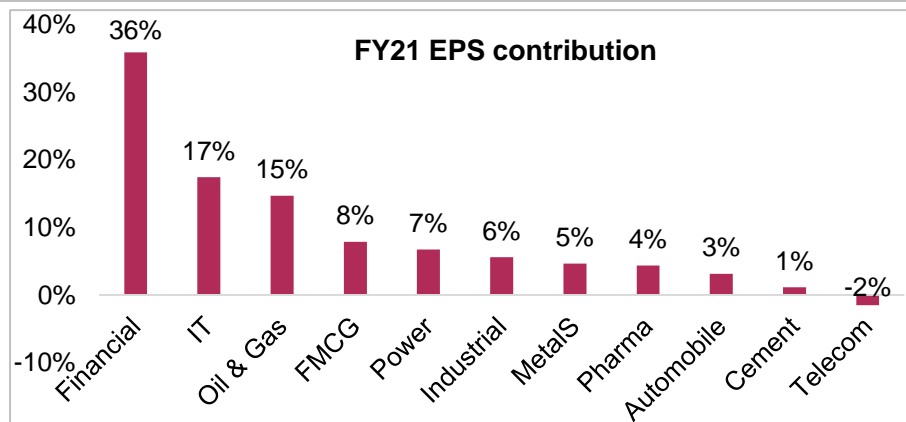
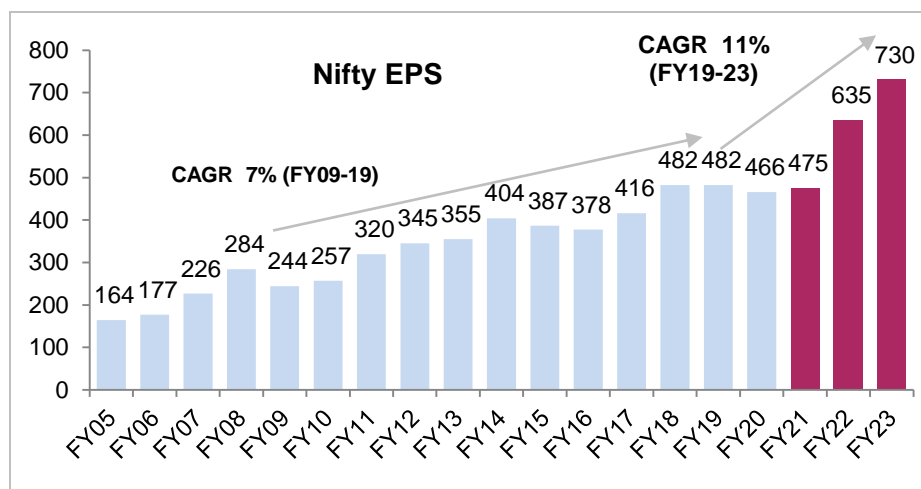
Earning Upgrades are the new trend in Nifty earnings vs the historical trend of Earnings downgrades, positive for the market.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Nifty EPS: Upgraded the FY21/22 EPS by 6%/8%, see Nifty at 14,600 in December 2021

Earnings scenario has improved with the Q2FY21 quarterly results with the majority of earnings beating expectations, 34/50 Nifty companies have beaten the street estimates at EPS level. Based on this we have upgraded our FY21/22 EPS by 6%/8%. We value Nifty at 20x at FY23 earnings translating to our December 2021 target for Nifty at 14,600.



Source: Axis Securities

| | FY21 Nifty EPS Change | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| | Before Q2 | After Q2 | % chg |
| Financial | 159.2 | 170.5 | 7% |
| IT | 79.3 | 82.9 | 5% |
| Oil & Gas | 66.9 | 69.8 | 4% |
| FMCG | 38.0 | 37.4 | -2% |
| Power | 32.1 | 31.9 | -1% |
| Industrial | 20.6 | 26.5 | 28% |
| Pharma | 19.4 | 20.8 | 7% |
| Metals | 15.5 | 22.1 | 43% |
| Automobile | 12.8 | 15.0 | 17% |
| Cement | 4.5 | 5.5 | 21% |
| Telecom | -4.5 | -7.3 | NA |
| Total | 449 | 475 | 6% |

India starts outperforming: Broader market rally

BFSI playing a catch-up rally

Market consolidated in the month of October and bounced back to the 13000 mark in the month of November on account of signs of relief from uncertainty over the US election, consistent FII flows, a weaker dollar, better than expected Q2 Earnings, optimism on the vaccine development, all favoring equities. Further, sequential recovery seen in high frequency indicators like PMI, Automobiles sales, GST collection, E way bill, Energy demand also favored equity.

National Index

| National Index | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Index Performance (%) | 1wk | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1 Year |
| Nifty 50 | 0.9% | 11.4% | 11.3% | 35.4% | 6.5% | 7.6% |
| Nifty Next 50 | 1.3% | 10.9% | 8.3% | 26.1% | 7.2% | 6.3% |
| Nifty 500 | 1.5% | 11.9% | 11.2% | 37.0% | 8.4% | 9.2% |
| Nifty Midcap 100 | 4.0% | 15.5% | 13.5% | 48.5% | 15.0% | 14.5% |
| Nifty SmallCap 250 | 5.0% | 12.6% | 10.7% | 58.4% | 14.5% | 16.0% |
| Sector Index (%) | 1wk | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1 Year |
| NIFTY AUTO | 2.4% | 14.6% | 9.6% | 43.0% | 8.3% | 10.0% |
| NIFTY BANK | 1.3% | 23.9% | 20.7% | 53.4% | -7.8% | -7.3% |
| NIFTY COMMODITIES | 2.0% | 11.5% | 10.4% | 32.2% | 4.9% | 5.1% |
| Nifty Financial Services | 0.6% | 22.8% | 22.0% | 50.0% | -1.9% | 0.6% |
| NIFTY ENERGY | 1.8% | 8.5% | 1.8% | 24.4% | 1.7% | 0.1% |
| NIFTY FMCG | 0.8% | 7.8% | 1.5% | 8.3% | 4.9% | 2.4% |
| NIFTY IT | 1.7% | 4.1% | 20.1% | 55.3% | 38.4% | 45.1% |
| NIFTY INFRA | 0.6% | 9.4% | 5.2% | 20.4% | 4.9% | 3.1% |
| NIFTY MEDIA | 2.6% | 5.9% | -10.0% | 27.6% | -16.2% | -18.1% |
| NIFTY METAL | 5.4% | 24.8% | 16.1% | 55.6% | 4.6% | 11.4% |
| NIFTY PHARMA | 2.7% | 5.3% | 1.9% | 21.2% | 47.1% | 44.6% |
| NIFTY PSU BANK | 6.1% | 23.6% | -2.7% | 37.9% | -38.3% | -41.6% |
| Nifty Private Banks | 1.6% | 24.3% | 22.0% | 55.7% | -7.0% | -6.6% |
| NIFTY REALTY | 3.9% | 14.5% | 12.1% | 45.0% | -12.3% | -7.4% |
| NIFTY SERV SECTOR | 0.6% | 16.0% | 18.6% | 44.8% | 4.0% | 6.6% |

International Index

| International Index | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Index Performance (%) | 1wk | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1 Year |
| Shanghai Comp | 0.9% | 5.7% | 0.1% | 19.5% | 11.7% | 18.7% |
| Bovespa | 4.3% | 17.7% | 8.3% | 26.5% | -4.4% | 2.2% |
| Russia | 3.1% | 22.1% | 2.9% | 6.8% | -15.9% | -9.5% |
| south africa | 2.1% | 11.7% | 2.5% | 13.9% | 4.3% | 8.0% |
| Korea | 3.1% | 16.2% | 11.9% | 29.8% | 19.8% | 26.1% |
| Mexico | -0.9% | 13.0% | 11.7% | 20.2% | -1.0% | 0.9% |
| Indonesia | 3.8% | 12.8% | 8.2% | 21.7% | -8.2% | -3.8% |
| Argentina | 7.6% | 22.4% | 19.5% | 46.5% | 33.0% | 60.7% |
| Japan | 4.4% | 16.0% | 16.4% | 21.8% | 12.6% | 14.4% |
| Hongkong | 1.7% | 11.6% | 5.8% | 17.1% | -4.6% | 2.1% |
| Philippines | -5.3% | 7.4% | 15.4% | 16.3% | -13.1% | -12.2% |
| Taiwan | 1.1% | 10.5% | 8.9% | 26.7% | 15.6% | 20.7% |
| Singapore | 1.5% | 17.8% | 12.5% | 13.7% | -11.4% | -10.6% |
| Thailand | 3.5% | 20.3% | 8.7% | 7.1% | -9.0% | -9.6% |
| Veitnam | 2.0% | 9.2% | 14.9% | 16.9% | 5.1% | 4.1% |
| Dow | 2.2% | 12.9% | 4.4% | 17.8% | 4.8% | 6.6% |
| Nasdaq | 3.0% | 11.9% | 4.4% | 28.6% | 36.0% | 40.9% |
| FTSE 100 INDEX | 0.3% | 14.2% | 6.8% | 4.8% | -15.6% | -13.3% |
| DAX INDEX | 1.5% | 15.4% | 2.3% | 15.1% | 0.7% | 0.8% |
| CAC 40 INDEX | 1.9% | 21.9% | 11.9% | 19.2% | -6.4% | -5.2% |
| S&P 500 Index | 2.3% | 11.3% | 3.7% | 19.5% | 12.6% | 15.8% |

Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities, Note: Data as of 30th Sep

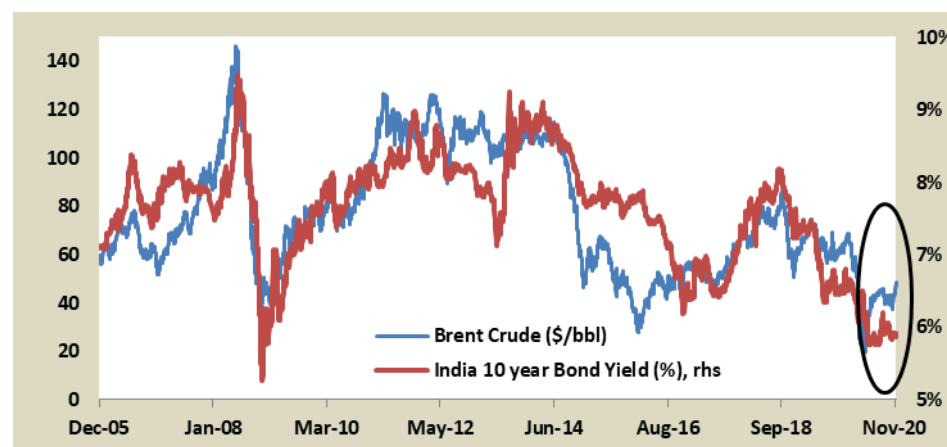
Market Indicators

Brent crude is trading around \$48/bbl vs \$ 45/bbl, three months back. In precious metals, Gold rallied 18% on YTD and lost 9% in last three months. INR was stronger on account of weaker dollar and stable outlook vs the other EM countries.

| Market Indicator | 27-11-2020 | 1wk ago | 1m ago | 3m ago | 6m ago | 1st Jan |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Brent Crude (\$/bbl) | 48.2 | 45.0 | 37.5 | 45.1 | 35.3 | 66.0 |
| Bond Yield (GOI 10Yr) | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 |
| USD/INR | 74.0 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 73.4 | 75.6 | 71.2 |
| India Vix | 19.8 | 19.6 | 24.8 | 18.3 | 30.2 | 11.6 |

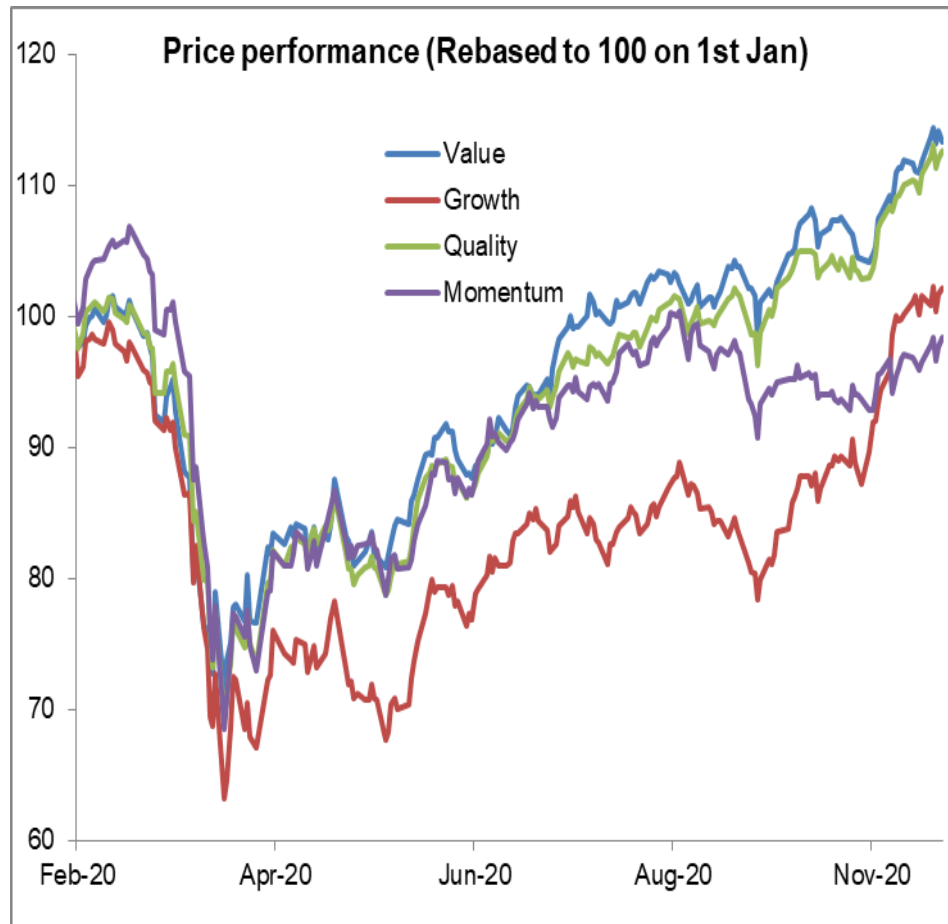
| Commodity Index | 1wk | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1 Year |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Gold (\$/OZ) | -4.4% | -4.8% | -9.0% | 3.3% | 17.8% | 22.1% |
| Steel (\$/ton) | 3.7% | 9.7% | 13.0% | 32.9% | 16.5% | 24.2% |
| Aluminium (\$/ton) | -0.5% | 8.5% | 12.1% | 30.4% | 9.7% | 10.6% |
| Copper (\$/ton) | 3.1% | 11.6% | 11.8% | 39.9% | 21.8% | 28.1% |
| Zinc (\$/ton) | -1.0% | 9.3% | 9.1% | 40.0% | 20.4% | 19.4% |

Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities



Recovery in growth theme is stronger than expected

Growth as an investment style is the best performer in last one month, outperformed all the other investment styles. On YTD Value outperformed all the investment styles with returns of 13% while growth has delivered only 2.2% and it is likely to catch-up going forward.

