

NOT RATED BUTTERFLY GANDHIMATHI APPLIANCES

Consumer Durables

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Fast-growing, pan-India branded play

- One of the fastest growing kitchen appliance companies in India with leadership in steel LPG stoves and tabletop wet grinders
- Successfully transitioned from B2G to B2C, now drawing 100% of revenue from branded sales
- Targeting 2x revenue growth to Rs 20bn by FY25 and double-digit margins.
 Trading at ~28x FY21 EV/EBITDA; we do not have a rating on the stock

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We interacted with the management of Butterfly Gandhimathi Appliances (BGAL, Not Rated) to gain a perspective on the company's growth prospects and sector outlook. Key takeaways:

Leading manufacturer of kitchen and electrical appliances: Over the years, BGAL has evolved from being predominantly an LPG stove manufacturer and a B2B player supplying to state governments to a branded kitchen appliances company with a reasonably diversified product portfolio. It has a solid foothold in India's southern market and a wide market reach comprising 500+ exclusive distributors catering to 25,000+ retail points across India. The company manufactures its core products (70-75% of the revenue mix) in-house, ensuring better quality, high operating leverage and stronger margins.

Transition from B2G to B2C has boosted margins: BGAL's historical operating margin was in low-single-digits as ~50% of its revenue came from the B2G segment (Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry) as on FY16. The company has successfully completed its transformation into a B2C player with 100% of revenue coming from branded sales. It has a similar gross margin profile (~42% in FY21) to other household appliance peers with a steadily narrowing gap on EBITDA margin and on trading multiple. Management expects low-double-digit margins ahead (vs. 9.2% in FY21) given launches, operating leverage and a rising share of non-south markets.

Working capital discipline in focus: Management indicated that it is focused on reducing the working capital cycle, which will have a positive impact on the bottom-line and on return ratios. The company had working capital days of 83 in FY21 vs. 137 in FY19.

Strong brand power to drive growth: BGAL looks well positioned to benefit from continued growth in the domestic kitchenware segment, led by strong historical patronage of the 'Butterfly' brand, continuous product innovation and premium quality. A growing export opportunity, in-house manufacturing and a wide aftersales service network should also support growth.

Ticker/Price BGAL IN/Rs 1,281
Market cap US\$ 304.88mn
Free float 35.2%

52wk high/low Rs 1,399/Rs 1,054 Promoter/FPI/DII 65%/1%/34%

Source: NSE | Price as of 18 Feb 2022

Stock performance



Source: NSE





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Leading brand in kitchen appliances

We present key takeaways from our interaction with the management of BGAL, a leading manufacturer of kitchen and electrical appliances. Established in 1986 and headquartered in Tamil Nadu, BGAL is predominantly a South India player (76% revenue share), primarily manufacturing LPG stoves, mixer-grinders, tabletop wet grinders and pressure cookers. The company's branded revenue has clocked a 25% CAGR over FY17-FY21 fueled by growth in the branded kitchen appliances market, a strong brand connect and product portfolio expansion.

Sharp focus on branded sales

BGAL has successfully transitioned from a B2G (~50% revenue share as of FY16) to a B2C player, with 100% of revenue coming from branded sales as of FY21. Branded revenue grew 16.5% in FY21, marked by an uptick across distribution channels except the modern trade and gas dealer channels. The company has tie-ups with gas dealers of oil marketing companies (OMC), such that customers seeking new gas connections are provided with its 'Butterfly' brand.

Over the past decade, BGAL has expanded its portfolio from a mere 6 products in FY11 to 20+ now. Its Butterfly brand is currently available via over 500 distributors reaching more than 25,000 retail touchpoints including multi-brand outlets. The company has also increased the number of stock-keeping units (SKU) from 250 in 2011 to 731 in FY21 and aims to expand this further.

Management expects to reach 700 distributors and 50,000 retail touchpoints in the next two years, of which most additions will be in non-southern regions. Along with expanding its retail footprint, BGAL is also aggressively exploring other distribution channels such as online, modern retail and the government-owned Canteen Stores Department, which it expects will drive branded revenues. In addition, the company will launch its own website in Q1FY23 and introduce a new category of products at the start of Q2FY23.

