

**SELL**TP: Rs 140 | **▼** 37%

**APOLLO TYRES** 

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# Margin headwinds ahead; maintain SELL

Apollo Tyres (APTY) delivered an operational beat in Q4FY21 led by better margins in European operation. Consolidated revenue dipped 3% QoQ to Rs 50bn, EBITDA margin dropped 300bps to 16.2% (–500bps est.), and adj. PAT fell 36% QoQ to Rs 2.9bn. We expect consolidated margins to remain stressed given steep RM cost inflation, higher share of the lower-margin India business, and an adverse product mix as OEM demand returns in FY22. Current valuations at 25x FY23E EPS look rich – retain SELL with an unchanged Mar'22 TP of Rs 140.

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**European operations cushion margin:** APTY's consolidated Q4FY21 revenue totalled Rs 50bn (-3% QoQ) on higher volume growth across segments. Though India operations reported a below-expected 38.6% gross margin, outperformance in Europe cushioned the decline in consolidated EBITDA margin to 300bps QoQ (vs. a 500bps contraction expected). Adj. PAT decreased 36% QoQ to Rs 2.9bn.

Margin headwinds ahead: With a 12% QoQ cost rise in the raw material basket in Q4, a further expected increase of ~10% QoQ in Q1FY22 and the inability of tyre companies to fully pass on the burden, we anticipate further margin erosion. Also, our FY21-FY23 revenue forecast at 14% CAGR for Indian operations vs. 8% for Europe implies an adverse margin mix, given better profitability in APTY's European business. Lastly, with Indian OEMs expected to clock healthy growth (vs. replacement demand), the sales mix could turn unfavourable, hurting margins.

**Valuations full – maintain SELL:** Our FY22/FY23 revenue estimates are in line with consensus, but we are ~35% lower on EPS given weaker operating margin expectations. We pencil in a revenue/EBITDA/adj. PAT CAGR of +11%/-2%/-23% for the company over FY21-FY23. The stock is trading at an expensive 25x FY23E EPS. Maintain SELL with a Mar'22 TP of Rs 140 (16x FY23E EPS).

Ticker/Price	APTY IN/Rs 221
Market cap	US\$ 1.7bn
Shares o/s	572mn
3M ADV	US\$ 25.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 261/Rs 89
Promoter/FPI/DII	41%/23%/17%
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Source: NSE

### STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	175,488	163,270	173,970	194,362	215,347
EBITDA (Rs mn)	17,762	19,155	27,975	24,288	26,917
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	6,798	4,764	9,579	4,803	5,665
Adj. EPS (Rs)	15.4	8.3	5.5	7.6	8.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(6.1)	(29.9)	81.2	(49.9)	17.9
Adj. ROAE (%)	6.8	4.8	8.1	4.0	4.6
Adj. P/E (x)	14.4	26.6	40.2	29.3	24.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.1	8.8	6.4	7.0	6.1

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research  $\mid$  P - Provisional



FIG 1 - QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE - CONSOLIDATED

(Rs mn)	Q4FY21	Q4FY20	Y <sub>0</sub> Y (%)	Q3FY21	Q <sub>0</sub> Q (%)	FY21	FY20	Y <sub>0</sub> Y (%)
Net Revenues	50,257	36,101	39.2	51,538	(2.5)	173,356	163,270	6.2
Total Income (A)	50,257	36,101	39.2	51,538	(2.5)	173,356	163,270	6.2
Operating Expenses:								
Raw materials consumed	27,585	19,020	45.0	27,039	2.0	93,945	90,756	3.5
Employee Expenses	6,704	6,017	11.4	6,826	(1.8)	25,134	24,822	1.3
Other Expenses	7,821	6,314	23.9	7,779	0.5	26,917	28,537	(5.7)
Total Expenditure (B)	42,110	31,351	34.3	41,644	1.1	145,995	144,115	1.3
EBITDA (A-B)	8,147	4,750	71.5	9,894	(17.7)	27,361	19,155	42.8
Other Income	619	(24)	(2682.6)	636	(2.7)	1,908	469	306.9
Depreciation	3,477	3,137	10.8	3,273	6.2	13,150	11,381	15.5
EBIT	5,288	1,590	232.7	7,257	(27.1)	16,119	8,243	95.6
Finance Costs	1,042	912	14.2	1,049	(0.7)	4,429	2,808	57.7
PBT before excep items	4,247	677	526.9	6,208	(31.6)	11,690	5,434	115.1
Exceptional loss/ (profit)	13	-	NA	55	(77.2)	127	-	NA
PBT after excep items	4,234	677	525.0	6,153	(31.2)	11,562	5,434	112.8
Tax expense	1,361	(101)	(1444.9)	1,715	(20.6)	3,598	670	436.6
Reported PAT	2,873	779	269.0	4,438	(35.3)	7,965	4,764	67.2
Adjusted PAT	2,885	779	270.6	4,493	(35.8)	8,092	4,764	69.9
Adj EPS (Rs)	5.0	1.4	269.0	7.8	(35.3)	13.9	8.3	67.2