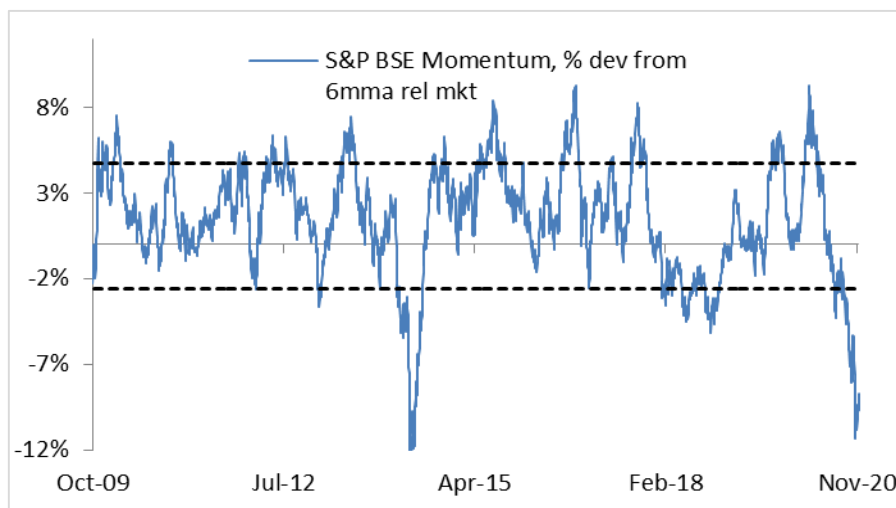
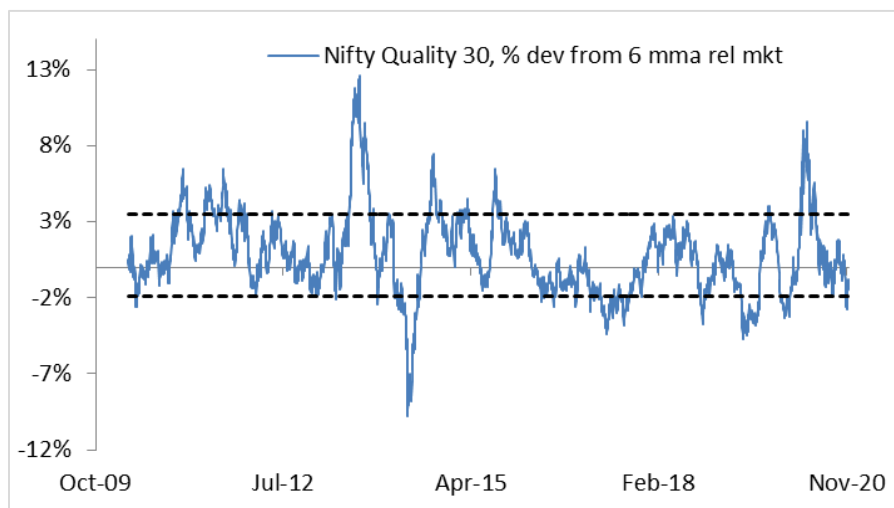
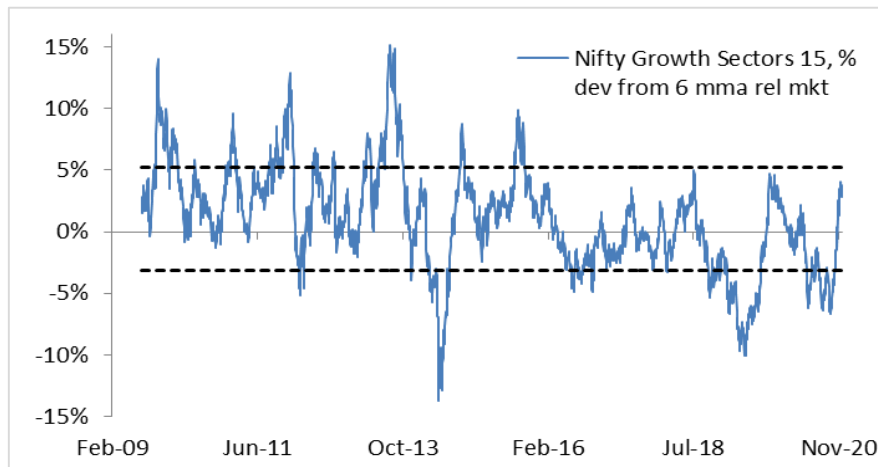
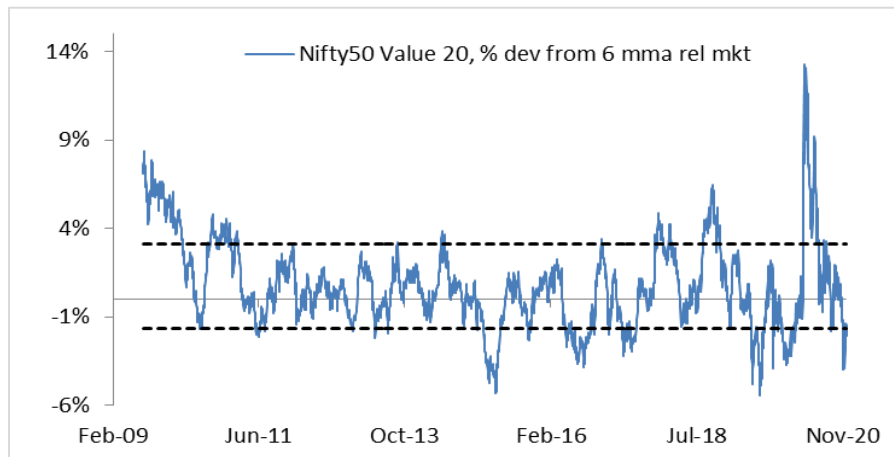


Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

| Performance (%) | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| YTD perf | Value | Growth | Quality | Momentum |
| Till 23 Mar | -28.5% | -36.8% | -30.9% | -31.4% |
| Since 23 Mar | 60.1% | 61.7% | 63.9% | 43.4% |
| YTD | 13.4% | 2.2% | 12.7% | -1.6% |
| 1m | 8.5% | 17.1% | 9.6% | 4.9% |
| 3m | 12.2% | 18.2% | 14.2% | 1.7% |
| 6m | 29.3% | 35.8% | 31.0% | 16.8% |

Style Monitor: Growth recovers strongly

Recovery in growth is stronger than expected, will continue to do well. Momentum had lost ground ahead of US election in October which has started outperforming in the month of November, will play a catch-up rally.

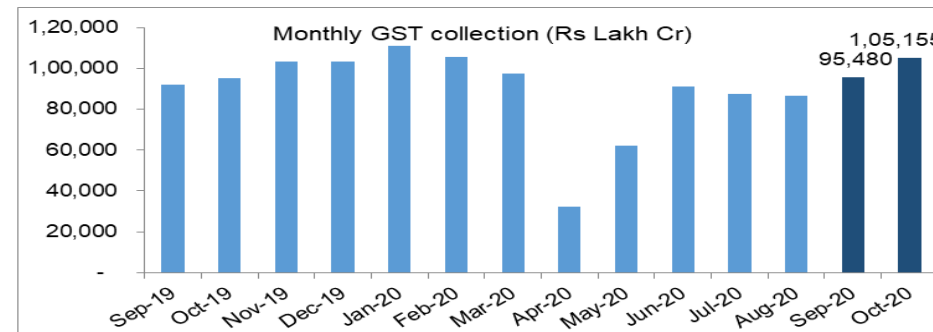
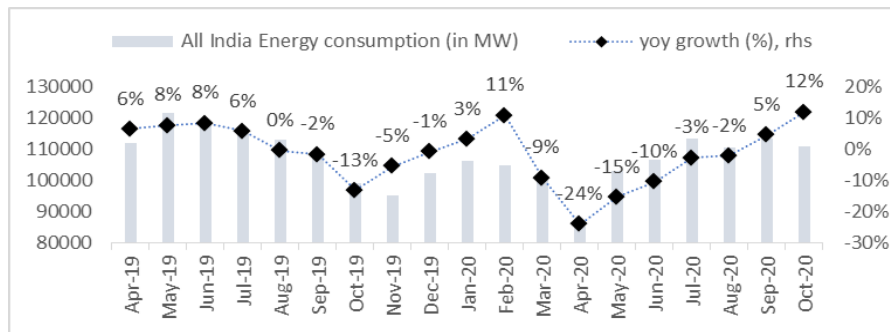
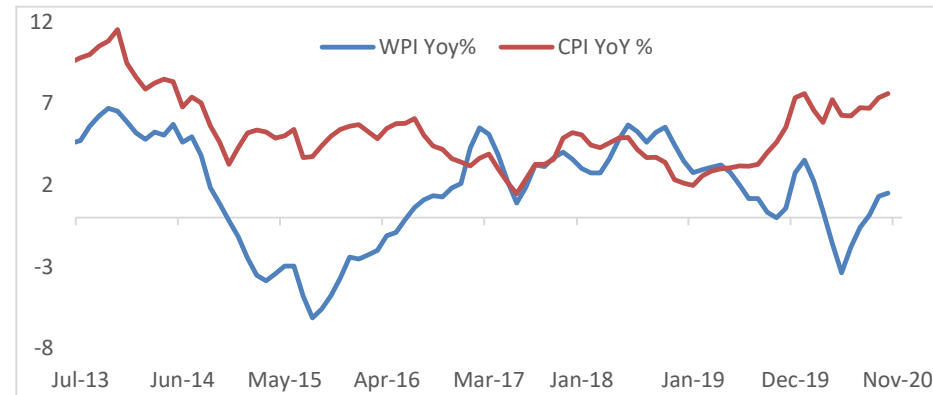
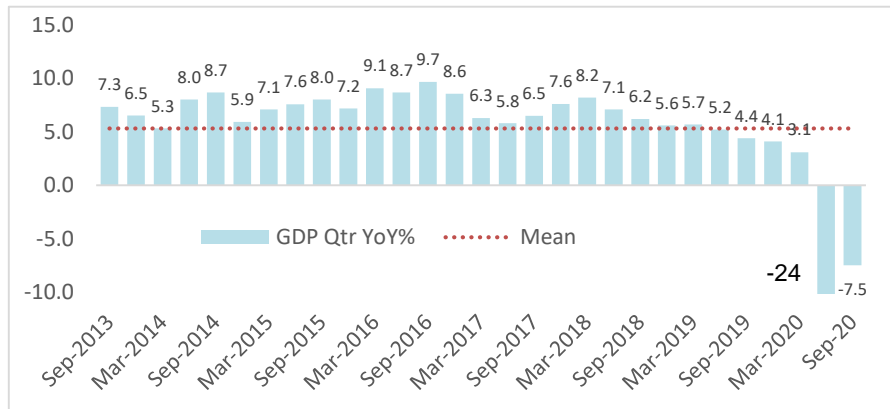


Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

Macro Indicators – Sequential recovery, sustainability remains to be seen

India's July-September GDP confirms the faster normalization of the activities in Q2 with stronger than expected pickup. Economic contraction continued in September quarter but less severe than June quarter, fall of 7.5% is better than expectation of the street. High frequency indicators like PMI, GST collection, E-way bill, and electricity consumption were already trending higher, suggesting the upward trend of economic growth showing strong recovery in economic activities.

September GDP print beats the market expectation with recovery in manufacturing drives improvement in Q2 with decent improvement seen in Services. Agriculture sector continues to stand out during the quarter on better kharif output. Growth outlook has improved with Q2 GDP print, now the market will look for the sustainability of the demand especially after the festive season and watchful will be the direction of high frequency indicators.



Source: Bloomberg, Axis Securities

ICICI BANK – WELL POSITIONED FOR GROWTH

ICICI Bank (ICICIBC) is amongst the largest private sector bank in India with business operations spread across Retail, Corporate, and Insurance etc. It is supported by a strong liability franchise and healthy retail corporate mix. It's subsidiaries ICICI Venture Funds, ICICI Pru AMC, ICICI Securities, ICICI Prudential and ICICI Lombard are amongst the leading companies in their respective segments.

Industry view



Key Rationale

- ICICI Bank reported a strong Q2FY21 performance with easing concerns on asset quality. Commentary on asset quality was encouraging with collection efficiency at ~97% pre-Covid levels and overdue buckets across segments up only 1-4%. Covid provisions are ~ Rs 87bn which are adequate with normalisation in credit costs by FY22E.
- The bank reported a domestic loan growth of 10% YoY led by 13% increase in retail loans. Fee income jump of ~49%QoQ is also comforting.
- ICICIBC has a robust funding franchise and its cost of funds at ~4% is amongst the lowest in its peer set, implying low risk of adverse portfolio selection. Scale-up of unsecured portfolio and a higher share of domestic loans should support stable NIM
- **Key risks:** Significant deterioration in retail asset quality, Delay in resolution of stressed assets

Key Rationale

- **At Inflection point:** We maintain our positive view on ICICI Bank and believe ICICIBC offers the best risk-reward among our bank coverage given a healthy, sustainable earnings outlook. Asset quality is likely to strengthen following adequate provisioning and guidance of lower credit costs. A strong liability profile, better asset mix, and healthy CAR could make ICICIBC well positioned to come through this challenging period with relatively lower degree of stress
- **Valuation:** ICICI Bank is well placed with stable NIM, low cost of funds and healthy capital adequacy. The recent capital raise has improved Tier I to 17.9% which provides adequate balance sheet buffer. We believe valuations are undemanding for the stock given strong liability franchise and leveraging opportunities across group products. We remain positive on the stock and maintain BUY with SOTP of Rs 504 (1.9x Core ABV FY22E and Subsidiaries value at 141/-)

Equal Weight

CMP
473

Target Price
504

Upside
6%

Key Financials (Standalone)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | NII (Rs) | PPOP (Rs) | PAT (Rs) | EPS (Rs) | ABV (Rs) | P/ABV (x) | ROAA (%) | NNPA (%) |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| FY19 | 27,015 | 23,438 | 3,363 | 5.2 | 127.3 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 2.3 |
| FY20 | 33,267 | 28,101 | 7,931 | 12.3 | 144.7 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| FY21E | 38,165 | 35,374 | 14,544 | 21.1 | 173.6 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| FY22E | 44,840 | 39,380 | 18,153 | 26.3 | 195.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

| Income Statement | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | |
| Net Interest Income | 27,015 | 33,267 | 38,165 | 44,840 | |
| Other Income | 14,512 | 16,449 | 18,717 | 19,409 | |
| Total Income | 41,527 | 49,716 | 56,882 | 64,249 | |
| Total Operating Exp | 18,089 | 21,614 | 21,508 | 24,869 | |
| PPOP | 23,438 | 28,101 | 35,374 | 39,380 | |
| Provisions & Contingencies | 19,661 | 14,053 | 16,529 | 14,682 | |
| PBT | 3,777 | 14,048 | 18,845 | 24,698 | |
| Provision for Tax | 414 | 6,117 | 4,301 | 6,545 | |
| PAT | 3,363 | 7,931 | 14,544 | 18,153 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Balance Sheet | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Share Capital | 1,290 | 1,295 | 1,380 | 1,380 | |
| Reserves | 1,07,074 | 1,15,206 | 1,43,582 | 1,59,743 | |
| Shareholder's Funds | 1,08,363 | 1,16,501 | 1,44,962 | 1,61,123 | |
| Total Deposits | 6,52,920 | 7,70,969 | 8,67,244 | 9,71,923 | |
| Borrowings | 1,65,325 | 1,62,900 | 1,37,843 | 1,51,394 | |
| Other Liabilities & Provisions | 37,852 | 47,995 | 57,594 | 60,949 | |
| Total Liabilities | 9,64,459 | 10,98,365 | 12,07,642 | 13,45,389 | |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Cash & Bank Balance | 80,296 | 1,19,156 | 1,17,547 | 1,46,623 | |
| Investments | 2,07,733 | 2,49,532 | 3,01,552 | 3,16,195 | |
| Advances | 5,86,647 | 6,45,290 | 7,02,467 | 7,89,687 | |
| Fixed Assets | 7,931 | 8,410 | 8,621 | 9,052 | |
| Other Assets | 81,852 | 75,978 | 77,455 | 83,832 | |
| Total Assets | 9,64,459 | 10,98,365 | 12,07,642 | 13,45,389 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Valuation ratios (%)

| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS | 5.2 | 12.3 | 21.1 | 26.3 |
| Earnings growth (%) | -51% | 135% | 72% | 25% |
| Adj. BVPS | 127.3 | 144.7 | 173.6 | 195.2 |
| ROAA (%) | 0.36 | 0.77 | 1.26 | 1.42 |
| ROAE (%) | 3.2 | 7.1 | 11.1 | 11.9 |
| Core P/ABV (x) | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 |

PROFITABILITY

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Yield on Advances (%) | 8.7 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 9.2 |
| Yield on Investment (%) | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| Cost of Funds (%) | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Cost of Deposits (%) | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| NIM (%) | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 |

OPERATING EFFICIENCY

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Cost/Avg. Asset Ratio (%) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Cost-Income Ratio (%) | 43.6 | 43.5 | 37.8 | 38.7 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet Structure Ratios (%)

| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Loan Growth (%) | 14.5 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 12.4 |
| Deposit Growth (%) | 16.4 | 18.1 | 12.5 | 12.1 |
| C/D Ratio (%) | 89.8 | 83.7 | 81.0 | 81.3 |
| Equity/Assets (%) | 11.2 | 10.6 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Equity/Advances (%) | 18.5 | 18.1 | 20.6 | 20.4 |
| CASA (%) | 16.9 | 16.1 | 17.6 | 17.5 |
| Total Capital Adequacy Ratio | 15.1 | 14.7 | 16.4 | 16.4 |
| Tier I CAR | 14.5 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 12.4 |

ASSET QUALITY

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gross NPLs | 45,676 | 40,829 | 48,166 | 51,148 |
| Net NPLs | 13,450 | 9,923 | 12,298 | 13,512 |
| Gross NPLs (%) | 7.8 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.5 |
| Net NPLs (%) | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Coverage Ratio (%) | 70.6 | 75.7 | 74.5 | 73.6 |
| Provision/Avg. Loans (%) | 3.1 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |

ROAA TREE

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Net Interest Income | 2.9% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.5% |
| Non Interest Income | 1.6% | 1.6% | 1.6% | 1.5% |
| Operating Cost | 2.0% | 2.1% | 1.9% | 1.9% |
| Provisions | 2.1% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.2% |
| Provisions for NPAs | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Tax | 0.36% | 0.77% | 1.26% | 1.42% |
| ROAA | 8.6 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 8.3 |
| Leverage (x) | 8.63 | 9.17 | 9.41 | 9.38 |
| ROAE | 3.15% | 7.05% | 11.14% | 12.30% |

Source: Company, Axis Research

MANAPPURAM FINANCE – CONTINUE TO SHINE

Manappuram Finance (MGFL) is amongst the leading gold loan NBFCs in India and is well diversified into other business segments like housing loan, vehicle loan and microfinance, with a branch network size of around 4,623 spread across the country.