Fig 1 - Annual net revenue breakup

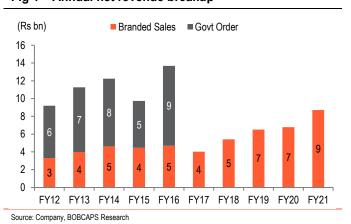


Fig 2 - Branded sales through retail channel

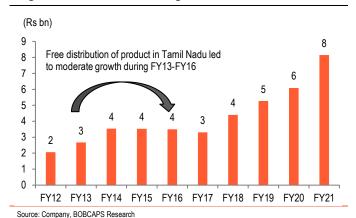




Fig 3 - Branded sales through gas dealer channel

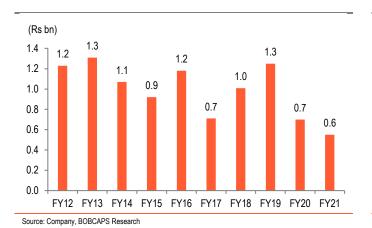
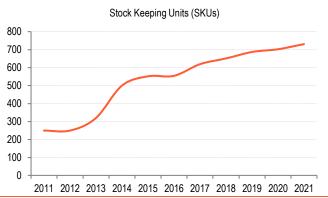


Fig 4 – Increased product categories and SKUs have widened the portfolio and raised market share



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

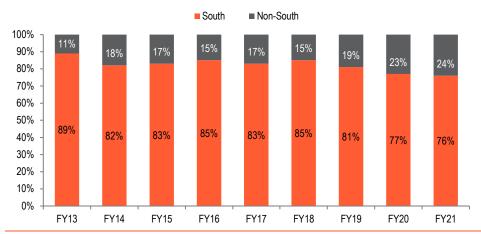
Expansion beyond southern markets to fuel growth

BGAL is one of the leading kitchen appliances players in South India with a strong brand image and business profile supported by over three decades of expertise. The company remains one of the fastest growing in the industry. Its 'Butterfly' brand is a household name in South India – a market that contributed 76% of BGAL's revenue in FY21.

The brand is trusted for its quality and durability, giving the company superior pricing power. Moreover, management expects Butterfly to surpass competitors in terms of growth as it seeks new markets. The company has also been a preferred supplier of LPG stoves in South India as part of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana Scheme (PMUY).

Besides Tamil Nadu, the company markets its products in Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and has forayed into Maharashtra and Gujarat. It is now present in 29 states. BGAL continues to improve its presence outside South India by promoting its brand strengths and investing in a strong, performance-oriented execution team. Nonsouthern states accounted for 24% of revenue in FY21 (15% in FY18), which management believes will rise to 35% in the next 2-3 years.

Fig 5 - Rising non-South India sales contribution





Diverse portfolio and mid-premium advantage

BGAL is well placed for growth in kitchen appliances given (a) its manufacturing focus (~75% of revenue comes from manufactured products) which helps in better supply chain management and quicker introduction of new range/product categories, (b) diversified distribution model, (c) strong ecommerce presence (30-40% of revenue), and (d) mid and mid-premium positioning which will aid margin improvement. The company is a top 3 player across product categories and believes it will easily climb the premiumisation ladder.

With rising aspirations, consumers have been increasingly moving towards branded products and also upgrading to mid and mid-premium purchases. The company's Butterfly brand gives customers an opportunity to upgrade at modestly higher prices across a diverse range of appliances. Further, trade's (channel partner) preference for large, organised branded goods augurs well for players such as BGAL.

Fig 6 - BGAL's pricing compared to peers

Category	BGAL Pricing	Competitor Pricing
Mixer Grinder	Rs 2,200	Pigeon (+Rs 1,571, Preethi (Rs 2,250), Prestige (Rs 2,400)
2-burner gas stove (Steel)	Rs 2,900	Pigeon (Rs 2,149, Greenchef (Rs 2,100), Orange (Rs 2,200), Surya (Rs 2,200), Sunflame (Rs 2,600), Prestige (Rs 2,600), Priya-Gold (Rs 2,000)
3-litre Aluminum Pressure Cooker	Rs 749	Prestige (Rs 1,135), Pigeon (Rs 670), Greenchef (Rs 549), Hawkins (Rs 923), Solimo (Rs 829)
Rice Cooker	+Rs 2,500	Pigeon (+Rs 2,095), Prestige (Rs 2,800-5,000), Panasonic (Rs 2,200- 3,800)
Non-stick Kadhai	Rs 1,200-3,800	Solimo (Rs 950-1.500), Prestige (Rs 1,000-2,000), Pigeon (Rs 800-1,500), Wonderchef (Rs 1,300-5,000)