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

## FIG 2 - KEY PARAMETERS - CONSOLIDATED

(%)	Q4FY21	Q4FY20	YoY (bps)	Q3FY21	QoQ (bps)	FY21	FY20	YoY (bps)
Gross margin	45.1	47.3	(220)	47.5	(242)	45.8	44.4	139
EBITDA margin	16.2	13.2	305	19.2	(299)	15.8	11.7	405
EBIT margin	10.5	4.4	612	14.1	(356)	9.3	5.0	425
PBT margin	8.5	1.9	657	12.0	(360)	6.7	3.3	341
Tax rate	32.2	(14.9)	4,709	27.9	428	31.1	12.3	1,878
Adj PAT margin	5.7	2.2	358	8.7	(298)	4.7	2.9	175

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

## FIG 3 - REGION WISE PERFORMANCE - CONSOLIDATED

(Rs mn)	Q4FY21	Q4FY20	Y <sub>0</sub> Y (%)	Q3FY21	Q <sub>0</sub> Q (%)	FY21	FY20	Y <sub>0</sub> Y (%)
Revenues								
India	36,876	24,742	49.0	34,494	6.9	119,187	112,555	5.9
Europe	14,044	11,638	20.7	17,469	(19.6)	56,138	52,505	6.9
Other Segment	8,872	4,911	80.6	7,979	11.2	25,276	25,781	(2.0)
(less) Intersegment and others	(9,535)	(5,190)	83.7	(8,404)	13.5	(27,245)	(27,571)	(1.2)
Total	50,257	36,101	39.2	51,538	(2.5)	173,356	163,270	6.2
EBIT								
India	4,400	1,780	147.2	5,822	(24.4)	14,695	8,000	83.7
Europe	648	(298)	(317.2)	1,182	(45.2)	649	(571)	(213.5)
Other segment	240	108	121.2	253	(5.3)	775	814	(4.8)
(less) Interest and other expenses	(1,042)	(912)	14.2	(1,049)	(0.7)	(4,429)	(2,808)	57.7
Total	4,246	677	526.8	6,208	(31.6)	11,689	5,434	115.1



EBIT Margin (%)	Q4FY21	Q4FY20	YoY (bps)	Q3FY21	QoQ (bps)	FY21	FY20	YoY (bps)
India	11.9	7.2	474	16.9	(495)	12.3	7.1	522
Europe	4.6	(2.6)	718	6.8	(215)	1.2	(1.1)	224
Others	2.7	2.2	49	3.2	(47)	3.1	3.2	(9)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

# Earnings call highlights

- Per management, demand in India continues to be steered by the replacement market as well as reviving OEM offtake. While Q1FY22 is likely to be affected by the second wave of Covid-19, we could see a pick-up in H2.
- APTY indicated that it has gained market share across segments in FY21, adding ~400bps in the passenger car radial and agri segments (to 21% currently) and 100bps in the truck & bus segment (to 30% currently).
- Blended raw material cost at India operations increased 12% QoQ in Q4FY21 and is further expected to rise by ~10% sequentially in Q1. Natural rubber was priced at Rs 140/kg in Q4, synthetic rubber at Rs 135/kg, and carbon black at Rs 75/kg.
- Revenue from European operations totalled EUR 135mn in Q4 supported by demand recovery and market share gains. EBITDA was at EUR 24mn
- Management intends to incur capex of Rs 18bn in FY22, largely towards
   Andhra Pradesh plant expansion, while another EUR 20mn is earmarked for
   European operations.
- Andhra plant expansion is on track and will result in capacities to manufacture 15,000 car tyres and 3,000 truck tyres per day. Capacities at the plant can be tripled in future before planning any greenfield expansion.
- APTY aims to downsize the Netherlands plant capacity to 0.5mn units per annum over the next 2-3 years, from 3.7mn units in FY20. The difference of ~3mn units would be sourced from its Hungary and India plants.
- Net debt at India operations stood at Rs 36bn as at end-Q4 (vs. Rs 48bn as of FY20).
- Sustainable tax rates going ahead would be 31% for India and 25% for Europe operations.



# Valuation methodology

Our FY22/FY23 revenue estimates are in line with consensus, but we are  $\sim$ 35% below on EPS for both years given lower operating margin expectations on the back of rising input costs and a weakening sales mix. We pencil in a revenue CAGR of 14% for the lower-margin India operations and 8% for European business over FY21-FY23. Overall, our revenue/EBITDA/adj. PAT CAGR estimates for the company stand at +11%/-2%/-23%. The stock is trading at an expensive 25x FY23E EPS. Maintain SELL with an unchanged Mar'22 TP of Rs 140, set at 16x FY23E EPS.

#### FIG 4 - RELATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

# Key risks

- Above-expected volume growth can improve profitability and take operating performance ahead of our estimates.
- A meaningful decline in rubber and crude oil prices can support operating margins and impact our profitability estimates.