Key Rationale

- For MGFL, Gold loan is ~70% of AUM mix which is expected to move to ~80% by FY21 end. On expected lines, the non-gold book underperformed due to asset impairment and tepid loan growth amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. We expect high proportion of Gold AUM to support the overall asset quality performance as NPAs in this segment are negligible.
- Online gold loan now make up ~60% of the total gold book, which is a positive as collections/repayments would be insulated from the complete branch-shutdown to a large extent. OGL platform is expected to increase to ~70% by FY21.
- Opex to AUM improved to ~5% in Q2FY21 from ~7.2% in FY20. Management expects further improvement on the opex/AUM front. From a liquidity perspective, the balance sheet position is comfortable. Cost of borrowings has come down to 9.3%.
- **Key risks:** Near term asset quality risk in MFI portfolio, Business slowdown in non-gold portfolio due to Covid-19

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | NII (Rs) | PPOP (Rs) | PAT (Rs) | EPS (Rs) | ABV (Rs) | P/ABV (x) | ROAA (%) | NNPA (%) |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2019 | 2,693 | 1,474 | 930 | 11.0 | 52.2 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 0.7 |
| 2020 | 3,385 | 2,245 | 1,480 | 17.6 | 66.9 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 0.4 |
| 2021E | 3,892 | 2,527 | 1,572 | 18.7 | 82.5 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 0.6 |
| 2022E | 4,391 | 2,880 | 1,918 | 22.7 | 103.6 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 0.5 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Industry view



Equal Weight

CMP
180

Target Price
207

Upside
15%

| Income Statement | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|--|
| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | |
| Interest Earned | 4,012 | 5,217 | 6,182 | 7,048 | |
| Interest Expended | 1,319 | 1,832 | 2,290 | 2,657 | |
| Net Interest Income | 2,693 | 3,385 | 3,892 | 4,391 | |
| Other Income | 167 | 334 | 207 | 290 | |
| Total Income | 2,860 | 3,719 | 4,099 | 4,681 | |
| Total Operating Exp | 1,386 | 1,474 | 1,573 | 1,802 | |
| <i>Employee Expense</i> | 720 | 830 | 897 | 1,058 | |
| <i>Other Operating Expense</i> | 666 | 644 | 676 | 744 | |
| PPOP | 1,474 | 2,245 | 2,527 | 2,880 | |
| Provisions & Contingencies | 46 | 238 | 430 | 323 | |
| PBT | 1,427 | 2,007 | 2,096 | 2,557 | |
| Provision for Tax | 498 | 527 | 524 | 639 | |
| PAT | 930 | 1,480 | 1,572 | 1,918 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Balance Sheet | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--|
| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | |
| Sources of Funds | | | | | |
| Share Capital | 169 | 169 | 169 | 169 | |
| Reserves | 4,356 | 5,577 | 6,979 | 8,747 | |
| Shareholder's Funds | 4,525 | 5,746 | 7,148 | 8,916 | |
| Borrowings | 15,297 | 21,817 | 24,435 | 27,367 | |
| Other Liabilities & Provisions | 586 | 1,330 | 1,263 | 1,200 | |
| Total Liabilities | 20,454 | 28,951 | 32,846 | 37,483 | |
| Application of Funds | | | | | |
| Cash & Bank Balance | 1,164 | 3,646 | 4,058 | 4,476 | |
| Investments | 174 | 90 | 90 | 90 | |
| Advances | 17,812 | 23,189 | 26,204 | 30,134 | |
| Fixed Assets | 367 | 387 | 445 | 512 | |
| Other Assets | 937 | 1,639 | 2,050 | 2,271 | |
| Total Assets | 20,454 | 28,951 | 32,846 | 37,483 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Valuation ratios (%)

| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS | 11.0 | 17.6 | 18.7 | 22.7 |
| Earnings growth (%) | 37.5 | 59.6 | 6.2 | 22.0 |
| BVPS | 53.7 | 68.0 | 84.8 | 105.8 |
| Adj. BVPS | 52.2 | 66.9 | 82.5 | 103.6 |
| ROAA (%) | 5.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 5.70 |
| ROAE (%) | 22.3 | 28.8 | 24.0 | 24.8 |
| P/E (x) | 15.8 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 7.6 |
| P/ABV (x) | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 |

PROFITABILITY

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Yield on Advances (%) | 24.3 | 25.4 | 24.7 | 24.6 |
| Cost of Funds (%) | 9.5 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.9 |
| NIM (%) | 16.3 | 16.5 | 15.5 | 15.4 |

OPERATING EFFICIENCY

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Cost/Avg. Asset Ratio (%) | 48.5 | 39.6 | 38.4 | 38.5 |
| Cost-Income Ratio (%) | 8.4 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet Structure Ratios (%)

| Y/E March | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E | FY22E |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Loan Growth (%) | 16.8 | 30.2 | 13.0 | 15.0 |
| Total Capital Adequacy Ratio | 23.7 | 23.4 | 24.6 | 26.6 |
| Tier I CAR | 23.3 | 22.9 | 23.1 | 25.5 |
| ASSET QUALITY | | | | |
| Gross NPLs (%) | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 1.3 |
| Net NPLs (%) | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Coverage Ratio (%) | 40.8 | 50.5 | 75.4 | 60.5 |
| Credit Cost (%) | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.8 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

CAN FIN HOMES – STEADY PLAYER

CAN FIN HOMES (CANF) is a 33year old retail focused housing finance company, promoted by Canara Bank (30% stake). It is focused largely in Tier II/III cities with 90% of loan book for housing and rest for non housing. It has 163 branches and 21 Affordable Housing centres across India.

Key Rationale

- CanFin Homes(CANF) has been a consistent performer well cushioned by comfortable liquidity and stable asset quality compared to other HFCs. Balance sheet remains strongly capitalized with a tier-1 ratio of 22.5%.
- In Q2FY21, company's performance was marked by peak NIMs (4.1%, though not sustainable as indicated by management) and lower provisions (at 15cr down 66% QoQ; Prov/PPOP at ~8% vs 26% in Q1).While loan growth remained moderate at 6% YoY, fresh disbursements picked up to Rs 825cr vs 401cr QoQ. We expect loan growth to pick steadily in the coming quarters.
- Collection efficiency stands at ~93% (excluding prepayments/foreclosures). Costs control was maintained with C-I at 11.9% vs 15.4/11.2% YoY/QoQ.
- Delinquency pool for the company is significantly lower compared to the industry in both HL and LAP. Asset quality risk emanating from job losses and salary cuts is low.
- Management indicated H2FY21 could see an increase in NPAs but provisions are adequate given its AUM mix. High proportion of salaried and low builder loan exposure (0.03% of book) will support asset quality with lower loan losses.

Key Financials (Standalone)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | NII (Rs Cr) | PPOP (Rs Cr) | Net Profit (Rs Cr) | EPS (Rs) | ABV (%) | P/ABV (%) | ROAA (%) | NNPA (%) |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2019 | 530 | 471 | 297 | 22.3 | 127.7 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 0.5 |
| 2020 | 675 | 579 | 376 | 28.3 | 153.1 | 3.0 | 1.9 | 0.5 |
| 2021E | 784 | 675 | 441 | 33.1 | 184.8 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| 2022E | 862 | 738 | 517 | 38.8 | 223.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities; * OOH – Out-of-Home

Key Rationale

- **Outlook:** CANF is one of the better positioned players in the housing finance sector with a strong balance sheet, low NPAs, granular loan book and sound underwriting standards. It's ability to improve NIMs even in tough environment reflects its entrenched business model, even as book size is much smaller than peers. Focus of the company remains on collections in the near-term rather than growth. Given the low-ticket size segment that CANF operates in, coupled with low cost of funds the company is positioned well to arrest balance transfers to some extent.
- **Valuation.** While loan growth moderation is expected along-with slight asset quality deterioration on account of Covid-19, we expect the company to recover faster than its peers due to its loan mix and negligible developer exposure. Lower cost of funds should aid the company in maintaining NIMs while the loan mix profile skewed towards salaried segment will help in maintaining asset quality. We expect lower provisions and built in improved NIM for FY21E. We remain positive on the stock given its loan book profile, stable liquidity position and robust CAR (25%) and recommend BUY with target price of Rs 515 (2.3x FY22ABV)
- **Key risks:** Pick-up in demand

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
482

Target Price
515

Upside
7%

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Interest Income | 530 | 675 | 784 | 862 |
| Other Income | 32 | 12 | 8 | 10 |
| Total Income | 562 | 686 | 792 | 872 |
| Total Operating Exp | 92 | 108 | 117 | 134 |
| PPOP | 471 | 579 | 675 | 738 |
| Provisions & Contingencies | 1 | 60 | 79 | 40 |
| PBT | 470 | 518 | 596 | 698 |
| Provision for Tax | 173 | 142 | 155 | 182 |
| PAT | 297 | 376 | 441 | 517 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| SOURCES OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Share capital | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Reserves and surplus | 1,756 | 2,123 | 2,564 | 3,056 |
| Shareholders' funds | 1,782 | 2,150 | 2,591 | 3,082 |
| Total Borrowings | 16,694 | 18,748 | 18,785 | 20,513 |
| Other Liabilities, provisions | 303 | 145 | 158 | 150 |
| Total | 18,780 | 21,044 | 22,295 | 24,739 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Cash & Bank Balance | 420 | 392 | 402 | 442 |
| Investments | 16 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Advances | 18,285 | 20,526 | 21,757 | 24,151 |
| Fixed Assets & Other Assets | 59 | 101 | 111 | 122 |
| Total assets | 18,780 | 21,044 | 22,295 | 24,739 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

KEY RATIOS

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| VALUATION RATIOS | | | | |
| EPS | 22.3 | 28.3 | 33.1 | 38.8 |
| Earnings Growth (%) | 79.9 | 26.8 | 17.2 | 17.2 |
| BVPS | 134 | 161.7 | 194.8 | 231.7 |
| Adj. BVPS | 127.7 | 153.1 | 184.8 | 223.7 |
| ROAA (%) | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2 | 2.2 |
| ROAE (%) | 18.2 | 19.1 | 18.5 | 19.2 |
| P/E (x) | 21.6 | 17.0 | 14.5 | 12.4 |
| P/ABV (x) | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.1 |
| PROFITABILITY | | | | |
| Yield on Advances | 10 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.2 |
| Cost of Borrowings | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| NIM (%) | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Cost-Income Ratio | 16.3 | 15.7 | 14.7 | 15.4 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet Structure Ratios

(%)

| Y/E MAR | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Loan Growth (%) | 16.9 | 12.3 | 6 | 11 |
| CAR | 16.4 | 22.3 | 24.3 | 22.1 |
| Tier 1 | 14.6 | 20.5 | 22.8 | 20.8 |
| ASSET QUALITY | | | | |
| Gross NPLs (%) | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1 |
| Net NPLs (%) | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| PCR | 27.5 | 28.8 | 35 | 37 |
| Credit costs | 0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

FEDERAL BANK – OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ON TRACK

Federal Bank is a Kerala-based private sector bank. It has exposure to insurance and NBFC business through its joint venture with IDBI and wholly owned subsidiary Fedfina respectively. The bank has been proactively managing its strategy from being a regional player towards being a branch light distribution heavy franchise with push towards digital banking.

Key Rationale

- Improving liability franchise: As FB entrenches its presence pan – India, it is amongst the few mid-tier banks which has improved its deposit base. In Q2FY21, deposits growth was strong at 12% YoY, led by CASA up ~20/6% YoY/QoQ. Good traction was seen in both SA/CA up 19/25% YoY and 5/6% QoQ. CASA ratio stands at ~34% within which retail deposits constitute ~90% of the overall deposits. NR deposits have also been growing with share at ~40%, being preferred banker for NRIs.
- Loan mix more balanced: FB's loan book growth is being led by retail which is ~30% of which ~50% is mortgage. SME share has come down to <20%. While loan growth in Q2FY21 was tepid at 6% YoY, it was led by Retail up 16% w/w PL/Gold loans grew 46/54% YoY. Corporate book de-grew -1.5% YoY due to repayments, but bank has added 25 NTB in Q2. Gold loan is a key segment where bank intends to grow.
- Asset quality manageable: Restructuring pool is expected to be ~2.5%-3.0% of the loans for which provisioning has been done. Total Covid provisions is ~ Rs 5.9bn (~50bps of loans) over the last 3 quarters. With collection efficiency at ~95% and demand back at 75%-80% of the pre-COVID levels, bank targets a 8-10% growth in FY21.

Key Financials (Standalone)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | NII (Rs Cr) | PPOP (Rs Cr) | Net Profit (Rs Cr) | EPS (Rs) | ABV (%) | P/ABV (%) | ROAA (%) | NNPA (%) |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2020 | 4,649 | 3,205 | 1,543 | 7.8 | 64.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| 2021E | 5,207 | 3,573 | 1,198 | 6.0 | 73.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| 2022E | 5,936 | 3,772 | 1,619 | 8.1 | 81.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| 2023E | 6,826 | 4,329 | 2,178 | 10.9 | 87.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
63

Target Price
70

Upside
11%

Key Rationale

- Outlook: We believe that key positives are increasing retail focus, strong fee income, adequate capitalisation (Tier-1 at 13.3%), and prudent provisioning. FB has been consistently improving across parameters – efficiency, deposits, fee income etc. It has professionalized its senior management in recent years and done well on corporate and retail loans (especially gold).
- Valuation: Given strong underwriting standards, changing loan mix and strong retail deposit franchise, we expect valuation to improve from current levels. FB has been taking a cautious approach in building the loan mix toward high-rated corporates and retail loans. The bank's liability franchise remains strong with CASA plus Retail TD of ~90% and one of the highest LCR amongst banks. While Q3FY21 could witness hiccups in asset quality, we expect higher provisioning should hold fort. We have built in further provisioning for FY21. We recommend Buy with target price of Rs 70 (0.8x FY22E ABV).
- Key risks: Asset quality trends in coming quarters

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net Interest Income | 4,649 | 5,207 | 5,936 | 6,826 |
| Other Income | 1,931 | 1,738 | 1,478 | 1,551 |
| Total Income | 6,580 | 6,945 | 7,413 | 8,377 |
| Total Operating Exp | 3,376 | 3,373 | 3,641 | 4,049 |
| PPOP | 3,205 | 3,573 | 3,772 | 4,329 |
| Provisions & Contingencies | 1,172 | 1,954 | 1,584 | 1,385 |
| PBT | 2,033 | 1,618 | 2,188 | 2,943 |
| Provision for Tax | 490 | 421 | 569 | 765 |
| PAT | 1,543 | 1,198 | 1,619 | 2,178 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SOURCES OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Share Capital | 399 | 399 | 399 | 399 |
| Reserves | 14,518 | 15,715 | 17,184 | 19,192 |
| Shareholder's Funds | 14,916 | 16,114 | 17,583 | 19,591 |
| Total Deposits | 1,52,290 | 1,69,194 | 1,90,682 | 2,16,424 |
| Borrowings | 10,372 | 10,687 | 12,756 | 14,478 |
| Other Liabilities & Provisions | 3,458 | 3,631 | 3,885 | 3,885 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,81,037 | 1,99,626 | 2,24,906 | 2,54,378 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Cash & Bank Balance | 12,575 | 15,359 | 23,011 | 26,801 |
| Investments | 35,893 | 39,482 | 41,430 | 44,430 |
| Advances | 1,22,268 | 1,29,849 | 1,44,781 | 1,64,327 |
| Fixed Assets & Other Assets | 10,301 | 14,937 | 15,684 | 18,820 |
| Total Assets | 1,81,037 | 1,99,626 | 2,24,906 | 2,54,378 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Key Ratios

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E MAR | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| VALUATION RATIOS | | | | |
| EPS | 7.8 | 6.0 | 8.1 | 10.9 |
| Earnings Growth (%) | 23.8 | -22.9 | 35.2 | 34.5 |
| BVPS | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Adj. BVPS | 72.8 | 80.9 | 87.2 | 97.3 |
| RoAA (%) | 64.9 | 73.9 | 81.2 | 87.3 |
| ROAE (%) | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| P/E (x) | 10.8 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 12.1 |
| P/ABV (x) | 8.1 | 10.5 | 7.8 | 5.8 |
| P/PPOP (x) | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| PROFITABILITY | | | | |
| NIM (%) | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Cost-Income Ratio | 51.3 | 48.6 | 49.1 | 48.3 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet Structure Ratios

(%)

| Y/E MAR | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| ASSET QUALITY | | | | |
| Loan Growth (%) | 10.9 | 6.2 | 11.5 | 13.5 |
| Deposit Growth (%) | 12.8 | 11.1 | 12.7 | 13.5 |
| C/D Ratio (%) | 80.3 | 76.7 | 75.9 | 75.9 |
| CAR | 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.1 |
| CAR Tier I | 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.3 |
| LIABILITY QUALITY | | | | |
| Net Interest Income | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Non Interest Income | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Operating Cost | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Provisions | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Tax | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| ROAA | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Leverage (x) | 11.7 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 12.8 |
| ROAE | 9.8 | 11.1 | 8.3 | 9.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

NOCIL – STEADILY IMPROVING OUTLOOK

NOCIL Ltd, part of Arvind Mafatlal Group of Industries, is the largest Rubber Chemicals (RC) manufacturer in India. It is a leader in domestic rubber chemicals market with ~40% share and ~5% global market share. It manufactures accelerators, antioxidants, pre-vulcanizing inhibitors and post vulcanising stabilizers. While accelerators and antioxidants each account for ~45% of revenues, other specialized products collectively account for ~10% of revenue.

Key Rationale

- **One-stop-shop for tyre majors:** NOCIL is amongst the most diversified rubber chemicals company in the world with about 22 products. This offers its customers to partner with a dependable player offering a one-stop-shop especially in troubled times like COVID.
- **Encouraging long term prospects:** With rising preference and growing enquiries by tyre manufacturers to look for non-Chinese dependable suppliers, NOCIL is sweetly positioned as it could unlock significant growth opportunities for the company over the medium to long term. A testimony to this is an upgrade in NOCIL's status of being a global manufacturer from a regional one.
- **Anti Dumping Duty (ADD) levy to aid margin:** DGTR approved levy of ADD on imports one of the anti-oxidant manufactured by NOCIL. Anti-oxidants contribute to ~45% of Revenue. Owing to the levy, we expect NOCILs EBITDA Margin by at least 100bps. We thus expect NOCILs earnings to improve going forward.