Source: Amazon, Flipkart, BOBCAPS Research

Initiatives to drive revenue growth and margin expansion

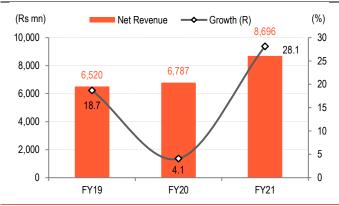
BGAL has had a lower EBITDA margin profile of 7-9% compared to 13-15% for peers owing to significant revenue share from the B2G business. The company exited the B2G business in FY16 and transitioned into B2C. Margin gains from the shift have, however, been offset by higher marketing spends – at ~9% of sales on average over FY14-FY21. Going forward, management estimates A&P spends in the range of 10-12%, which is higher than peers.

On the positive side, as BGAL works to broad-base its revenue, the proportion of OMC gas-dealer orders (that are low-margin and working capital-intensive) has started to shrink. The OMC channel has seen subdued growth in the past few years. In addition, core products (70-75% revenue share) are manufactured in-house, ensuring better quality and high operating leverage. Products manufactured in-house include LPG stoves, mixers & grinders, pressure cookers, tabletop wet grinders and vacuum flasks & bottles. Outsourced products include electric kettles, chimneys, rice cookers, toasters and non-stick cookware.

Management estimates that the company will be able to double revenue from the current run-rate of Rs 10bn to Rs 20bn by FY25 (18% CAGR over FY22-FY25) – this in turn should aid 2% improvement in gross margin from 41.8% currently. Per BGAL, revenue growth will take EBITDA margin into the low-double-digits due to operating leverage.

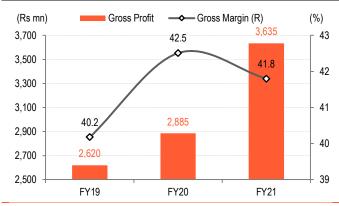


Fig 7 - Revenue growth



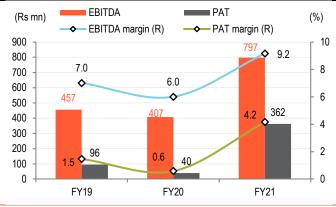
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 8 - Gross profit and margin



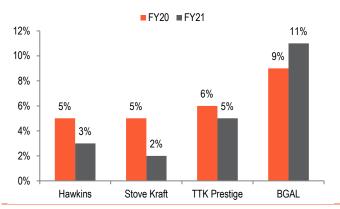
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Fig 9 - EBITDA, PAT and margins



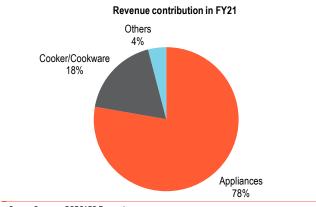
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Fig 10 - A&P spends as a % of sales across peers



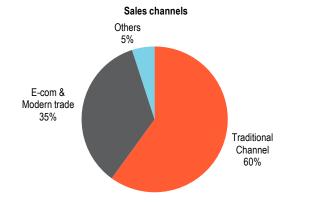
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 11 - Appliances remain the top revenue contributor



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 12 - Traditional sales channels continue to dominate





Marked improvement in working capital and gross debt

In the past, BGAL has derived much of its sales from government orders, institutional dealers and OMCs where the payment cycle is as long as 80-90 days. The company has been relentlessly striving to pare working capital by raising branded sales (which now account for 100% of revenue), further supported by bill discounting facilities and channel financing to the tune of Rs 300mn-350mn. This has reduced debtor days from 86 in FY18 to 31 days in FY21.

In addition, the company has started real-time tracking of inventory at the distributor/ dealer level which has helped reduce supply chain inventory to 30-35 days from 61 days earlier. By dint of all these measures, working capital days have improved from 136 in FY18 to 83 in FY21 – resulting in a significant reduction in debt levels. Gross debt has fallen from Rs 1.9bn in FY18 to Rs 0.1bn in FY21, translating to substantial interest cost savings.

