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BOB Economics Research | Wholesale Inflation

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ONGC | Target: Rs 210 | +54% | BUY

Low costs drive profitability

Pidilite Industries | Target: Rs 1,215 | -10% | SELL

Volumes and margins disappoint

Dilip Buildcon | Target: Rs 560 | +41% | BUY

Subdued execution drives guidance cut

Cera Sanitaryware | Target: Rs 3,040 | +25% | BUY

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SUMMARY
India Economics: Wholesale Inflation

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ONGC

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LARGE-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Cipla	Buy	570
ONGC	Buy	210
Petronet LNG	Buy	400
Reliance Industries	Buy	1,670
TCS	Add	2,230

MID-CAP IDEAS

Company	Rating	Target
Alkem Labs	Buy	2,290
Future Supply	Buy	680
Greenply Industries	Buy	210
Laurus Labs	Buy	480
PNC Infratech	Buy	250

Source: BOBCAPS Research

DAILY MACRO INDICATORS

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.89	(5bps)	16bps	(124bps)
India 10Y yield (%)*	6.73	(4bps)	0bps	(100bps)
USD/INR	72.09	(0.9)	(1.5)	0.3
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	62.37	0.5	3.1	(5.7)
Dow	27,784	0.3	3.6	10.8
Shanghai	2,905	(0.3)	(2.3)	10.4
Sensex	40,116	(0.6)	5.2	14.2
India FII (US\$ mn)	11 Nov	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	48.1	676.4	5,363.2	4,818.6
FII-E	748.6	1,596.7	11,819.4	4,974.2

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research | *7.26% GS 2029

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WHOLESALE INFLATION

14 November 2019

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Uptick in Food prices: Food inflation accelerated to 7.6% in Oct'19 from 6% in Sep'19 on the back of fruits and vegetable inflation which edged up to 23% in Oct'19. Vegetable inflation rose by 38.9% in Oct'19 (19.4% in Sep'19). Led by supply disruption due to excess rains, prices of tomato surged by 142% in Oct'19 (55% in Sep'19). Prices of both paddy and wheat also increased by 4.5% and 6.3% respectively in Oct'19. Amongst protein based items, egg prices have also risen by 6.5% in Oct'19 compared with 4.1% in Sep'19 on account of seasonality.

Crude drags fuel prices down: Fuel & power inflation fell by (-) 8.3% in Oct'19 compared with (-) 7.1% decline in Sep'19. The 39-month low print was owing to both higher base (18.7% in Oct'18) and lower global crude prices (-26% YoY in Oct'19). Mineral oil index continued to lead the fall at (-) 13.6% versus (-) 11.2% in Sep'19. Electricity prices too declined, albeit less sharply. Coal prices have also begun to come off, a first since Apr'19. In Nov'19 as well, international oil prices remain lower at US\$ 62/bbl versus US\$ 71/bbl last year.

Deflation in core continues: Both core and manufactured product inflation declined further in Oct'19. While core inflation fell from (-) 1.1% in Sep'19 to (-) 1.6% in Oct'19, manufactured product inflation dropped to (-) 0.8% from (-) 0.4% in Sep'19. Of the 22 commodities, 9 witnessed upward momentum in prices led by tobacco, printing & reproduction of recorded media and motor vehicles. On the other hand, prices of basic metals, textiles, paper products, transport equipment and furniture items declined. International commodity prices too declined by (-) 6.4% in Oct'19 on a YoY basis. In Nov'19 the YoY trend is again downward at (-) 5.7%.



BUY

TP: Rs 210 | ▲ 54%

ONGC

Oil & Gas

15 November 2019

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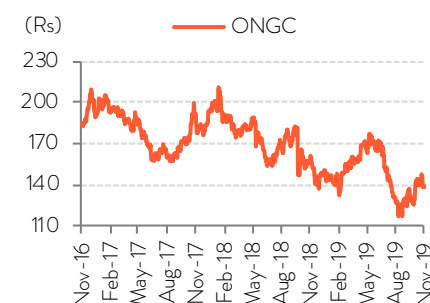
Drop in oil and gas production remains a concern: While the decline in oil output (-3.9% YoY in Q2FY20) was along expected lines, the fall in gas production was surprising (-1.6% YoY). Post the Q2 underperformance, we cut our gas production estimates for FY20-FY22 by 5-7%. ONGC's guidance for a ~20mmscmd increase in gas output over FY21-FY23 now looks increasingly unrealistic, as it continues to miss near-term guidance.

Ticker/Price	ONGC IN/Rs 136
Market cap	US\$ 23.8bn
Shares o/s	12,580mn
3M ADV	US\$ 22.5mn
52wk high/low	Rs 179/Rs 116
Promoter/FPI/DII	64%/8%/28%

Source: NSE

Low operating costs appear sustainable: Q2 operating cost at US\$ 7/bbl (almost at Q1 levels) was well below our estimates and led to above-expected standalone EBITDA of Rs 133bn (-16% YoY). Operating costs have been very volatile over the last few quarters and hence a stable cost outlook (at <US\$ 8/bbl levels) could have a positive impact on the earnings outlook for ONGC. We estimate costs at ~US\$ 9/bbl over FY20-FY22.