Key Rationale

- **Outlook:** We note there has been a significant improvement in the overall business from H2FY21 (aided by unlock driven improving demand in replacement tyres and OEMs) with a sharp rebound in volumes to be reported in FY22 on the back of new capacity commercialization, economic growth bouncing back to normalcy and a low base. Further, a positive outcome on ADD levy and a structural opportunity to play as a dependable non-Chinese player augurs well for NOCILs long term prospects.
- **Valuation:** We expect NOCIL to register Revenue/Earnings CAGR of 22%/23% respectively over FY20-23E. This growth will be driven by 1) utilization ramp up at Dahej; 2) relatively high entry barriers and long customer approval cycles, 3) debt free status maintained even in challenging times and 4) ADD levy supporting margins over medium term. At CMP, stock trades at an attractive 9.6x FY23E EPS leaving enough room for an upside.
- **Key risks:** slower than expected demand recovery, concerns over lockdown following second wave of COVID.

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
141

Target Price
176

Upside
25%

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Dec (Rs Cr) | Net Sales | EBIDTA | Net Profit | EPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | ROE (%) |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|---------|
| FY20 | 846 | 178 | 131 | 7.9 | 17.9 | 13.1 | 2.0 | 8.8% |
| FY21E | 848 | 162 | 98 | 5.9 | 23.8 | 14.4 | 1.8 | 7.7% |
| FY22E | 1,114 | 255 | 166 | 10.0 | 14.1 | 9.0 | 1.7 | 11.9% |
| FY23E | 1,520 | 357 | 243 | 14.7 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 1.5 | 15.3% |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E Mar | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Net Sales | 846 | 848 | 1,114 | 1,520 |
| Total Raw material Consumption | 388 | 407 | 513 | 696 |
| Staff costs | 77 | 72 | 84 | 114 |
| Other Expenditure | 203 | 207 | 263 | 353 |
| Total Expenditure | 668 | 686 | 859 | 1,163 |
| EBITDA | 178 | 162 | 255 | 357 |
| EBITDA Margin % | 21.1% | 19.1% | 22.9% | 23.5% |
| Depreciation | 33.7 | 40.6 | 46.1 | 49.6 |
| EBIT | 144 | 121 | 209 | 308 |
| EBIT Margin % | 17.1% | 14.3% | 18.8% | 20.2% |
| Interest | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Income | 9 | 10 | 13 | 18 |
| PBT | 152 | 131 | 222 | 325 |
| Tax | 22 | 33 | 56 | 82 |
| APAT | 131 | 98 | 166 | 243 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E Mar | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Share Capital | 166 | 166 | 166 | 166 |
| Reserves & Surplus | 1,020 | 1,099 | 1,232 | 1,427 |
| Net Worth | 1,185 | 1,265 | 1,398 | 1,593 |
| Total Loan funds | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 |
| Long Term Provisions | 17 | 13 | 16 | 22 |
| Capital Employed | 1,302 | 1,377 | 1,514 | 1,715 |
| Gross Block | 1,019 | 1,159 | 1,279 | 1,379 |
| Less: Depreciation | 224 | 264 | 310 | 360 |
| Net Block | 796 | 895 | 969 | 1,019 |
| Investments | 39 | 39 | 51 | 69 |
| Sundry Debtors | 203 | 218 | 281 | 375 |
| Cash & Bank Bal | 9 | 2 | 41 | 46 |
| Inventory | 136 | 162 | 201 | 273 |
| Other Current Assets | 41 | 42 | 56 | 76 |
| Total Current Assets | 426 | 460 | 614 | 806 |
| Current Liabilities & Provisions | 141 | 149 | 186 | 249 |
| Net Current Assets | 285 | 311 | 428 | 557 |
| Total Assets | 1,302 | 1,377 | 1,514 | 1,715 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Y/E Mar | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| PBT | 152 | 131 | 222 | 325 | |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 35 | 41 | 46 | 50 | |
| Chg in Working cap | 52 | -37 | -85 | -135 | |
| Direct tax paid | -51 | -33 | -56 | -82 | |
| Cash flow from operations | 181 | 102 | 127 | 158 | |
| Chg in Gross Block | -418 | -90 | -54 | -103 | |
| Chg in Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Proceeds on redemption of Fin. Assets | 307 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Cash flow from investing | -106 | -90 | -54 | -103 | |
| Proceeds / (Repayment) of Short Term Borrowings (Net) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Proceeds from issue of Equity Instruments of the company | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Loans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Finance Cost paid | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | |
| Dividends paid | -98 | -20 | -33 | -49 | |
| Cash flow from financing | -101 | -20 | -34 | -49 | |
| Chg in cash | -27 | -8 | 39 | 6 | |
| Cash at start | 37 | 9 | 2 | 41 | |
| Cash at end | 11 | 2 | 41 | 46 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--|
| Key Ratios | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Growth (%) | | | | | |
| Net Sales | -18.9% | 0.2% | 31.4% | 36.4% | |
| EBITDA | -39.1% | -9.1% | 57.6% | 40.0% | |
| APAT | -29.3% | -25.1% | 69.5% | 46.6% | |
| Per Share Data (Rs.) | | | | | |
| Adj. EPS | 7.9 | 5.9 | 10.0 | 14.7 | |
| BVPS | 71.6 | 76.4 | 84.4 | 96.2 | |
| DPS | 2.5 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.9 | |
| Profitability (%) | | | | | |
| EBITDA Margin | 21.1% | 19.1% | 22.9% | 23.5% | |
| Adj. PAT Margin | 12.3% | 11.5% | 14.9% | 16.0% | |
| ROCE | 11.1% | 8.8% | 13.8% | 17.9% | |
| ROE | 8.8% | 7.7% | 11.9% | 15.3% | |
| ROIC | 11.5% | 9.1% | 14.7% | 19.2% | |
| Valuations (X) | | | | | |
| PER | 17.9 | 23.8 | 14.1 | 9.6 | |
| P/BV | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | |
| EV / EBITDA | 13.1 | 14.4 | 9.0 | 6.4 | |
| EV / Net Sales | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.5 | |
| Turnover Days | | | | | |
| Asset Turnover | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | |
| Inventory days | 144.5 | 133.7 | 129.1 | 124.1 | |
| Debtors days | 93.9 | 90.7 | 81.8 | 78.7 | |
| Creditors days | 88.4 | 84.2 | 78.9 | 76.4 | |
| Working Capital Days | 150.0 | 140.2 | 131.9 | 126.5 | |
| Gearing Ratio | | | | | |
| Total Debt:Equity (x) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

VARUN BEVERAGES – GEARING UP FOR GROWTH

VBL is the 2nd largest franchisee for PepsiCo in the world (outside USA). Products manufactured by VBL include Carbonated Soft Drinks - Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Seven Up, Mirinda; Non Carbonated Beverages - Tropicana Slice, Tropicana Frutz; and Bottled water – Aquafina. It operates in India and is also the exclusive bottler for PepsiCo in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
871

Target Price
1,005

Upside
15%

Key Rationale

- Q3CY20 performance was healthy on a YoY basis with in-home consumption growing 20-25% rate. During September VBL reported a 13% growth in volumes and this trend is likely continuing in October too. Further, with bunching up of festive season in Q4CY20, resumption of public transports aiding on-the-go consumption and continuing in-home consumption trend both in rural, semi-urban (~60% of Q3CY20 sales) and urban areas bodes well for VBL going forward. Expect EBITDA Margins to stabilize in 21-22% ranged on the back of improved mix and cost rationalization initiatives taken during the pandemic.
- **Low per capita soft drink consumption in India** of 44 bottles as of 2016 as compared to 271 bottles in China, 1,496 bottles in USA and 1,489 bottles in Mexico offers immense scope for growth from deeper penetration of soft drinks in India is a structural growth opportunity.
- **Key risks:** seasonality, concerns on COVID's second wave (50% OOH* consumption), regulatory actions against soft drinks if any.

Key Rationale

- **Outlook:** With business growth restoring aided by unlock as witnessed in Q3CY20, we do expect this momentum to continue. Trend of in-home consumption has seen an increase and is likely to continue as consumers get habituated to consuming soft drinks at home. Further, OOH also resuming normalcy, there could be growth seen here too. Rural regions are likely to grow ahead of urban counterparts on the back of healthy outlook for Rabi crop. Share gain opportunities from smaller players is expected to boost its market share especially in acquired territories of South and West where company will look to add dealers ahead of the season in CY21.
- **Valuation.** We expect VBL to register Revenues/Earnings CAGR of 11%/31% resp. over CY19-22E. This growth will be driven by 1) consolidation in newly acquired territories, 2) distribution led market share gains, 3) margin tailwinds from cost efficiencies. Given the healthy outlook for the upcoming season and tie-ups with leading and fast growing QSR players in India could propel VBLs growth into a new orbit. We value VBL at a premium of 16x its CY22 EV/EBITDA to arrive at our upgraded TP.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Dec (Rs Cr) | Net Sales | EBIDTA | Net Profit | EPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | ROE (%) |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|---------|
| CY19 | 7,130 | 1,448 | 472 | 16.8 | 42.1 | 15.9 | 6.1 | 17.6 |
| CY20E | 6,435 | 1,306 | 383 | 13.3 | 65.6 | 21.0 | 6.8 | 10.9 |
| CY21E | 8,799 | 1,865 | 840 | 29.1 | 29.9 | 14.3 | 5.7 | 20.7 |
| CY22E | 9,613 | 2,096 | 1,061 | 36.7 | 23.7 | 12.2 | 4.7 | 21.7 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities; * OOH – Out-of-Home

| Profit & Loss | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Y/E DEC | CY19 | CY20E | CY21E | CY22E | |
| Total Net Sales | 7,130 | 6,435 | 8,799 | 9,613 | |
| Total Raw material Consumption | 3,219 | 2,786 | 3,827 | 4,124 | |
| Staff costs | 811 | 811 | 1,038 | 1134 | |
| Other Expenditure | 1,652 | 1,532 | 2,068 | 2,259 | |
| Total Expenditure | 5,682 | 5,129 | 6,933 | 7,518 | |
| EBITDA | 1,448 | 1,306 | 1,865 | 2,096 | |
| Depreciation | 489 | 546 | 574 | 603 | |
| EBIT | 959 | 760 | 1,291 | 1,493 | |
| Interest | 310 | 277 | 216 | 146 | |
| Other Income | 43 | 45 | 44 | 67 | |
| PBT | 696 | 532 | 1,123 | 1,418 | |
| Tax | 224 | 149 | 283 | 357 | |
| APAT | 472 | 383 | 840 | 1,061 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Balance Sheet | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Y/E DEC | CY19 | CY20E | CY21E | CY22E | |
| Share Capital | 289 | 289 | 289 | 289 | |
| Reserves & Surplus | 3,040 | 3,373 | 4,096 | 5,029 | |
| Net Worth | 3,359 | 3,693 | 4,415 | 5,349 | |
| Total Loan funds | 2,823 | 2,523 | 2,123 | 1623 | |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 283 | 283 | 283 | 283 | |
| Long Term Provisions | 170 | 147 | 203 | 218 | |
| Capital Employed | 6,635 | 6,646 | 7,023 | 7,473 | |
| Net Block | 5,893 | 5,837 | 5,742 | 5,619 | |
| Investments | 45 | 41 | 56 | 61 | |
| Sundry Debtors | 173 | 176 | 241 | 263 | |
| Cash & Bank Bal | 171 | 234 | 545 | 1273 | |
| Inventory | 882 | 534 | 965 | 847 | |
| Other Current Assets | 440 | 397 | 543 | 593 | |
| Total Current Assets | 1,672 | 1,348 | 2,301 | 2,983 | |
| Current Liabilities & Provisions | 1,753 | 1,452 | 1,983 | 2,134 | |
| Net Current Assets | (81) | (103) | 318 | 849 | |
| Total Assets | 6,635 | 6,646 | 7,023 | 7,473 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | CY19 | CY20E | CY21E | CY22E |
| Cash Flow | | | | |
| PBT | 696 | 532 | 1,123 | 1418 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 489 | 546 | 574 | 603 |
| Provision for Taxes | 295 | 277 | 216 | 146 |
| Chg in Deferred tax | 35 | - | - | - |
| Chg in Working cap | (85) | 66 | (70) | 207 |
| Direct tax paid | (120) | (149) | (283) | -357 |
| Cash flow from operations | 1,310 | 1,273 | 1,561 | 2017 |
| Chg in Gross Block | (754) | (583) | (515) | -516 |
| Chg in Investments | (1,625) | - | - | - |
| Chg in WIP | 68 | - | - | - |
| Cash flow from investing | (2,311) | (583) | (515) | -516 |
| Proceeds / (Repayment) of Short Term Borrowings (Net) | 560 | - | - | - |
| Repayment of Long Term Borrowings | 46 | - | - | - |
| Loans Repayment | - | (300) | (400) | -500 |
| Finance Cost paid | (301) | (277) | (216) | -146 |
| Dividends paid | (69) | (50) | (118) | -127 |
| Dividend Distribution Tax paid | (9) | - | - | - |
| Cash flow from financing | 1,110 | (627) | (734) | (773) |
| Chg in cash | 100 | 63 | 312 | 727 |
| Cash at start | 42 | 171 | 234 | 545 |
| Cash at end | 142 | 234 | 545 | 1273 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | (%) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| | CY19 | CY20E | CY21E | CY22E |
| Key Ratios | | | | |
| Growth (%) | | | | |
| Net Sales | 39.7% | -9.7% | 36.7% | 9.3% |
| EBITDA | 43.8% | -9.8% | 42.8% | 12.4% |
| APAT | 57.5% | -18.8% | 119.2% | 26.3% |
| Per Share Data (Rs.) | | | | |
| Adj. EPS | 16.8 | 13.3 | 29.1 | 36.7 |
| BVPS | 116.4 | 127.9 | 152.9 | 185.3 |
| Profitability (%) | | | | |
| EBITDA Margin | 20.3% | 20.3% | 21.2% | 21.8% |
| Adj. PAT Margin | 6.6% | 6.0% | 9.5% | 11.0% |
| ROCE | 17.0% | 11.5% | 18.9% | 20.6% |
| ROE | 17.6% | 10.9% | 20.7% | 21.7% |
| Valuations (X) | | | | |
| PER | 42.1 | 65.6 | 29.9 | 23.7 |
| P/BV | 6.1 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| EV / EBITDA | 15.9 | 21.0 | 14.3 | 12.2 |
| EV / Net Sales | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Turnover Days | | | | |
| Asset Turnover | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Inventory days | 82.8 | 92.7 | 71.5 | 80.2 |
| Debtors days | 7.7 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 9.6 |
| Creditors days | 45.0 | 53.8 | 38.9 | 43.4 |
| Working Capital Days | 45.4 | 48.8 | 41.3 | 46.4 |
| Gearing Ratio | | | | |
| Debt: Equity (x) | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Net Debt to Equity | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

CCL PRODUCTS – HEALTHY DEMAND OUTLOOK AMID UNCERTAINTY

CCL Products (CCLP) is the largest private label manufacturer & exporter of Instant coffee in India with a total manufacturing capacity of 35k tonnes at its plants in India & Vietnam. CCLP's 25 years' experience in the industry and expertise in customized coffee blends has led it to become one of the largest private labels manufactures in the world with +5% market share. It has over 250 proprietary blends in its portfolio with clients spread across 90 countries.

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
266

Target Price
325

Upside
22%

Key Rationale

- CCLP's EBITDA Margins at 25% in FY20 were the highest over the last 5 years led by improved product mix (rising share of freeze-dried coffee (FDC)). We expect margin expansion to sustain driven by 1) ramp up in FDC unit utilization (~50% in FY20), 2) rise in share of small packs.
- CCLP's capex plans includes 1) 3,500 tonnes capacity addition in Vietnam by Q4FY21E, 2) set up of agglomeration & small size packing unit by Q1FY22E that augurs well for its long-term growth outlook driven by higher volumes and improved realizations.
- With in-home consumption of instant coffee rising across the globe due to lockdown caused by the pandemic, CCLP is tracking a healthy order book especially from USA and EU (~45% of revenue). This is backed by client addition in US and surge in demand from supermarkets in EU.
- CCLP's branded coffee business in India has shown healthy traction with 40% YoY growth in revenue during FY20. Management targets to achieve Rs 100 crs revenues in FY21E from the branded business driven by increase in direct reach coverage.