Fig 13 - Improving working capital

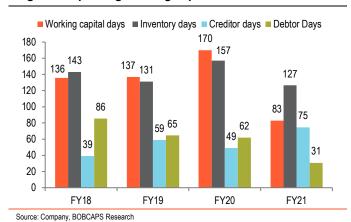
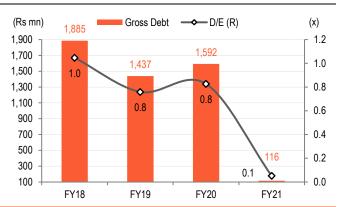


Fig 14 - Gross debt has reduced significantly



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Limited capex, higher outsourcing to improve return ratios

During the next two years, BGAL expects to incur capex of Rs 300mn towards generating additional revenue of Rs 4bn. In addition, the company has increased outsourcing (15% revenue share in FY20 to 30-35% now), resulting in limited capex requirements. It is identifying vendors for new products, wherein vendors will put in the capex and manufacture exclusively for BGAL.

This initiative should raise operating leverage and provide enough room to expand volumes and distribution reach without major capex for the next two years.

Consequently, management expects asset turnover and return ratios to improve further.



Fig 15 – FCF & CFO strong given limited capex

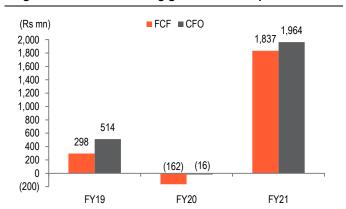
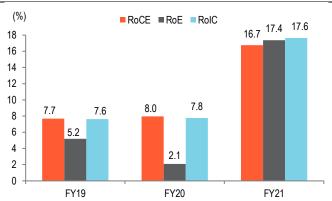


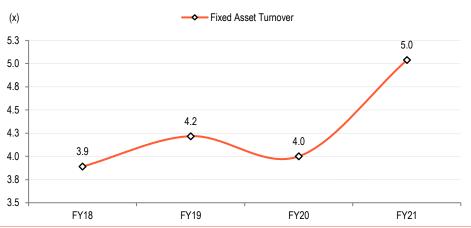
Fig 16 – Significant improvement in return ratios



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

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Fig 17 – Better asset turnover led by higher outsourcing





Strong industry growth prospects

As per industry estimates, the Indian kitchen appliances industry is expected to log an 11% CAGR to US\$ 4.6bn over FY20-FY25, with larger appliances growing at 12.5%, smaller appliances at 8% and non-stick ware at 17%. Demand is projected to rise on account of the growing base of middle class and rich Indian consumers, improving consumer lifestyles, increasing awareness about energy-efficient and eco-friendly appliances, and product technological advancements.

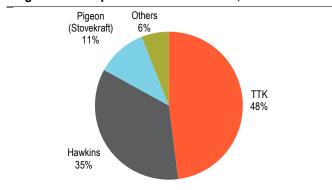
Macro tailwinds

- Improving macro fundamentals: These include factors such as rising disposable income and growing urbanisation. By 2025, the middle class will represent ~37% of India's total population.
- Increasing rural electrification: This clearly paves the way for greater use of appliances.
- LPG connection scheme PMUY: The government's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme aims to provide clean cooking fuel to families below the poverty line and has resulted in close to 100% LPG penetration in India. The scheme initiated a large, new audience to kitchenware such as gas stoves and to cooking appliances such as cookers and pans.

Industry tailwinds

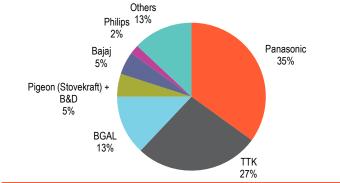
- Advent of ecommerce: The advent of online sales has increased product reach and acceptability.
- Brand advantage: Industry leaders are gaining market share from unorganised players by virtue of their strong brand power. BGAL expects to be one of the key beneficiaries of the shift from unorganised to organised segment prompted by government regulations such as GST and E-Way bills. The company also expects to benefit from the rise in brand awareness as its product positioning and pricing enables first-time consumers to buy a branded product at attractive prices versus other brands such as Prestige and Sunflame.