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Source: NSE

Trading at distressed valuations: At 4.9x/4.2x FY21E/FY22E EPS, ONGC is trading at distressed valuations, implying oil prices at ~US\$ 53/bbl (vs. US\$ 63/bbl currently). With ~6% dividend yield (FY20E), an improved outlook from relatively stable oil prices and higher valuations for HPCL (on probable BPCL privatisation), we find the risk-reward favourable.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	3,622,462	4,534,606	4,158,474	4,939,293	5,522,471
EBITDA (Rs mn)	658,350	838,648	645,102	720,737	814,129
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	234,323	348,309	296,505	352,961	406,087
Adj. EPS (Rs)	18.3	27.7	23.6	28.1	32.3
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(3.5)	51.6	(14.9)	19.0	15.1
Adj. ROAE (%)	11.8	16.4	12.9	14.3	15.2
Adj. P/E (x)	7.5	4.9	5.8	4.9	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.5	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.3

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



SELL

TP: Rs 1,215 | ▼ 10%

PIDILITE INDUSTRIES

Construction Materials

14 November 2019

Volumes and margins disappoint

Pidilite Industries (PIDI) reported below-expected consolidated Q2FY20 revenue growth of 2.8% YoY as CBP volumes dipped 0.9%, offsetting industrial volume growth of 12.6%. Operating margins fell 50bps YoY to 20.4%, resulting in flat EBITDA growth. Management expects margins to remain steady in light of benign RM prices, but indicated that demand conditions are challenging. We cut FY20-FY22 PAT estimates by 5-6% due to a soft H1. On rolling valuations over, we move to a Sep'20 TP of Rs 1,215 (earlier Rs 1,240).

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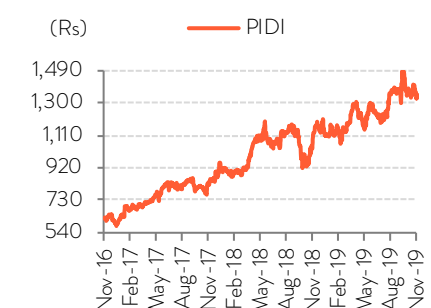
Revenue growth below estimates: PIDI's consolidated Q2 revenue grew 2.8% YoY to Rs 18.1bn, with 13.7% YoY constant currency growth in overseas subsidiaries. Standalone revenue increased 3.6% YoY to Rs 15.7bn, as volumes grew just 0.6% YoY (-0.9% in the consumer & bazaar (CBP) segment and +12.6% in the industrial segment). Management indicated that the continued demand slump has hit CBP volumes, but expects some recovery in FY21.

Ticker/Price	PIDI IN/Rs 1,344
Market cap	US\$ 9.5bn
Shares o/s	508mn
3M ADV	US\$ 11.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 1,494/Rs 1,046
Promoter/FPI/DII	70%/11%/19%

Source: NSE

Operating margins decline: Although gross margins expanded 400bps YoY, consolidated operating margins dipped 48bps to 20.4% due to higher other expenses (+305bps) and employee expenses (+140bps) – consequently, EBITDA was flat and PBT growth soft at 5.3% for the quarter. Gross margins increased as raw material prices softened, whereas other expenses moved up due to higher A&P spends (+240bps YoY in Q2, +150bps in H1). Management expects margins to hold at current levels as RM prices remain benign in Q3.

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

Maintain SELL on expensive valuations: We prune our PAT estimates for FY20-FY22 by 5-6% to build in the H1FY20 underperformance. While we like PIDI for its strong franchise and broad portfolio, valuations at 47.9x FY21E P/E look rich, especially against the backdrop of weakening demand.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	60,324	70,787	76,847	88,275	1,00,879
EBITDA (Rs mn)	13,412	13,682	16,753	19,332	22,193
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	9,159	8,901	12,097	14,266	16,523
Adj. EPS (Rs)	18.0	17.5	23.8	28.1	32.5
Adj. EPS growth (%)	7.5	(2.9)	35.9	17.9	15.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	26.0	23.1	27.0	27.4	27.3
Adj. P/E (x)	74.5	76.7	56.5	47.9	41.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	50.9	49.9	40.7	35.1	30.6

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



BUY

TP: Rs 560 | ▲ 41%

DILIP BUILDCON

Infrastructure

15 November 2019

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Prolonged monsoon clouds growth: DBL's Q2 revenue growth remained subdued at 11.4% YoY to Rs 18.1bn as the heavy monsoon hit project execution. Management has cut FY20 revenue guidance to sub-Rs 100bn levels mainly due to monsoon-led execution delays and tardy award of appointed dates (AD) for HAM projects.