Key Rationale

- Outlook: We believe CCLP is well placed to deliver steady earnings over medium term given 1) expertise in customized blends & cost efficient business model, 2) long standing client relationships (~50% revenue contribution from brand owners) 3) largest exporter of instant coffee in India 4) presence in Vietnam- world's largest Robusta growing country 5) capacity additions in value added products (FDC & small packs) and 6) steadily improving branded retail business.
- Valuation: We expect CCLP to post Sales/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 13%/14%/20% over FY20-FY22E driven by 1) superior product mix (ramp up of FDC unit/ higher share of small packs), 2) on track capacity expansion plans 3) increase in In home consumption of Instant Coffee. Our estimates are also supported by healthy management outlook (guided positive volume growth in FY21E) despite economic uncertainty.
- Key risks: a) Lack of clarity on MEIS benefits and the replacement of the same by an alternative scheme post Dec'20 by the Govt. pose a risk to our estimates. b) Surge in COVID-19 cases in CCLP's key markets impacting dispatches; c) abrupt weather changes impacting green coffee yield; d) uncertainty on lockdown relaxation guidelines in India.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | EBIDTA (Rs Cr) | Net Profit | EPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | ROE (%) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| FY19 | 1,081 | 245 | 155 | 11.6 | 24.5 | 16.6 | 4.5 | 19.6 |
| FY20 | 1,139 | 286 | 166 | 12.5 | 14.4 | 9.6 | 2.6 | 18.8 |
| FY21E | 1,235 | 309 | 188 | 14.1 | 18.7 | 12.0 | 3.3 | 18.8 |
| FY22E | 1,464 | 375 | 240 | 18.0 | 14.6 | 9.8 | 2.8 | 20.7 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Income Statement (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)

| Income statement | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Net Sales | 1,081 | 1,139 | 1,235 | 1,464 |
| % Change | -4.9% | 5.3% | 8.4% | 18.5% |
| Total Raw material Consumption | 597 | 559 | 610 | 716 |
| Staff costs | 59 | 70 | 77 | 91 |
| Other Expenditure | 180 | 224 | 240 | 283 |
| Total Expenditure | 836 | 853 | 926 | 1,089 |
| EBITDA | 245 | 286 | 309 | 375 |
| % Change | 2.9% | 16.5% | 8.0% | 21.4% |
| EBITDA Margin % | 22.7% | 25.1% | 25.0% | 25.6% |
| Depreciation | 31.7 | 47.1 | 57.4 | 61.1 |
| EBIT | 214 | 239 | 251 | 314 |
| % Change | 4.5% | 11.8% | 5.3% | 24.8% |
| EBIT Margin % | 19.8% | 21.0% | 20.4% | 21.4% |
| Interest | 8 | 18 | 14 | 12 |
| Other Income | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| (as % of PBT) | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| PBT | 209 | 225 | 241 | 308 |
| Tax | 54 | 59 | 53 | 68 |
| Tax Rate % | 25.8% | 26.4% | 22.0% | 22.0% |
| APAT | 155 | 166 | 188 | 240 |
| % Change | 4.8% | 7.2% | 13.2% | 27.7% |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)

| Balance Sheet | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Share Capital | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Reserves & Surplus | 812 | 902 | 1,043 | 1,223 |
| Net Worth | 839 | 928 | 1,069 | 1,249 |
| Total Loan funds | 376 | 392 | 316 | 240 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 43 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| Long Term Provisions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Long Term Liability | 0 | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| Capital Employed | 1,258 | 1,376 | 1,438 | 1,543 |
| Gross Block | 483 | 883 | 983 | 1,073 |
| Less: Depreciation | 100 | 159 | 217 | 278 |
| Net Block | 383 | 724 | 766 | 795 |
| Investments | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Sundry Debtors | 235 | 268 | 271 | 321 |
| Cash & Bank Bal | 97 | 39 | 113 | 72 |
| Loans & Advances | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inventory | 202 | 260 | 234 | 284 |
| Other Current Assets | 37 | 69 | 75 | 88 |
| Total Current Assets | 571 | 636 | 693 | 766 |
| Curr Liab & Prov | 164 | 134 | 158 | 156 |
| Net Current Assets | 407 | 503 | 534 | 610 |
| Total Assets | 1,258 | 1,376 | 1,438 | 1,543 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Cash Flow (Consolidated)

(Rs Cr)

| Cash Flow | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| PBT | 209 | 225 | 241 | 308 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 32 | 47 | 57 | 61 |
| Provision for Taxes | 0 | 0 | 14 | 12 |
| Chg in Deferred tax | 15 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg in Working cap | -36 | -147 | 42 | -116 |
| Diret tax paid | -57 | -53 | -53 | -68 |
| Cash flow from operations | 162 | 91 | 302 | 197 |
| Chg in Gross Block | -241 | -64 | -90 | -90 |
| Chg in Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg in WIP | 9 | -12 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from investing | -233 | -76 | -90 | -90 |
| Proceeds / (Repayment) of Short Term Borrowings (Net) | 57 | 93 | 0 | 0 |
| Repayment of Long Term Borrowings | 49 | -41 | 0 | 0 |
| Loans | 0 | 0 | -76 | -76 |
| Finance Cost paid | 0 | 0 | -14 | -12 |
| Dividends paid | -33 | -90 | -47 | -60 |
| Dividend Distribution Tax paid | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing | 66 | -37 | -137 | -148 |
| Chg in cash | 53 | -35 | 75 | -41 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Ratios Analysis (Consolidated)

(%)

| Key Ratios | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Growth (%) | | | | |
| Net Sales | -4.9% | 5.3% | 8.4% | 18.5% |
| EBITDA | 2.9% | 16.5% | 8.0% | 21.4% |
| APAT | 4.8% | 7.2% | 13.2% | 27.7% |
| Per Share Data (Rs.) | | | | |
| Adj. EPS | 11.6 | 12.5 | 14.1 | 18.0 |
| BVPS | 63.1 | 69.8 | 80.4 | 93.9 |
| Profitability (%) | | | | |
| EBITDA Margin | 22.7% | 25.1% | 25.0% | 25.6% |
| Adj. PAT Margin | 14.3% | 14.6% | 15.2% | 16.4% |
| ROCE | 17.0% | 17.4% | 17.5% | 20.3% |
| ROE | 19.6% | 18.8% | 18.8% | 20.7% |
| ROIC | 18.5% | 18.0% | 19.0% | 21.4% |
| Valuations (X) | | | | |
| PER | 24.5 | 14.4 | 18.7 | 14.6 |
| P/BV | 4.5 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| EV / EBITDA | 16.6 | 9.6 | 12.0 | 9.8 |
| EV / Net Sales | 3.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Turnover Days | | | | |
| Asset Turnover | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Inventory days | 117.6 | 150.8 | 147.9 | 132.2 |
| Debtors days | 70.4 | 80.6 | 79.6 | 73.7 |
| Creditors days | 20.6 | 26.7 | 21.9 | 24.9 |
| Working Capital Days | 167.5 | 204.8 | 205.6 | 181.1 |
| Gearing Ratio | | | | |
| Total Debt to Equity | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

ENDURANCE TECHNOLOGIES – VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS TO DRIVE GROWTH

Endurance Technologies, is a tier 1 Auto ancillary for 2W OEMs and a leading auto component manufacturing company based out of Aurangabad, Maharashtra. Starting with two aluminium casting machines in FY 1986, the company has grown to operate 16 plants in India and 9 plants in Europe. The product portfolio of Endurance Technologies includes aluminium die casting (including 2W alloy wheels), suspension, transmission and braking systems.

Industry view



Over weight

CMP
1157

Target Price
1190

Upside
3%

Key Rationale

- Endurance has been building its product portfolio by adding new technology oriented products viz., CBS/ABS, paper based clutches, continuous variable transmission (CVT) on automatic clutch for scooters, inverted front fork and shock absorbers for 2W, fully finished machine castings for 2/3/4W. Being value added products with higher profit margins, the overall margins of company is expected to get a boost as the Auto industry revives.
- Europe contributes around 29% to the consolidated top line. The company has improved its product mix and re-aligned its business with OEMs, thus VW group (which is on growth path) now accounts top slot followed by Fiat Chrysler for revenues. Company's increasing focus on EV/hybrid models in its European business would not only help it gain more orders but also help it de-risk its business model; company has won orders worth Euro 110 mn over last two years for EV/Hybrid models.
- **Key risks:** Delay in automobile demand recovery esp. 2W; High exposure to Bajaj Auto (~38% on consol. basis)

Key Rationale

- Endurance has completed capex of around Rs 1,000 cr over last three years for new product development, backward integration and new plant in Vallam, TN. The new plant is expected to commence operations in H2FY21 and cater to the requirements of Hyundai, Kia and Royal Enfield. ABS production would start in Q4FY21, the backward integration for AI-casting would also help the company control costs and shore up its margins as it would help reduce the import content.
- **Valuation:** We expect Endurance Technologies to outperform the industry given its sticky relations with OEMs, broad product basket, market leadership with market share of around 35% in suspensions, 25% in hydraulic braking system, 20% in disc braking system and 16% in transmission. New products along with tailwinds for 2W sector to support Endurance Technologies. We estimate Endurance to post consolidated Revenue/EBIDTA/PAT to grow at CAGR of 10%/14%/14% respectively over FY20-23; we recommend a BUY with price target of Rs 1190/-

Key Financials (Consol)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Sales (Rs Cr) | PAT (Rs Cr) | EPS (Rs.) | Change (YoY %) | P/E (x) | RoE (%) | RoCE (%) | EV/EBITDA (x) | D/E (x) |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| FY20 | 6918 | 566 | 40.2 | 14.2 | 23.0 | 19.6 | 23.7 | 11.3 | 0.2 |
| FY21E | 6495 | 394 | 28.0 | (30.3) | 41.2 | 12.3 | 15.3 | 17.2 | 0.1 |
| FY22E | 8262 | 627 | 44.6 | 59.0 | 25.9 | 17.7 | 22.8 | 11.3 | 0.1 |
| FY23E | 9282 | 838 | 59.6 | 33.7 | 19.4 | 20.6 | 27.4 | 8.8 | 0.1 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Income Statement (Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net sales | 6,918 | 6,495 | 8,262 | 9,282 |
| Other operating income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total income | 6,918 | 6,495 | 8,262 | 9,282 |
| Cost of goods sold | 4,413 | 4,210 | 5,298 | 5,866 |
| Contribution (%) | 36.2% | 35.2% | 35.9% | 36.8% |
| Advt/Sales/Distrn O/H | 1,374.4 | 1,358.7 | 1,591.0 | 1,744.0 |
| Operating Profit | 1,131 | 927 | 1,373 | 1,673 |
| Other income | 48 | 38 | 34 | 49 |
| PBIDT | 1,178 | 965 | 1,408 | 1,721 |
| Depreciation | 414 | 424 | 549 | 585 |
| Interest & Fin Chg. | 18 | 20 | 21 | 16 |
| E/o income / (Expense) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Pre-tax profit | 747 | 520 | 838 | 1,120 |
| Tax provision | 181 | 126 | 211 | 282 |
| (-) Minority Interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted PAT | 566 | 394 | 627 | 838 |
| Reported PAT | 566 | 394 | 627 | 838 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet (Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total assets | 3,620 | 3,761 | 4,074 | 4,505 |
| Gross block | 4,058.0 | 4,558.0 | 4,958.0 | 5,308.0 |
| Net Block | 2,443.9 | 2,519.4 | 2,370.6 | 2,135.1 |
| CWIP | 126.0 | 75.0 | 120.0 | 80.0 |
| Goodwill | 162.4 | 162.4 | 162.4 | 162.4 |
| Investments | 322.8 | 322.8 | 322.8 | 322.8 |
| Wkg. cap. (excl cash) | -56 | 42 | 81 | 153 |
| Cash / Bank balance | 620.9 | 639.7 | 1,017.2 | 1,651.7 |
| Misc. Assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Capital employed | 3,620 | 3,761 | 4,074 | 4,505 |
| Equity capital | 140.7 | 140.7 | 140.7 | 140.7 |
| Reserves | 2,865 | 3,090 | 3,505 | 4,088 |
| Minority Interests | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Borrowings | 638 | 558 | 458 | 308 |
| Def tax Liabilities | (24.2) | (27.3) | (29.7) | (31.8) |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| Cash Flow | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sources | 879 | 566 | 861 | 1,017 | |
| Cash profit | 997 | 839 | 1,196 | 1,439 | |
| (-) Dividends | 187 | 170 | 212 | 254 | |
| Retained earnings | 811 | 669 | 984 | 1,185 | |
| Issue of equity | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Change in Oth. Reserves | 65.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Borrowings | 5 | -80 | -100 | -150 | |
| Others | -2 | -23 | -23 | -18 | |
| Applications | 879 | 566 | 861 | 1,017 | |
| Capital expenditure | 739.5 | 449.0 | 445.0 | 310.0 | |
| Investments | 129.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Net current assets | (77.0) | 98.2 | 38.8 | 72.4 | |
| Change in cash | 86.5 | 18.7 | 377.5 | 634.5 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Key Ratios | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sales growth | (7.9) | (6.1) | 27.2 | 12.3 | |
| OPM | 16.3 | 14.3 | 16.6 | 18.0 | |
| Oper. profit growth | 0.2 | (18.0) | 48.2 | 21.8 | |
| COGS / Net sales | 63.8 | 64.8 | 64.1 | 63.2 | |
| Overheads/Net sales | 19.9 | 20.9 | 19.3 | 18.8 | |
| Depreciation / G. block | 10.2 | 9.3 | 11.1 | 11.0 | |
| Effective interest rate | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | |
| Net wkg.cap / Net sales | -0.00 | -0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | |
| Net sales / Gr block (x) | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | |
| RoCE | 23.7 | 15.3 | 22.8 | 27.4 | |
| Debt / equity (x) | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.05 | |
| Effective tax rate | 24.2 | 24.2 | 25.2 | 25.2 | |
| RoE | 19.6 | 12.3 | 17.7 | 20.6 | |
| Payout ratio (Div/NP) | 33.0 | 43.0 | 33.8 | 30.4 | |
| EPS (Rs.) | 40.2 | 28.0 | 44.6 | 59.6 | |
| EPS Growth | 14.2 | (30.3) | 59.0 | 33.7 | |
| CEPS (Rs.) | 69.7 | 58.2 | 83.6 | 101.2 | |
| DPS (Rs.) | 11.0 | 10.0 | 12.5 | 15.0 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

STEEL STRIP WHEELS - OPERATING LEVERAGE TO PLAY OUT AS CAP. UTILIZATION IMPROVES

Steel Strip Wheels Ltd., is a tier 1 Auto ancillary for 2W, PV and CV OEMs for designing, manufacturing and supplying automotive steel wheels since 1991. The company has 4 plants viz., 2W, PV and tractor wheel plant at Dapper, Chandigarh, CV plant at Jamshedpur, CV and PV plant at Chennai and Al-alloy wheel plant at Mehsana, Gujarat. SSWL has technology tie-up with Sumitomo Metals, Japan, and Kalink, Korea who along with Tata Steel are also strategic investors.

Industry view



Over weight

CMP
496

Target Price
590

Upside
19%

Key Rationale

- Automobile demand recovery would help SSWL optimally utilize its capacity; SSWL has built massive capacity across various auto segments viz., 2W, PV, CV, tractors, OTR and Al-alloy wheels, all of which are currently underutilized owing to the slowdown seen in Auto sector post IL&FS crisis in 2018. The company has production capacity of 7.25 mn steel wheel rims for 2W & PVs, 1.75 mn for CV, OTR & tractors at Dapper, Chandigarh. It has 6 mn steel wheel manufacturing capacity for PVs and 1.5 mn for CVs at Chennai & 2.1 mn steel wheel capacity for CVs at Jamshedpur. The company has 1.5 mn Al-alloy wheels manufacturing facility at Mehsana, Gujarat which would be expanded to 2.4 mn by Q4FY21. Optimum capacity utilization would help SSWL improve profitability over the next two years.
- Export opportunities are opening up as US, EU have levied huge Anti Dumping Duties (ADD) on imports from China, The estimated value of imports of steel wheels from China were around \$1300 million (US: \$400 mn, EU: \$900 mn) before the imposition of import tariffs. SSWL is well positioned to capitalize on exports opportunity from its Chennai plant (having both CV and PV steel making facility) located close to the port. At the current juncture, the company intends to take exports to upwards of Rs 300 cr by FY22.