Fig 18 - Indian pressure cooker market, CY20



Source: Stovekraft RHP, BOBCAPS Research

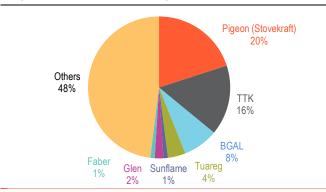
Fig 19 - Indian electric cooker market, CY20



Source: Stovekraft RHP, BOBCAPS Research

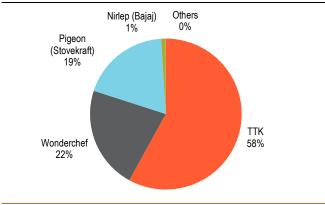


Fig 20 - Indian free-standing hob market, CY20



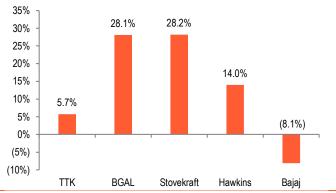
Source: Stovekraft RHP, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 22 - Indian non-stick market, CY20



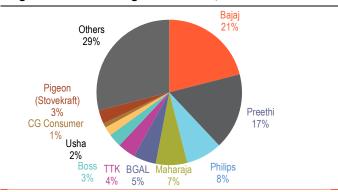
Source: Stovekraft RHP, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 24 - Revenue growth, FY21



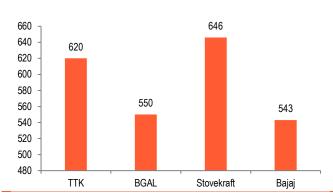
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 21 - Indian mixer-grinder market, CY20



Source: Stovekraft RHP, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 23 - Number of distributors/dealers, FY21



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 25 - Gross and EBITDA margin movement, FY21

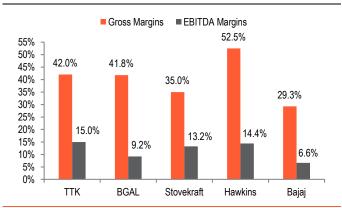
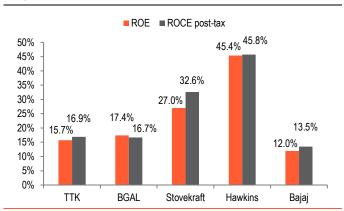


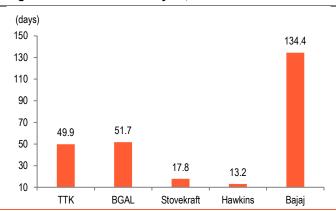


Fig 26 - Return ratios, FY21



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 27 - Cash conversion cycle, FY21





Company background

Established in 1986 and headquartered in Tamil Nadu, Butterfly Gandhimathi Appliances (BGAL) is a leading manufacturer of kitchen and electrical appliances. The company sells its 'Butterfly' brand of products across the country through a range of distribution channels.

Over the years, BGAL has moved from being predominantly an LPG stove manufacturer to a branded kitchen appliances company with a reasonably diversified product portfolio. The company has a state-of-the-art-manufacturing unit near Chennai, strong R&D and international industrial design facilities. It mainly manufactures LPG stoves, mixer-grinders, tabletop wet grinders and pressure cookers, amongst others. In addition, the company trades in home appliances such as air coolers, electric fans, water heaters and emergency lanterns.

BGAL is primarily a South India player with the market contributing 76% of its revenue. It has a network comprising 500+ exclusive distributors catering to 25,000+ retail points across India. Besides Tamil Nadu, the company also markets its products in Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and has forayed into Maharashtra and Gujarat, taking its footprint to 29 states.