PAT drops 30%: Adoption of Ind-AS 116 saw depreciation expense rising 37% YoY. Contrary to expectations, DBL did not shift to the new tax regime due to unutilised MAT credit of Rs 4bn. PAT thus declined 30.6% YoY to Rs 577mn.

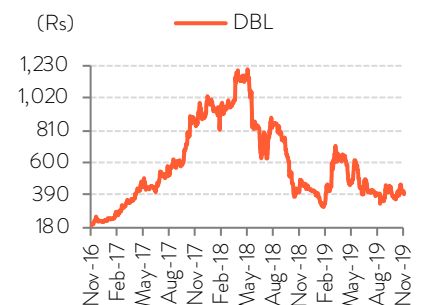
Improvement in leverage and working capital: Led by recovery of receivables and mobilisation advances (Rs 4.8bn), standalone gross debt fell by Rs 0.9bn QoQ to Rs 34.8bn. Net D/E stood at 0.9x and Mar'20 guidance is at 0.8x. This shall be achieved by a mix of HAM/EPC projects advance receipts and marginal-to-nil capex. Net working capital improved to 141 days as against 160 as on Mar'19.

Maintain BUY: We cut FY20/FY21 earnings 9%/14% to bake in lower revenues and a higher effective tax rate. Rolling forward, our Sep'20 TP changes to Rs 560.

Ticker/Price	DBL IN/Rs 398
Market cap	US\$ 757.0mn
Shares o/s	137mn
3M ADV	US\$ 2.1mn
52wk high/low	Rs 735/Rs 312
Promoter/FPI/DII	75%/10%/5%

Source: NSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

KEY FINANCIALS (STANDALONE)

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	77,459	91,182	98,527	1,10,411	1,23,641
EBITDA (Rs mn)	14,028	16,044	17,415	19,356	21,658
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	6,355	7,607	5,226	6,142	7,487
Adj. EPS (Rs)	46.5	55.6	38.2	44.9	54.7
Adj. EPS growth (%)	63.4	19.7	(31.3)	17.5	21.9
Adj. ROAE (%)	29.5	26.9	15.1	15.3	16.0
Adj. P/E (x)	8.6	7.2	10.4	8.9	7.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.6	5.1	5.1	4.3	3.9

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



BUY

TP: Rs 3,040 | ▲ 25%

CERA SANITARYWARE

Construction Materials

14 November 2019

Weak product mix crimps margins

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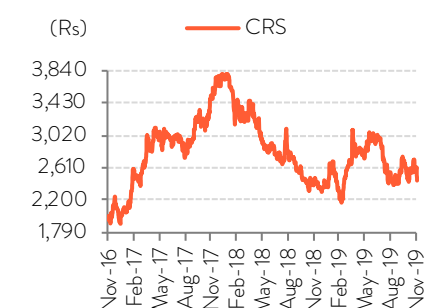
Revenue decline led by sanitaryware segment: CRS reported a 1.1% YoY decrease in standalone revenue to Rs 3.3bn in Q2. The sanitaryware segment fell 9% YoY whereas faucets/tiles grew ~6%/5% YoY. As per management, revenue performance was undermined by a lacklustre demand climate. Management nonetheless expects some improvement in H2 over H1 due to the company's strong branding, distribution and product portfolio.

Ticker/Price	CRS IN/Rs 2,440
Market cap	US\$ 441.5mn
Shares o/s	13mn
3M ADV	US\$ 0.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 3,195/Rs 2,144
Promoter/FPI/DII	55%/8%/37%

Source: NSE

Margins contract on weak product mix: CRS's standalone operating margins declined 105bps YoY to 12.7% due to lower gross margins (-60bps YoY) and higher employee expenses (+50bps YoY) - this caused EBITDA/PBT to contract 8.7%/15.5% YoY. Gross margin slippage stemmed from an adverse product mix marked by a reduced share of high-margin sanitaryware products. Management aims to maintain operating margins in the region of 14-15% over the medium term.

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Source: NSE

Maintain BUY: We trim PAT estimates for FY20-FY22 by 6-9% due to the difficult demand environment. Maintain BUY as we roll to a revised Sep'20 target price of Rs 3,040 (earlier Rs 3,135), set at unchanged 26x one-year forward P/E.

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E 31 Mar	FY18A	FY19A	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	11,776	13,444	14,016	15,391	17,047
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,699	1,917	1,920	2,155	2,421
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	970	1,010	1,233	1,418	1,622
Adj. EPS (Rs)	74.6	77.7	94.8	109.1	124.7
Adj. EPS growth (%)	0.9	4.1	22.0	15.1	14.4
Adj. ROAE (%)	17.2	15.5	16.4	16.5	16.5
Adj. P/E (x)	32.7	31.4	25.7	22.4	19.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.5	16.2	16.2	14.5	12.8

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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