Key Rationale

- Increasing contribution of high margin Al-alloy wheel rims in overall revenues to aid margin expansion. SSWL had reported around 7% of revenues from Al-alloy wheels in FY20 and expects to take it to 25% plus over couple of years. Company has visibility of orders to supply Al-alloy wheels over next 5 years; company is also expanding Al-alloy wheel capacity to 2.4 mn wheels which would be ready by end FY21. Being a high margin product (margin differential of around 500-600 bps over Steel wheels), the bottom line is expected to grow at faster pace as the share of Al-alloy wheel rises in overall sales.
- Being in an oligopoly market, SSWL commands leadership with market share of around 55% in steel wheel rims and around 20% in alloy wheels; we expect SSWL to outperform the industry given its sticky relations with OEMs across all the auto segment viz., 2/3W, PV, CV, and Tractors. We have penciled in Revenue/EBIDTA/PAT CAGR of 19%/27%/ 91% over FY20-23E vis-à-vis 7%/9%/(1)% CAGR for FY13-20 on back of operating leverage playing out backed by better capacity utilization riding the domestic auto recovery and exports.
- Key risks: Delay in automobile demand recovery esp. PV and CV; Sharp appreciation of INR in wake of rising exports of the company

Key Financials (Consol)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | Net Profit (Rs Cr) | EPS (Rs.) | PER (x) | RoE (%) | RoCE (%) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | D/E (x) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| FY20 | 1563 | 23 | 15.0 | 23.5 | 3.4 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 1.4 |
| FY21E | 1420 | 3 | 1.8 | 280.0 | 0.4 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 1.4 |
| FY22E | 2258 | 107 | 68.7 | 7.2 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 3.6 | 1.0 |
| FY23E | 2,628 | 166 | 106.33 | 4.7 | 18.8 | 22.3 | 2.3 | 0.6 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Income Statement

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net sales | 1,563 | 1,420 | 2,258 | 2,628 |
| Other operating income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total income | 1,563 | 1,420 | 2,258 | 2,628 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,311 | 1,176 | 1,840 | 2,128 |
| Contribution (%) | 16.1% | 17.1% | 18.5% | 19.0% |
| Advt/Sales/Distrn O/H | 80.9 | 76.7 | 124.4 | 145.8 |
| Operating Profit | 171 | 167 | 294 | 355 |
| Other income | 22 | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| PBIDT | 193 | 177 | 302 | 364 |
| Depreciation | 72 | 72 | 79 | 84 |
| Interest & Fin Chg. | 89 | 90 | 79 | 59 |
| E/o income / (Expense) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax profit | 33 | 15 | 143 | 222 |
| Tax provision | 9 | 12 | 36 | 56 |
| (-) Minority Interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted PAT | 23 | 3 | 107 | 166 |
| Reported PAT | 23 | 3 | 107 | 166 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total assets | 1,845 | 1,821 | 1,757 | 1,669 |
| Net Block | 1,306.5 | 1,369.7 | 1,350.5 | 1,286.6 |
| CWIP | 85.5 | 50.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Investments | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Wkg. cap. (excl cash) | 361 | 286 | 346 | 319 |
| Cash / Bank balance | 91.7 | 115.0 | 50.7 | 52.4 |
| Misc. Assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Capital employed | 1,845 | 1,821 | 1,757 | 1,669 |
| Equity capital | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.6 |
| Reserves | 682 | 679 | 781 | 941 |
| Pref. Share Capital | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Minority Interests | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Borrowings | 994 | 984 | 814 | 564 |
| Def tax Liabilities | 153.5 | 142.4 | 146.6 | 148.0 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Cash Flow | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sources | 179 | 48 | 15 | -5 | |
| Cash profit | 184 | 165 | 266 | 309 | |
| (-) Dividends | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Retained earnings | 177 | 159 | 260 | 303 | |
| Issue of equity | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Change in Oth. Reserves | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Borrowings | 67 | -10 | -170 | -250 | |
| Others | -65 | -101 | -75 | -57 | |
| Applications | 179 | 48 | 15 | -5 | |
| Capital expenditure | 80.2 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | |
| Investments | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Net current assets | 128.6 | (75.0) | 59.2 | (26.2) | |
| Change in cash | (29.3) | 23.3 | (64.3) | 1.7 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Key Ratios | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sales growth | (23.4) | (9.2) | 59.0 | 16.4 | |
| OPM | 11.0 | 11.7 | 13.0 | 13.5 | |
| Oper. profit growth | (30.4) | (2.6) | 76.0 | 20.8 | |
| COGS / Net sales | 83.9 | 82.9 | 81.5 | 81.0 | |
| Overheads/Net sales | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | |
| Depreciation / G. block | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 | |
| Effective interest rate | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.7 | |
| | 1.5% | 0.2% | 4.7% | 6.3% | |
| Net wkg.cap / Net sales | 0.18 | 0.21 | 0.13 | 0.12 | |
| Net sales / Gr block (x) | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | |
| RoCE | 8.9 | 7.6 | 16.7 | 22.3 | |
| Debt / equity (x) | 1.40 | 1.40 | 1.00 | 0.57 | |
| Effective tax rate | 28.3 | 81.1 | 25.2 | 25.2 | |
| RoE | 3.4 | 0.4 | 14.3 | 18.8 | |
| Payout ratio (Div/NP) | 32.1 | 204.2 | 5.3 | 3.4 | |
| EPS (Rs.) | 15.0 | 1.8 | 68.7 | 106.3 | |
| EPS Growth | (71.5) | (88.2) | 3,780.5 | 54.7 | |
| CEPS (Rs.) | 61.2 | 48.1 | 119.5 | 160.2 | |
| DPS (Rs.) | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

MINDA INDUSTRIES – BEST PLAY FOR INDUSTRY REVIVAL

Minda Industries (MNDA) is the largest supplier of switches, lighting, acoustics light metal technologies (alloy wheels, die casting) and others (Sensors, controllers etc.). It is a top 2 player in lighting and safety air-bags in the automotive Industry. MNDA has 62 manufacturing plants and 8 R&D centres across the globe. Group is headquartered in Manesar, Haryana, India.

Industry view



Over weight

CMP
387

Target Price
413

Upside
7%

Key Rationale

- The recovery in the Automobile Industry has been faster than expected. Auto manufacturers are positive on the near to medium term demand and are gearing up for a robust festive season. They have been ramping up their production levels and increasing their shifts ahead of the festive season so as to ensure there is sufficient inventory and buffer stock ahead of the festive season. We expect the auto demand to bounce back to pre-Covid levels by H2FY21.
- Minda Industries has been growing at higher rate than the industry on account of increase in kit value per vehicle in both 2W/4W segment through introduction of new products both on mechanical and technology side. Increasing contributions from high margin, new product lines like sensors & controllers, air bags, telematics and alloy wheels will fare well and ride on the premiumization trend that both the 2W and PV segment has been witnessing for the past few years.
- Strategic inorganic acquisition to enhance offering. Recent acquisition at an attractive 12X FY19 P/E of Harita Seating is a strategic fit for MNDA as it enhances its product offering while at the same time helping it to make inroads into Harita's clientele. While Delvis acquisition gives a much needed expertise in LED head light technology to make inroads in new PV models of leading OEMs

Key Rationale

- **Long-term industry outperformance to continue.** We are bullish on MNDA's ability to comprehensively beat industry performance by 1) leveraging the broader vehicular trends of industry like EV, premiumization, automation 2) strategic inorganic acquisition to enhance product offering and gain market share 3) maintaining balance sheet discipline and maintain optimal leverage, 4) investing In R&D to bring technological change 5) tap on its deep rooted relationship with OEM's to increase kit value. Given its success in developing import substitution products, it would be able to capture the business opportunities offered by the 'Atma-nirbhar Bharat' move in auto sector. New product lines to aid margin and growth.
- **Valuation.** We expect the company to post revenues/PAT growth at 11%/31% CAGR over FY20-23E. The return ratios are expected to inch up as NPM improves (peak NPM 6.9% in FY18) along with improving asset turn (peak asset turn: 6.9% in FY18). We retain BUY, valuing the company at 32x FY23 to arrive at target price of Rs 413. We have not yet factored in the Harita Seating merger due to lack of clarity.
- **Key risks:** Resurfacing of Covid-19 cases and extended lockdown remain key risk to our assumptions

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | Net Profit (Rs Cr) | FDEPS (Rs) | P/E (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | ROE (%) | RoCE (%) | D/E (x) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 2020 | 5,465 | 154 | 5.6 | 42.3 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 12.0 | 0.6 |
| 2021E | 4,762 | 85 | 3.1 | 123.6 | 20.2 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 0.4 |
| 2022E | 6,962 | 289 | 10.6 | 36.4 | 12.2 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 0.3 |
| 2023E | 7,369 | 345 | 12.7 | 30.4 | 10.4 | 14.8 | 16.5 | 0.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

| Profit & Loss | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Net sales | 5,465 | 5,065 | 6,867 | 7,350 | |
| Other operating income | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Net Revenue | 5,504 | 5,065 | 6,867 | 7,350 | |
| Cost of goods sold | 4,631 | 4,355 | 5,771 | 6,148 | |
| Contribution (%) | 15.3% | 14.0% | 16.0% | 16.4% | |
| Other operating costs | 214.5 | 199.9 | 280.7 | 288.8 | |
| EBITDA | 658 | 510 | 815 | 914 | |
| Other income | 0 | 25 | 30 | 35 | |
| PBITD | 658 | 535 | 845 | 949 | |
| Depreciation | 302 | 307 | 337 | 356 | |
| Interest & Fin Chg. | 90 | 78 | 81 | 84 | |
| E/o income / (Expense) | -14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Pre-tax profit | 252 | 150 | 426 | 509 | |
| Tax provision | 78 | 60 | 126 | 150 | |
| (-) Minority Interests | 33 | 6 | 20 | 24 | |
| Associates | 13 | -2 | 7 | 9 | |
| Adjusted PAT | 165 | 82 | 288 | 344 | |
| Other Comprehensive Income | -2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Reported PAT | 154 | 85 | 289 | 345 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Balance Sheet | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Total assets | 3,418 | 3,499 | 3,611 | 3,794 | |
| Net Block | 2,196.0 | 2,134.4 | 1,972.1 | 1,790.9 | |
| CWIP | 357.0 | 105.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | |
| Investments | 395.8 | 395.8 | 395.8 | 395.8 | |
| Wkg. cap. (excl cash) | 107 | 21 | 101 | 121 | |
| Cash / Bank balance | 362.7 | 843.1 | 1,066.5 | 1,411.4 | |
| Misc. Assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Capital employed | 3,418 | 3,499 | 3,611 | 3,794 | |
| Equity capital | 52.4 | 54.4 | 54.4 | 54.4 | |
| Reserves | 1,763 | 2,035 | 2,276 | 2,574 | |
| Pref. Share Capital | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Minority Interests | 282.8 | 288.7 | 308.8 | 332.8 | |
| Borrowings | 1,306 | 1,106 | 956 | 816 | |
| Def tax Liabilities | 13.5 | 14.7 | 15.5 | 16.4 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sources | 622 | 387 | 449 | 540 | |
| Cash profit | 567 | 476 | 719 | 799 | |
| (-) Dividends | 32 | 60 | 60 | 60 | |
| Retained earnings | 535 | 416 | 660 | 739 | |
| Issue of equity | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Change in Oth. Reserves | 15.9 | 246.7 | 20.1 | 24.0 | |
| Borrowings | 60 | -200 | -150 | -140 | |
| Others | 11 | -77 | -81 | -83 | |
| Applications | 622 | 387 | 449 | 540 | |
| Capital expenditure | 840.9 | (7.0) | 145.0 | 175.0 | |
| Investments | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Net current assets | (458.5) | (86.0) | 80.6 | 19.8 | |
| Change in cash | 230.4 | 480.3 | 223.4 | 344.9 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sales growth | (7.5) | (7.3) | 35.6 | 7.0 | |
| OPM | 12.0 | 10.1 | 11.9 | 12.4 | |
| Oper. profit growth | (12.5) | (22.5) | 59.8 | 12.0 | |
| COGS / Net sales | 84.7 | 86.0 | 84.0 | 83.6 | |
| Overheads/Net sales | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | |
| Depreciation / G. block | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 | |
| Effective interest rate | 9.2 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 14.1 | |
| Net wkg.cap / Net sales | 0.04 | -0.01 | -0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Net sales / Gr block (x) | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.2 | |
| RoCE | 12.0 | 7.0 | 15.0 | 16.5 | |
| Debt / equity (x) | 0.62 | 0.43 | 0.31 | 0.21 | |
| Effective tax rate | 30.7 | 39.8 | 29.5 | 29.5 | |
| RoE | 9.6 | 4.7 | 14.0 | 14.8 | |
| Payout ratio (Div/NP) | 21.0 | 70.4 | 20.7 | 17.4 | |
| EPS (Rs.) | 5.6 | 3.1 | 10.6 | 12.7 | |
| EPS Growth | (46.1) | (44.7) | 239.9 | 19.4 | |
| CEPS (Rs.) | 16.8 | 14.4 | 23.0 | 25.8 | |
| DPS (Rs.) | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

DR. REDDY'S LABORATORIES – ACCELERATING THE TRANSFORMATION

DR REDDY (DRRD) is an integrated global pharmaceutical enterprise that operates through three core business segment Global Generic (GG), Pharmaceutical Services and Active Ingredients (PSAI) and Proprietary Products (PP).

Industry view



Over weight

CMP

4,829

Target Price

6,200

Upside

28%

Key Rationale

- DR REDDY (DRRD) has launched value added generic products in last 2 years across the globe under the leadership of new management, Mr. Erez Israli that resulted into strong revenue growth of 14% and 320 bps improvements in EBITDA margin FY20. DRRD's renewed strategy that was adopted by new management to focus on SBUs like US, India, Russia, China and API has resulted into strong revenue growth of 14% and 320 bps improvements in EBITDA margin FY20. The strategy focusses on 1) launch of high value new products by leveraging the portfolio of 100 pending ANDAs 2) strengthen existing brands and focus on new brands in selected therapeutic areas 3) launch of existing global portfolio in new geographies 4) size capability, cost structure in India and access to intermediate to gain global leadership.
- gRevlimid: DRRD has settled the launch of gRevlimid with Celgene in the US market. gRevlimid has a market size of USD \$7.5 bn, having only four player in this space Celgene, Mylan, DRRD and NATCO. DRRD could launch limited volume of gRevlimid from March 2022 and unlimited volume from 2026 onwards. We expect high single digit market share of \$250 mn – USD \$300 revenue per year during the period FY23E-FY25E.

Key Rationale

- US Business: In DRRD, there is change in leadership Mr. Erez Israeli joined as CEO of the company in April 2018. Mr. Erez Israeli spent 23 years in TEVA Pharmaceuticals where he held several leadership positions. Further, Mr. Marc Kikuchi (from AmerisourceBergen) joined as head of North America Generic (NAG) business, Mr. Sandeep Khandelwal (from Abbott India) joined as India Business Head and Mr. Dmitry Sovetkin (Sandoz) joined as the Russia Business Head. We expect consolidated revenue CAGR 10.2% and 130 bps EBITDA improvement in margins based on the strategy implemented by new team which already has started to deliver results.
- DRRD has leveraged its 100 ANDAs portfolio and launched high value products with limited competition in last 2 years. Further, commentary from top 6 Generic pharma players in NAG reveals pricing stability in generic pharma business. In the next 2 years, DRRD has healthy pipeline to launch drugs like gRemodulin, gDexilant, gNuvaring, gCopaxone and gKuvan and potentially gVascepa that could be a gSuboxone kind opportunity. We expect revenue CAGR of 8.7% in constant currency for North America Generic business over FY20-FY23E.
- Key risks: Increase in API prices, Further, Price erosion in US market, extension of lockdown

Key Financials (Consol)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | EBIDTA (Rs Cr) | Net Profit (Rs Cr) | EPS (Rs.) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | RoE (%) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| FY20P | 15,448 | 4,795 | 3,512 | 117.5 | 41.2 | 26.2 | 5.7 | 13.9 |
| FY21E | 17,517 | 4,147 | 2,026 | 162.6 | 29.8 | 19.8 | 5.2 | 17.3 |
| FY22E | 19,124 | 4,628 | 2,745 | 165.2 | 29.3 | 17.3 | 4.5 | 15.3 |
| FY23E | 21,154 | 5,183 | 3,100 | 186.5 | 25.9 | 15.0 | 3.9 | 15.0 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Income Statement

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20P | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net sales | 17,517 | 19,124 | 21,154 | 23,943 |
| Other operating income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Revenue | 17,517 | 19,124 | 21,154 | 23,943 |
| Cost of goods sold | 5,554 | 6,024 | 6,642 | 7,470 |
| Contribution (%) | 31.71% | 31.50% | 31.40% | 31.20% |
| Other operating costs | 7,816 | 8,472 | 9,329 | 10,367 |
| EBITDA | 4,147 | 4,628 | 5,183 | 6,105 |
| Other income | 621 | 358 | 378 | 398 |
| PBIDT | 4,768 | 4,986 | 5,560 | 6,503 |
| Depreciation | 1,163 | 1,267 | 1,372 | 1,477 |
| Interest & Fin Chg. | 98 | 107 | 109 | 112 |
| E/o income / (Expense) | -1,677 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax profit | 1,830 | 3,612 | 4,079 | 4,914 |
| Tax provision | -140 | 867 | 979 | 1,224 |
| (-) Minority Interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted PAT | 2,026 | 2,745 | 3,100 | 3,691 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported PAT | 2,026 | 2,745 | 3,100 | 3,691 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20P | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total assets | 23,225 | 25,609 | 28,689 | 32,746 |
| Net Block | 4,778 | 4,511 | 4,139 | 3,663 |
| CWIP | 436 | 436 | 436 | 436 |
| Investments | 2,402 | 2,402 | 2,402 | 2,402 |
| Wkg. cap. (excl cash) | 5,180 | 6,062 | 6,692 | 7,295 |
| Cash / Bank balance | 205 | 1,947 | 4,437 | 7,650 |
| Misc. Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital employed | 23,225 | 25,609 | 28,689 | 32,746 |
| Equity capital | 83 | 83 | 83 | 83 |
| Reserves | 15,516 | 17,869 | 20,578 | 23,877 |
| Pref. Share Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minority Interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Borrowings | 1,784 | 1,783 | 1,823 | 1,863 |
| Def tax Liabilities | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Cash Flow | FY20P | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sources | | | | | |
| Cash profit | 4,646 | 3,189 | 4,012 | 4,472 | |
| (-) Dividends | -392 | -392 | -392 | -392 | |
| Retained earnings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Issue of equity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Change in Oth. Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Borrowings | -1,629 | -0 | 40 | 40 | |
| Others | -1,570 | -0 | -0 | 0 | |
| Applications | | | | | |
| | 627 | 495 | 645 | 645 | |
| Capital expenditure | 553 | -1,000 | -1,000 | -1,000 | |
| Investments | -67 | -0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Net current assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Change in cash | -471 | 1,947 | 4,437 | 7,650 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Key Ratios | FY20P | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Sales growth | 13.4 | 9.2 | 10.6 | 13.2 | |
| OPM | | | | | |
| Oper. profit growth | 23.7 | 24.2 | 24.5 | 25.5 | |
| COGS / Net sales | 30.0 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 17.8 | |
| Overheads/Net sales | 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.4 | 31.2 | |
| Depreciation / G. block | 44.6 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 43.3 | |
| Effective interest rate | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | |
| | (7.4) | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.9 | |
| Net wkg.cap / Net sales | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | |
| Net sales / Gr block (x) | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | |
| RoCE | | | | | |
| Debt / equity (x) | 19.0 | 21.3 | 23.5 | 27.6 | |
| Effective tax rate | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| | (7.4) | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.9 | |
| RoE | | | | | |
| Payout ratio (Div/NP) | 17.3 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 15.4 | |
| | 471.2 | 471.2 | 471.2 | 471.2 | |
| EPS (Rs.) | | | | | |
| EPS Growth | 162.6 | 165.2 | 186.5 | 222.1 | |
| CEPS (Rs.) | 38.6 | 1.6 | 12.9 | 19.1 | |
| DPS (Rs.) | 232.6 | 241.4 | 269.1 | 310.9 | |
| | 23.6 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 23.6 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

BIOCON – BIOSIMILARS TO DRIVE GROWTH

Biocon has created a niche in the business of custom research in pharmaceuticals space; it operates in four broad business verticals, viz., small molecules & generic formulations, research services, biologics and branded formulations, each contributing 32%, 32%, 24% and 12% of revenues respectively. Biocon's subsidiary Biocon Biologics has entered into partnership with Mylan (who has exclusive marketing rights for developed markets viz., EU, US, Japan etc) for developing 11 products, and with Sandoz for few undisclosed assets on cost share and 50:50 profit share arrangement; overall, the company has been working on around 28 assets to be developed and monetized in near future.