### **FINANCIALS**

### Income Statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue	175,488	163,270	173,970	194,362	215,347
EBITDA	17,762	19,155	27,975	24,288	26,917
Depreciation	8,127	11,381	13,150	14,466	15,770
EBIT	10,868	8,243	16,119	10,922	12,247
Net interest income/(expenses)	(1,986)	(2,808)	(4,430)	(3,961)	(4,037)
Other income/(expenses)	1,232	469	1,293	1,100	1,100
Exceptional items	2,000	0	(6,077)	0	0
EBT	10,881	5,434	5,612	6,961	8,210
Income taxes	2,083	670	2,110	2,158	2,545
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	8,798	4,764	3,502	4,803	5,665
Adjustments	(2,000)	0	6,077	0	0
Adjusted net profit	6,798	4,764	9,579	4,803	5,665

## **Balance Sheet**

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Accounts payables	22,102	23,090	28,067	28,804	29,459
Other current liabilities	8,960	16,980	33,324	30,722	34,607
Provisions	3,466	4,421	4,440	4,377	5,102
Debt funds	49,304	65,799	51,114	53,114	53,114
Other liabilities	7,975	15,433	20,047	20,047	20,047
Equity capital	572	572	635	635	635
Reserves & surplus	99,826	98,728	117,111	119,930	123,046
Shareholders' fund	100,398	99,300	117,746	120,565	123,681
Total liabilities and equities	192,206	225,023	254,739	257,630	266,011
Cash and cash eq.	5,626	7,496	24,772	6,554	5,038
Accounts receivables	11,547	9,399	13,808	14,577	16,151
Inventories	34,841	32,069	33,185	38,872	41,993
Other current assets	5,275	8,282	7,534	9,718	9,691
Investments	60	194	1,096	1,096	1,096
Net fixed assets	117,540	154,484	164,196	175,729	181,959
CWIP	15,393	16,420	11,065	12,000	11,000
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax assets, net	(7,707)	(7,032)	(7,020)	(7,020)	(7,020)
Other assets	9,630	3,711	6,103	6,103	6,103
Total assets	192,205	225,023	254,739	257,630	266,011

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



### Cash Flows

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Net income + Depreciation	16,925	16,145	16,651	19,269	21,435
Interest expenses	1,986	2,808	4,430	3,961	(4,037)
Non-cash adjustments	(1,232)	(469)	(1,293)	(1,100)	(1,100)
Changes in working capital	(13,466)	25,253	18,785	(10,568)	598
Other operating cash flows	(1,929)	(286)	6,077	0	0
Cash flow from operations	2,284	43,451	44,650	11,562	16,897
Capital expenditures	(13,988)	(49,352)	(17,506)	(26,935)	(21,000)
Change in investments	13,365	(134)	(902)	0	0
Other investing cash flows	1,232	469	1,293	1,100	1,100
Cash flow from investing	609	(49,017)	(17,115)	(25,835)	(19,900)
Equities issued/Others	0	0	10,863	(63)	0
Debt raised/repaid	2,693	16,494	(14,684)	2,000	0
Interest expenses	(1,986)	(2,808)	(4,430)	(3,961)	(4,037)
Dividends paid	(2,069)	(4,310)	(1,996)	(1,921)	(2,549)
Other financing cash flows	(1,896)	(1,941)	(12)	0	0
Cash flow from financing	(3,258)	7,435	(10,259)	(3,945)	(6,586)
Changes in cash and cash eq.	(365)	1,869	17,276	(18,218)	(9,589)
Closing cash and cash eq.	5,626	7,496	24,772	6,554	5,038

## Per Share

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Reported EPS	11.9	8.3	15.1	7.6	8.9
Adjusted EPS	15.4	8.3	5.5	7.6	8.9
Dividend per share	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	4.0
Book value per share	175.5	173.6	185.4	189.9	194.8

## Valuations Ratios

Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
EV/Sales	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
EV/EBITDA	9.1	8.8	6.4	7.0	6.1
Adjusted P/E	14.4	26.6	40.2	29.3	24.8
P/BV	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1

# **DuPont Analysis**

Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	80.9	87.7	62.4	69.0	69.0
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	100.1	65.9	34.8	63.7	67.0
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	6.2	5.0	9.3	5.6	5.7
Asset turnover (Revenue/Avg TA)	112.9	96.5	94.2	101.6	110.3
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6
Adjusted ROAE	8.9	4.8	3.2	4.0	4.6

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets



# Ratio Analysis

Y/E 31 Mar	FY19A	FY20A	FY21P	FY22E	FY23E
YoY growth (%)					
Revenue	18.2	(7.0)	6.6	11.7	10.8
EBITDA	6.5	7.8	46.0	(13.2)	10.8
Adjusted EPS	(6.1)	(29.9)	81.2	(49.9)	17.9
Profitability & Return ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	10.1	11.7	16.1	12.5	12.5
EBIT margin	6.2	5.0	9.3	5.6	5.7
Adjusted profit margin	3.9	2.9	5.5	2.5	2.6
Adjusted ROAE	6.8	4.8	8.1	4.0	4.6
ROCE	5.7	4.3	5.4	3.9	4.3
Working capital days (days)					
Receivables	27	23	24	27	26
Inventory	67	75	68	68	69
Payables	85	91	99	94	87
Ratios (x)					
Gross asset turnover	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Current ratio	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Net interest coverage ratio	5.5	2.9	3.6	2.8	3.0
Adjusted debt/equity	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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