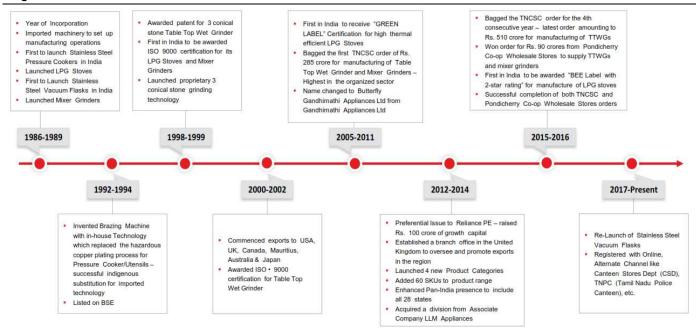
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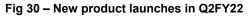
Fig 28 - BGAL: Product profile





Fig 29 - BGAL: Milestones







Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Financials

Income statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Revenue	5,493	6,520	6,787	8,696
Net Raw Materials	3,153	3,900	3,902	5,061
Power & Fuel Cost	0	0	0	0
Employee Cost	573	701	789	770
Excise Duty	88	0	0	0
Advt & Sales	535	542	941	648
Other Expenses	885	919	748	1,420
Total Expenditures	5,234	6,063	6,380	7,899
EBITDA	347	457	407	797
EBITDA %	6.3	7.0	6.0	9.2
Depreciation	(124)	(129)	(139)	(156)
Interest expense	(181)	(225)	(241)	(174)
Other income	16	20	15	16
Profit before tax	58	124	41	483
Taxes	(10)	(28)	(1)	(122)
Minorities and other	-	-	-	-
Net profit	48	96	40	362

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Balance sheet

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Equity capital	179	179	179	179
Reserves	1,623	1,715	1,748	2,061
Net worth	1,802	1,894	1,927	2,240
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0
Debt	1,885	1,437	1,592	116
Deferred tax liab (net)	(14)	(14)	(22)	13
Total liabilities	3,674	3,318	3,496	2,368
Fixed assets	1,245	1,284	1,333	1,307
Capital Work In Progress	18	65	23	21
Other Intangible assets	414	388	363	334
Goodwill	0	0	0	0
Other non current assets	25	11	70	105
Inventories	1,251	1,421	1,701	1,779
Sundry debtors	1,306	1,171	1,167	744
Loans & Advances	0	0	0	0
Other current assets	146	140	155	172
Sundry creditors	(561)	(994)	(869)	(1,636)
Other current liabilities & Prov	(428)	(313)	(534)	(884)
Cash	227	98	46	374
Other Financial Assets	30	45	39	51
Total assets	3,674	3,318	3,496	2,368



Cash flow statement

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21
Profit before tax	124	41	483
Depreciation	129	139	156
Tax paid	(28)	(1)	(122)
Working capital Δ	289	(195)	1,446
Other operating items	-	-	-
Operating cashflow	514	(16)	1,964
Capital expenditure	(216)	(146)	(127)
Free cash flow	298	(162)	1,837
Equity raised	(4)	(7)	5
Investments	(1)	0	(1)
Others	26	(29)	(19)
Debt financing/disposal	(448)	154	(1,476)
Dividends paid	-	-	(54)
Other items	0	(9)	35
Net Δ in cash	(129)	(52)	327
Opening Cash Flow	227	98	46
Closing Cash Flow	98	46	374

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Ratio analysis

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Growth matrix (%)				
Revenue growth	36.5	18.7	4.1	28.1
Op profit growth	(229.0)	31.7	(10.8)	95.6
EBIT growth	(110.3)	45.7	(18.9)	132.5
Net profit growth	(108.6)	99.5	(58.4)	808.7
Profitability ratios (%)				
EBITDA margin	6.3	7.0	6.0	9.2
Net profit margin	0.9	1.5	0.6	4.2
RoCE	10.7	7.7	8.0	16.7
RoNW	5.3	5.2	2.1	17.4
RoA	1.3	2.9	1.1	15.3
Per share ratios (Rs)				
EPS	2.7	5.4	2.2	20.2
Dividend per share	-	-	-	3.0
Cash EPS	9.6	12.6	10.0	28.9
Book value per share	100.8	105.9	107.8	125.3
Valuation ratios (x)				
P/E	431.1	216.1	519.9	57.2
P/B	11.5	10.9	10.7	9.2
EV/EBIDTA	64.4	48.2	54.6	25.6
Liquidity ratios				
Debtor days	86.8	64.6	61.9	30.8
Inventory days	88.8	131.2	157.0	126.5
Creditor days	39.8	59.0	49.0	74.6
Source: Company RORCAPS Research				



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