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
429

Target Price
470

Upside
9%

Key Rationale

- Biocon Biologics and Mylan launched Semglee™ (insulin glargine injection) in the U.S. to expand access for diabetic Patients; Semglee would be available in vial and pen presentations at a 65% discounted list price, the lowest available for a long-acting insulin glargine on the market.
- Company is also on track with development of Insulin Aspart for global markets. Currently in global phase 3 trials, expects BLA submission in US (USD 1.5 bn market) in mid CY20 and under review with EMA for Europe market (USD 666 mn), developments are as per plan. Further Mylan plans to launch Bevacizumab in Europe in later part of the year; BLA for Bevacizumab has already been filed in US (USD 3 bn) and MAA submission in EU (USD 1.9 bn); both the filings are under review; target for launch in US market is Dec'20.
- **Key risks:** aggressive competition to protect market share, tepid response for key molecules planned for launch

Key Rationale

- Driven by market share gains and new launches in these high margin biosimilars, the Biologics segment is expected to post robust revenue growth (approx. in mid-twenties) over next 2/3 years; Biocon management has set an ambitious target to cross \$1 bn revenues for Biologics over next couple of years (from around \$300 plus mn in FY20). Biocon is targeting to have 8 different biosimilars to be sold by FY22 thereby addressing market size of USD 33bn, further the company is planning to deliver atleast 3 additional molecules between FY23 and FY25.
- Biocon is expected to invest aggressively thereby ploughing back substantial capital over next couple of years to build its product portfolio, conduct trials and support it with adequate manufacturing capacities which would limit free cash flow generation.
- Valuation. We expect annual revenue growth at 25% CAGR over FY20-22E, PAT at 47% CAGR over the same period; EBIDTA margins to expand from ~27% in FY20 to 29% by FY22E driven by increased contribution from high margin Biologics segment. We value the Biocon at 35x FY22 earnings to arrive at target of Rs 474.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs) | EBIDTA (Rs) | Net Profit (Rs) | FDEPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | RoE (%) |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|---------|---------------|----------|---------|
| 2020 | 6,367 | 1,603 | 871 | 7.3 | 59.5 | 32.9 | 7.0 | 11.8 |
| 2021E | 8,153 | 1,957 | 1,007 | 8.4 | 51.5 | 27.1 | 6.3 | 12.2 |
| 2022E | 10,106 | 2,648 | 1,458 | 12.2 | 35.5 | 19.8 | 5.4 | 15.3 |
| 2023E | 12,384 | 3,307 | 1,878 | 15.6 | 27.6 | 15.6 | 4.6 | 16.6 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Net sales | 6,367 | 8,153 | 10,106 | 12,384 |
| Other operating income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total income | 6,367 | 8,153 | 10,106 | 12,384 |
| COGS | | | | |
| Employee Exp. | 2,052 | 2,568 | 3,133 | 3,814 |
| Other Expenses | 32.2% | 31.5% | 31.0% | 30.8% |
| EBIDTA | 2,712 | 3,628 | 4,325 | 5,263 |
| Other income | | | | |
| PBIDT | 1,603 | 1,957 | 2,648 | 3,307 |
| Depreciation | 161 | 85 | 120 | 145 |
| Interest & Fin Chg. | | | | |
| Pre-tax profit | 1,765 | 2,042 | 2,768 | 3,452 |
| Tax provision | 552 | 688 | 820 | 952 |
| PAT | 65 | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| (-) Minority Interests | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates | 1,215 | 1,287 | 1,882 | 2,433 |
| Adjusted PAT | 315 | 318 | 461 | 593 |
| Extraordinary adj. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported PAT | -29 | 38 | 38 | 38 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total assets | 14,444 | 16,632 | 19,461 | 22,960 |
| Net Block | 8,181 | 9,493 | 10,673 | 11,721 |
| CWIP | 1,577 | 1,577 | 1,577 | 1,577 |
| Investments | 952 | 952 | 952 | 952 |
| Wkg. cap. (excl cash) | 1,335 | 1,698 | 2,104 | 2,579 |
| Cash / Bank balance | 999 | 795 | 1,243 | 2,292 |
| Misc. Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Capital employed | 14,444 | 16,632 | 19,462 | 22,960 |
| Equity capital | 600.0 | 600.0 | 600.0 | 600.0 |
| Reserves | 6,783 | 7,646 | 8,960 | 10,693 |
| Pref. Share Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minority Interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Def tax Liabilities | 368 | 368 | 368 | 368 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Cash Flow

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| PBT | 1,186 | 1,325 | 1,919 | 2,471 |
| Add: depreciation | 552 | 688 | 820 | 952 |
| Add: Interest | 65 | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| Cash flow from operations | 1,803 | 2,079 | 2,805 | 3,489 |
| Change in working capital | -927 | -246 | -313 | -363 |
| Taxes | 315 | 318 | 461 | 593 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash from operations | 2,415 | 2,007 | 2,658 | 3,259 |
| Capital expenditure | -2,320 | -2,000 | -2,000 | -2,000 |
| Change in Investments | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash from investing | -2,303 | -2,000 | -2,000 | -2,000 |
| Increase/Decrease in debt | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends | -70 | -144 | -144 | -144 |
| Proceedings from equity | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest | -65 | -66 | -66 | -66 |
| Others | -438 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash from financing | -170 | -211 | -211 | -211 |
| Net Inc./(Dec.) in Cash | -58 | -203 | 448 | 1,049 |
| Opening cash balance | 1,057 | 999 | 795 | 1,243 |
| Closing cash balance | 999 | 795 | 1,243 | 2,292 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Ratio Analysis

(%)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sales growth | 15.5 | 28.0 | 24.0 | 22.5 |
| OPM | 25.2 | 24.0 | 26.2 | 26.7 |
| Oper. profit growth | 15.1 | 22.0 | 35.3 | 24.9 |
| COGS / Net sales | 32.2 | 31.5 | 31.0 | 30.8 |
| Overheads/Net sales | 42.6 | 44.5 | 42.8 | 42.5 |
| Depreciation / G. block | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| Effective interest rate | 26.6 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 |
| Net wkg.cap / Net sales | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Net sales / Gr block (x) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| RoCE | 11.4 | 11.9 | 14.2 | 15.7 |
| Debt / equity (x) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Effective tax rate | 26.6 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 24.0 |
| RoE | 11.8 | 12.2 | 15.3 | 16.6 |
| Payout ratio (Div/NP) | 8.0 | 14.3 | 9.9 | 7.7 |
| EPS (Rs.) | 7.3 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 15.6 |
| EPS Growth | (13.1) | 15.6 | 44.8 | 28.8 |
| CEPS (Rs.) | 36.4 | 30.6 | 22.8 | 18.3 |
| DPS (Rs.) | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

TECH MAHINDRA – STRONG BROAD BASED GROWTH

Tech Mahindra is India's leading IT services provider to many business conglomerate. Tech Mahindra is headquartered in Mumbai (India) and has strong presence across geographies like North America, Europe, Middle East, Australia etc. The company provides specialized IT services to its clients across verticals like Communications, Healthcare, and BFSI etc.

Key Rationale

- **Strong Q2 FY21 performance aided by capabilities:** Q2 revenue recovery of 2.9% QoQ cc was equally split between demand traction and easing of supply-side issues. Management expects demand momentum led by acceleration in Digital to aid further growth. Growth is expected to be in both: (i) Communications led by transformation of IT, network, systems, processes over the next 3-9 months and (ii) Enterprise led by traction in Digital with near term momentum expected to be led by Manufacturing, Retail and Utilities; there is a possibility of increased furloughs in Q3, but management has not witnessed any indication of it currently.
- **Strong deal wins and pipeline reflect demand acceleration:** Net new deal wins recovered to \$ 421 mn in Q2 (Q1FY21\$ 209mn, Q4FY20:\$ 513 mn) and large number of medium sized deals were closed in Q2. Moreover, deal pipeline is trending at all-time high led by (i) advanced stage discussions within network and core transformation within Communications and (ii) Data and Digital within Enterprise. Reflects demand acceleration.
- Tech Mahindra posted robust broad based growth. Its Telecommunication vertical grew by 3.1% QoQ, Technologies Media & Entertainment vertical grew by 13.5% QoQ, BFSI vertical grew by 9.7% QoQ, and Retail Transportations & Entertainment grew by 8.1% QoQ.

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs) | EBIDTA (Rs) | Net Profit (Rs) | FDEPS (Rs) | Change (%) | PER (x) | RoE (%) | RoCE (%) |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 2020 | 36,354 | 5,832 | 4,130 | 48.0 | 8 | 13.2 | 20% | 19% |
| 2021E | 37,548 | 6,563 | 4,230 | 50.0 | 4% | 14.2 | 21% | 19% |
| 2022E | 42,354 | 7,498 | 4,852 | 55.0 | 10% | 12.3 | 22% | 19% |
| 2023E | 47,860 | 10,495 | 5,531 | 62.7 | 14% | 10.3 | 25% | 21% |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
877

Target Price
975

Upside
11%

Key Rationale

- **Initial traction in 5G; may pick up in FY22:** Management sees initial traction in 5G both on (i) Communications side where traction is visible in modernization IT, network, process and systems, and (ii) Enterprise side where it signed 3 Manufacturing 5G solutions in Europe and 1 in US. While timing of pickup is difficult to predict, management expects 5G growth to pick up in FY22 or at most in FY23. We expect initial traction and pipeline build-up to aid network and core modernization for 5G within Communications in FY22. We see 5G for Enterprise as a longer term opportunity and expect it to pick up in FY23 and beyond.
- **Strong and sustainable margin growth:** Q2 operating margin expanded 410 bps to 14.2%. Margin expansion was aided mainly by (i) stabilization of demand and supply side constraints (+160 bps), (ii) offshore, utilization and sub-contracting cost (+160 bps) and (iii) normalization of seasonality in mobility business and absence of visa costs (+70 bps).
- **Valuations** We believe Tech Mahindra has a resilient business structure from a long term perspective. We recommend **BUY** and assign 16x P/E multiple to its FY23E earnings of Rs. 62.7, which gives a **TP of Rs. 975 per share.**

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net sales | 36,354 | 37,548 | 42,354 | 47,860 |
| Growth, % | 5% | 3% | 13% | 13% |
| Other income | 1,090 | 1,232 | 1,380 | 1,561 |
| Total income | 3,744 | 3,878 | 4,373 | 4,942 |
| Employee expenses | 18,718 | 20,767 | 22,858 | 23,099 |
| Other Operating expenses | 6,561 | 7,611 | 8,307 | 9,194 |
| EBITDA (Core) | 5,832 | 6,563 | 7,498 | 10,495 |
| Growth, % | -8% | 13% | 14% | 40% |
| Margin, % | 16% | 17% | 18% | 22% |
| Depreciation | 1,379 | 1,438 | 1,273 | 1,584 |
| EBIT | 4,453 | 5,126 | 6,225 | 8,911 |
| Growth, % | -14% | 15% | 21% | 43% |
| Margin, % | 12% | 14% | 15% | 19% |
| Interest paid | 185 | 133 | 104 | 95 |
| Pre-tax profit | 5,358 | 6,225 | 7,501 | 10,377 |
| Tax provided | 1,268 | 1,666 | 2,008 | 3,228 |
| Profit after tax | 4,089 | 4,559 | 5,494 | 7,149 |
| Net Profit | 4,130 | 4,230 | 4,852 | 5,531 |
| Growth, % | -4% | 2% | 15% | 14% |
| Net Profit (adjusted) | 4,130 | 4,230 | 4,852 | 5,531 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash & bank | 1,722 | 3,154 | 5,518 | 10,459 |
| Debtors | 7,370 | 8,336 | 9,225 | 10,209 |
| Other current assets | 6,590 | 6,590 | 6,590 | 6,590 |
| Total current assets | 22,065 | 24,803 | 28,359 | 34,007 |
| Net fixed assets | 1,971 | 1,243 | 431 | 431 |
| CWIP | 276 | 276 | 276 | 276 |
| Other Non current assets | 752 | 752 | 752 | 752 |
| Differed tax assets | 609 | 609 | 609 | 609 |
| Total Non Current Assets | 361 | 288 | 207 | 207 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total assets | 33,543 | 35,964 | 39,321 | 44,341 |
| Creditors | 2,592 | 2,795 | 2,971 | 3,114 |
| Provisions | 395 | 395 | 395 | 395 |
| Total current liabilities | 9,800 | 9,763 | 9,939 | 10,082 |
| Other liabilities | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 |
| Paid-up capital | 433 | 433 | 433 | 433 |
| Reserves & surplus | 20,125 | 22,624 | 25,847 | 30,724 |
| Shareholders' equity | 2,056 | 2,306 | 2,628 | 3,116 |
| Total equity & liabilities | 33,543 | 35,964 | 39,321 | 44,341 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Pre-tax profit | 5,358 | 6,225 | 7,501 | 10,377 | |
| Depreciation | 1,379 | 1,438 | 1,273 | 1,584 | |
| Chg in working capital | -820 | -1,306 | -1,192 | -706 | |
| Total tax paid | 1,268 | 1,666 | 2,008 | 3,228 | |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 5,812 | 6,200 | 7,410 | 11,238 | |
| Capital expenditure | 727 | 710 | 673 | 745 | |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -727 | -710 | -673 | -745 | |
| Free cash flow | 5,812 | 6,200 | 7,410 | 11,238 | |
| Dividend (incl. tax) | 3,846 | 2,112 | 2,323 | 2,323 | |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -291 | -281 | -42 | 24 | |
| Net chg in cash | -321 | 1,432 | 2,364 | 4,941 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Per Share data | | | | | |
| EPS (INR) | 48.0 | 50.0 | 55.0 | 62.7 | |
| Growth, % | -2% | 4% | 10% | 14% | |
| Book NAV/share (INR) | 233.6 | 262.0 | 298.6 | 354.1 | |
| FDEPS (INR) | 39 | 42 | 46 | 46 | |
| CEPS (INR) | 62.6 | 68.7 | 77.5 | 99.8 | |
| CFPS (INR) | 36.5 | 43.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | |
| DPS (INR) | 24 | 21 | 24 | 24 | |
| Return ratios | | | | | |
| Return on assets (%) | 12% | 13% | 14% | 16% | |
| Return on equity (%) | 20% | 21% | 22% | 25% | |
| Return on capital emp. (%) | 19% | 19% | 19% | 21% | |
| Turnover ratios | | | | | |
| Asset turnover (x) | 18.4 | 32.6 | 69.8 | 65.0 | |
| Sales/Total assets (x) | 18.4 | 32.6 | 69.8 | 65.0 | |
| Receivables Days | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | |
| Cash conversion cycle | 25.5 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 2.4 | |
| Liquidity ratios | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.2 | |
| Quick Ratio | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.3 | |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Leverage Ratio | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Valuation | | | | | |
| PER (x) | 13.2 | 14.2 | 12.3 | 11.3 | |
| Price/Book (x) | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.2 | |
| EV/Net sales (x) | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 7.3 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | |
| Dividend Yeild | 4.4 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

BHARTI AIRTEL – AHEAD OF MARKET OPERATING PERFORMANCE

Bharti Airtel is one of the largest telecom companies in the world with operations spanning 18 countries and a subscriber base of more than 420 mn subscribers. It is the second largest wireless telecom operator in terms of revenue after Reliance Jio. Bharti Airtel is a well capitalized telecom operators with offerings across the telecom spectrum of enterprise and fixed line broadband services.

Key Rationale

- Bharti Airtel reported solid numbers Q2FY21 beating consensus estimates both on financial and operating parameters. The India wireless business reported robust numbers with an ARPU increase of 3% qoq to Rs 162 which was significantly higher than expectations. Data consumption has continued register very strong growth.
- Jio's ARPU improvement to Rs 145 from 140 was higher than Bharti on account of price hikes but Bharti still has the best quality subscriber.
- The margins for the quarter were quite robust with 47bps qoq improvement but the India business margins improved even more by 156bps qoq and 476bps YoY.
- The Africa business continues to perform well and it has been adding significant value in terms of consistent growth in operating profits and cash flows.
- Capex for the quarter at Rs 67bn was high vs Q1 FY21 as guided by the management it has declined from the peak levels.
- Indian telecom market has seen a major round of tariff hikes in the month of December with all the telecom operators taking tariff hikes. The full impact of tariff hikes was seen Q4FY20 revenues. The ARPU improvement in Q2FY21 was a function of customers upgrading and better post paid sales. However, considering the industry structure further tariff hikes cannot be ruled out in the forthcoming quarters which will lead to consistent EBIDTA improvement. Bharti's management indicated that ARPU will reach Rs 200 over the medium term but timing for tariff hikes is difficult to calibrate.

Key Rationale

- Regulatory challenges are well known and Bharti Airtel is well capitalized to deal with the payouts as it has raised enough capital (Rs 450bn equity in FY20) and has access to debt as there are no major business solvency risks associated with it.
- We maintain our ARPU assumptions and forecast 13%/17% CAGR for Revenue/EBIDTA over the period FY20-23E. Profit growth will be even more significant considering FY20E was a loss for the company. Our forecast is based on significant ARPU improvement from current Rs 162/subs/month (Q2FY20) to Rs 208/subs/month by end of Q4FY23. While the ARPU improvement seems significant but our FY23 ARPU forecast is similar to Q4FY15. Thus, our estimates are conservative considering the concentrated industry structure and far greater level of value provided to the customer.
- Jio has raised Rs 1. 4 trillion bn at an EV of Rs 5.1 trillion through a mix of strategic and PE deals. Jio's valuation is significantly higher than Bharti Airtel's current valuation (Rs 4.1 trillion) which has more lines of services, significantly higher revenues and geographies of operation.
- **Valuation:** We value the company based on SOTP valuation at Rs 673. The value could increase by a further Rs 40/share if Vodafone-Idea shuts down. Our SOTP valuation implies an EV/EBIDTA of 9.5x on FY22E EBIDTA.

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
463

Target Price
676

Upside
46%

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | EBIDTA (Rs Cr) | Net Profit | EPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | ROE (%) | Debt/Equity (%) |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| 2020 | 87,539 | 36,581 | (38,187) | (74.4) | nmf | 8.6 | 2.9 | (47.8) | 144.6 |
| 2021E | 49,009 | 49,009 | 47,858 | 93.2 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 37.5 | 97.5 |
| 2022E | 61,540 | 61,540 | 54,644 | 106.4 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 30.0 | 64.3 |
| 2023E | 70,654 | 70,654 | 65,763 | 128.1 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 26.5 | 44.5 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Profit & Loss

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net sales | 87,539 | 103,293 | 118,820 | 132,428 |
| Growth, % | 8 | 18 | 15 | 11 |
| Total income | 87,539 | 103,293 | 118,820 | 132,428 |
| Raw material expenses | -10,740 | -9,281 | -7,560 | -8,196 |
| Employee expenses | -3,807 | -4,562 | -4,870 | -5,266 |
| Other Operating expenses | -49,503 | -52,899 | -56,036 | -60,428 |
| EBITDA (Core) | 36,581 | 49,009 | 61,540 | 70,654 |
| Growth, % | 41.7 | 34.0 | 25.6 | 14.8 |
| Margin, % | 41.8 | 47.4 | 51.8 | 53.4 |
| Depreciation | -27,690 | -29,335 | -27,910 | -26,110 |
| EBIT | 8,892 | 19,674 | 33,631 | 44,544 |
| Growth, % | 98.9 | 121.3 | 70.9 | 32.4 |
| Margin, % | 10.2 | 19.0 | 28.3 | 33.6 |
| Interest paid | -13,205 | -13,965 | -12,160 | -9,863 |
| Other Non-Operating Income | 288 | 1,176 | 1,046 | 1,038 |
| Non-recurring Items | -40,362 | -42 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax profit | -43,734 | 7,029 | 22,595 | 35,775 |
| Tax provided | 7,238 | -6,516 | -7,908 | -12,521 |
| Profit after tax | -36,496 | 514 | 14,687 | 23,254 |
| Others (Minorities, Associates) | -1,691 | 47,302 | 39,957 | 42,510 |
| Net Profit | -38,187 | 47,816 | 54,644 | 65,763 |
| Growth, % | 1,539.0 | (225.3) | 14.2 | 20.3 |
| Net Profit (adjusted) | (38,187) | 47,858 | 54,644 | 65,763 |
| Unadj. shares (bn) | 513.4 | 513.4 | 513.4 | 513.4 |
| Wtd avg shares (bn) | 513.4 | 513.4 | 513.4 | 513.4 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet

(Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash & bank | 31,688 | 26,256 | 28,347 | 30,905 |
| Marketable securities at cost | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debtors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inventory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Loans & advances | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other current assets | 46,983 | 39,561 | 39,781 | 40,009 |
| Total current assets | 78,671 | 65,817 | 68,128 | 70,914 |
| Investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gross fixed assets | 243,219 | 237,899 | 236,109 | 234,457 |
| Less: Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Add: Capital WIP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net fixed assets | 243,219 | 237,899 | 236,109 | 234,457 |
| Non-current assets | 38,889 | 36,820 | 37,373 | 37,933 |
| Total assets | 363,497 | 384,159 | 392,190 | 409,982 |
| Current liabilities | 131,488 | 109,865 | 108,222 | 106,979 |
| Provisions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total current liabilities | 131,488 | 109,865 | 108,222 | 106,979 |
| Non-current liabilities | 127,162 | 142,389 | 137,375 | 133,156 |
| Total liabilities | 258,650 | 252,253 | 245,597 | 240,135 |
| Paid-up capital | 2,567 | 2,567 | 2,567 | 2,567 |
| Reserves & surplus | 77,296 | 125,112 | 179,757 | 245,520 |
| Shareholders' equity | 104,848 | 131,906 | 146,593 | 169,846 |
| Total equity & liabilities | 363,497 | 384,159 | 392,190 | 409,982 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Cash Flow | | (Rs Cr) | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Pre-tax profit | -43,734 | 7,029 | 22,595 | 35,775 | |
| Depreciation | 27,690 | 29,335 | 27,910 | 26,110 | |
| Chg in working capital | -41,068 | 14,727 | 1,141 | 1,405 | |
| Total tax paid | 7,796 | -6,345 | -7,508 | -12,034 | |
| Other operating activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Cash flow from operating activities | -51,997 | 45,488 | 44,115 | 51,232 | |
| Capital expenditure | -30,201 | -24,016 | -26,120 | -24,457 | |
| Chg in investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Chg in marketable securities | -26,806 | 7,422 | -220 | -228 | |
| Other investing activities | 28,523 | -2,603 | -6,560 | -12,647 | |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -1,026 | -26,432 | -32,602 | -37,048 | |
| Free cash flow | -53,023 | 19,056 | 11,514 | 14,184 | |
| Equity raised/(repaid) | 46,628 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Debt raised/(repaid) | 28,202 | 9,078 | -7,305 | -6,877 | |
| Dividend (incl. tax) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Other financing activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Cash flow from financing activities | 84,597 | 35,622 | -7,305 | -6,877 | |
| Net chg in cash | 31,574 | 54,678 | 4,209 | 7,308 | |
| Opening cash balance | 14,923 | 31,688 | 26,256 | 28,347 | |
| Closing cash balance | 31,688 | 26,256 | 28,347 | 30,905 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

| Ratio Analysis | | (%) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | |
| Per Share data | | | | | |
| EPS (INR) | (74.4) | 93.2 | 106.4 | 128.1 | |
| Growth, % | 1,176.2 | (225.3) | 14.2 | 20.3 | |
| Book NAV/share (INR) | 155.6 | 248.7 | 355.1 | 483.2 | |
| FDEPS (INR) | (74.4) | 93.2 | 106.4 | 128.1 | |
| CEPS (INR) | (20.4) | 150.4 | 160.8 | 179.0 | |
| CFPS (INR) | | 39.8 | 81.6 | 96.3 | |
| DPS (INR) | - | - | - | - | |
| Return ratios | | | | | |
| Return on assets (%) | (9.0) | 2.5 | 6.4 | 8.4 | |
| Return on equity (%) | (47.8) | 37.5 | 30.0 | 26.5 | |
| Return on capital employed (%) | (13.8) | 3.5 | 7.8 | 9.8 | |
| Turnover ratios | | | | | |
| Asset turnover (x) | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | |
| Sales/Total assets (x) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | |
| Sales/Net FA (x) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | |
| Working capital/Sales (x) | (1.0) | (0.7) | (0.6) | (0.5) | |
| Fixed capital/Sales (x) | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | |
| Working capital days | (352.3) | (248.4) | (210.2) | (184.6) | |
| Liquidity ratios | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | |
| Quick ratio (x) | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | |
| Interest cover (x) | 0.7 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 4.5 | |
| Total debt/Equity (%) | 144.6 | 97.5 | 64.3 | 44.5 | |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | 104.9 | 77.0 | 48.7 | 32.0 | |
| Valuation | | | | | |
| PER (x) | (6.1) | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.5 | |
| Price/Book (x) | 2.9 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 | |
| EV/Net sales (x) | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 8.6 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 | |
| EV/EBIT (x) | 35.5 | 16.8 | 9.5 | 7.0 | |

Source: Company, Axis Research

HCL TECHNOLOGIES – BETTER PRODUCT MIX, STRONG EXECUTION

HCL Technologies Limited, an Indian Information technology (IT) service and consulting company headquartered in Noida, UP is a next-generation global technology company that helps enterprises reimaging their businesses for the digital age. HCL technologies products, services and engineering are built on strong innovation making more sustainable business model even in uncertainties.

Key Rationale

- **Robust business structure in global uncertainties:** HCL Technologies may see faster recovery after COVID 19 outbreak also the management has upgraded revenue guidance as it expects strong client side demand recovery across verticals like Healthcare, Financial Services, and Telecom & Media. Deal pipeline also remained strong across services and geographies. Management now expects revenue growth to exceed 3.5% QoQ in CC terms compared to earlier expectation of 1.5-2.5% CQGR over Q2-Q4FY21 and margin of 20-21% (guidance of 19.5-20% for FY21) for FY21. HCL Tech announced that it is going to acquire DWS group headquartered in Australia. With the acquisition of DWS HCL tech will be able to expand its footprints in Australia and New Zealand
- **Digital transformation business is intact for HCL tech even in global lockdown:** IT service provider's engagement with its partner network has expanded beyond certifications into setup of co-innovation centres, building industry solutions, ISV partnerships and joint sourcing of deals. These partnerships play a significant role in implementation, rollouts & upgrades, validation and support services.

Key Rationale

- Recent deal trend continues to be healthy for HCL tech and is reflective of traction in Retail & CPG, Manufacturing and BFSI verticals. HCL Tech has received 15 digital transformational deals in Q2 FY21. We believe that COVID outbreak will create huge opportunities across geographies for HCL Tech to post strong organic growth over different verticals.
- **Healthy growth aided by Product and Platform business:** HCL Tech had reported better than expected Q2FY21 numbers on both margin and revenue front. Strong revenue growth in Mode 2 business (15% YoY) helps HCL Tech to achieve higher growth momentum on longer term with more advance technologies. Better business matrix will help to generate higher operating business even if there is pricing pressure across verticals. We believe better business matrix and large long term contracts makes HCL Tech a promising investment as compared to its Indian peers.
- **Valuations** We believe HCLT has a resilient business structure from a long term perspective. We recommend **BUY** and assign 16.6x P/E multiple to its FY23E earnings of Rs. 58.8, which gives a TP of Rs. 975 per share

Industry view



Overweight

CMP
822

Target Price
975

Upside
19%

Key Financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs Cr) | Net Sales (Rs Cr) | EBIDTA (Rs Cr) | Net Profit | EPS (Rs) | PER (x) | EV/EBIDTA (x) | P/BV (x) | ROE (%) |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|---------|
| 2020 | 70,678 | 16,694 | 11,062 | 41 | 17.9 | 7.7 | 3.4 | 24 |
| 2021E | 78,050 | 17,590 | 11,845 | 46.1 | 18.1 | 9.5 | 3.1 | 18 |
| 2022E | 85,509 | 20,424 | 14,088 | 52.1 | 15.7 | 8.1 | 3.2 | 19 |
| 2023E | 94,009 | 24,549 | 17,073 | 58.8 | 14 | 7 | 2.7 | 23 |

Source: Company, Axis Securities

Profit & Loss (Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net sales | 70,678 | 78,050 | 85,509 | 94,009 |
| Growth, % | 17% | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Other income | 193 | 814 | 1,153 | 1,302 |
| Total income | 7,087 | 7,886 | 8,666 | 9,531 |
| Employee expenses | 44,018 | 50,313 | 54,823 | 58,179 |
| Other Operating expenses | 9,966 | 10,146 | 10,261 | 11,281 |
| EBITDA | 16,694 | 17,590 | 20,424 | 24,549 |
| Growth, % | 20% | 5% | 16% | 20% |
| Margin, % | 24% | 23% | 24% | 26% |
| Depreciation | 2,841 | 2,413 | 2,605 | 2,911 |
| EBIT | 1,385 | 1,599 | 1,897 | 2,294 |
| Growth, % | 17% | 15% | 19% | 21% |
| Margin, % | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Interest paid | -15 | 262 | 148 | 134 |
| Pre-tax profit | 14,061 | 15,730 | 18,825 | 22,806 |
| Tax provided | 2,938 | 3,854 | 4,706 | 5,701 |
| Profit after tax | 11,123 | 11,876 | 14,119 | 17,104 |
| Net Profit | 11,062 | 11,845 | 14,088 | 17,073 |
| Growth, % | 9% | 7% | 19% | 21% |
| Net Profit (adjusted) | 11,062 | 11,845 | 14,088 | 17,073 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Balance Sheet (Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash & bank | 8,385 | 11,166 | 13,769 | 22,512 |
| Debtors | 14,134 | 15,994 | 17,990 | 19,778 |
| Other current assets | 5,188 | 5,188 | 5,188 | 5,188 |
| Total current assets | 38,333 | 44,027 | 49,775 | 60,887 |
| Goodwill & Intangible Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net fixed assets | 5,713 | 1,967 | 1,500 | 939 |
| CWIP | 531 | 531 | 531 | 531 |
| Other Noncurrent assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Non Current Assets | 2,946 | 2,998 | 3,080 | 3,080 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total assets | 83,216 | 92,562 | 110,420 | 110,420 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Creditors | 1,917 | 1,982 | 1,956 | 2,088 |
| Provisions | 8,000 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Total current liabilities | 20,889 | 19,202 | 19,150 | 20,047 |
| Other liabilities | 2,548 | 2,548 | 2,548 | 2,548 |
| Paid-up capital | 543 | 543 | 543 | 543 |
| Reserves & surplus | 51,143 | 60,448 | 71,996 | 86,529 |
| Total equity & liabilities | 83,216 | 92,562 | 110,420 | 110,420 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Cash Flow (Rs Cr)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pre-tax profit | 14,062 | 15,731 | 18,826 | 22,807 |
| Depreciation | 2,841 | 2,413 | 2,605 | 2,911 |
| Chg in working capital | 338 | -4,600 | -3,196 | -1,472 |
| Total tax paid | 294 | 385 | 471 | 570 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 14,345 | 14,322 | 19,013 | 25,023 |
| Capital expenditure | 0 | 1,951 | 2,138 | 2,350 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -11,374 | -7,639 | -7,825 | -8,038 |
| Free cash flow | 297 | 473 | 905 | 1,463 |
| Dividend (incl. tax) | 2,540 | 2,540 | 2,540 | 2,540 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | 5,551 | -1,339 | -1,339 | 0 |
| Net chg in cash | 3,045 | 1,578 | 2,603 | 8,743 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

Ratio Analysis (%)

| Y/E March | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Per Share data | | | | |
| EPS (INR) | 40.76 | 46.06 | 52.05 | 58.82 |
| Growth, % | 10% | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| Book NAV/share (INR) | 375.7 | 443.3 | 527.2 | 632.9 |
| FDEPS (INR) | 39 | 42 | 46 | 46 |
| CEPS (INR) | 100.5 | 103.0 | 120.7 | 144.6 |
| CFPS (INR) | 36.5 | 43.8 | 42.8 | 47.936 |
| DPS (INR) | 23 | 25 | 27 | 30.24 |
| Return ratios | | | | |
| Return on assets (%) | 24% | 21% | 21% | 21% |
| Return on equity (%) | 24% | 18% | 19% | 21% |
| Return on capital employed (%) | 14% | 14% | 14% | 15% |
| Turnover ratios | | | | |
| Asset turnover (x) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Sales/Total assets (x) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.456 |
| Receivables Days | 70.4 | 70.4 | 70.4 | 70.4 |
| Cash conversion cycle | 36 | 35 | 35 | 39.2 |
| Liquidity ratios | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.136 |
| Interest cover (x) | 0 | 112 | 132 | 147.84 |
| Net debt/Equity (%) | | | | |
| Valuation | | | | |
| PER (x) | 17.9 | 18.1 | 15.7 | 14.4 |
| Price/Book (x) | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| EV/Net sales (x) | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 7.7 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 7.0 |
| Dividend Yeild | 1 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 |

Source: Company, Axis Research

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