

## FIRST LIGHT

### RESEARCH

#### Maruti Suzuki | Target: Rs 8,000 | +12% | HOLD

Weak Q1, volume outlook healthy; cut to HOLD on limited upside

#### Mahindra Logistics | Target: Rs 711 | +16% | BUY

Recovery in net income; focus on warehousing

#### Greenpanel Industries | Target: Rs 315 | +28% | BUY

MDF continues to witness strong growth

#### Daily macro indicators

Indicator	Current	2D (%)	1M (%)	12M (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	1.25	(4bps)	(23bps)	67bps
India 10Y yield (%)	6.23	0bps	14bps	31bps
USD/INR	74.47	(0.1)	(0.3)	0.6
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	74.64	0.2	(2.2)	71.6
Dow	35,059	(0.2)	2.1	32.2
Shanghai	3,381	(2.5)	(3.9)	8.2
Sensex	52,579	(0.5)	(0.1)	39.3
India Fil (US\$ mn)	26-Jul	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-D	7.8	(113.7)	(3,280.5)	(1,253.2)
FII-E	(298.1)	(934.3)	7,149.9	(176.5)

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

### SUMMARY

#### Maruti Suzuki

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- With a 10% stock rally in three months, further upsides look capped – downgrade from BUY to HOLD; Mar'22 TP unchanged at Rs 8,000

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#### Mahindra Logistics

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- Retain BUY; we make minor changes to estimates and roll over to a Jun'22 TP of Rs 711 (vs. Rs 701)

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### **Greenpanel Industries**

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- We broadly maintain estimates and roll forward to a Jun'22 TP of Rs 315 (vs. Rs 295) – retain BUY

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**HOLD**  
 TP: Rs 8,000 | ▲ 12%

**MARUTI SUZUKI**

| Automobiles

| 28 July 2021

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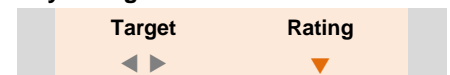
**Weak Q1FY22:** MSIL’s Q1 revenue fell 26% QoQ to Rs 177.8bn due to a 28% volume drop. ASP grew 3% led by price hikes. Lower gross margin (-90bps QoQ) and higher employee cost (at 6% of sales including a Rs 300mn one-off expense) pulled EBITDA margin down to 4.6% (7.2% est.). Below-expected other income at Rs 5bn (vs. Rs 7.5bn on average in the prior four quarters) further dented profitability, resulting in adj. PAT of Rs 4.4bn (Rs 11.3bn est.) and EPS of Rs 14.6.

**Healthy volume outlook:** Management indicated a healthy sequential uptick in July monthly volumes and expects this traction to continue in the run-up to the festive season – growth will be driven by lower dealer inventory levels of 25-30 days and demand revival in both rural and urban areas. MSIL currently has an order book of ~170k units. We build in strong 27% YoY volume growth in FY22 after a 7% decline in FY21, with a 14% CAGR over FY21-FY24

**RM cost inflation a concern:** Commodity costs were up 3.5% QoQ in Q1FY22 and management expects further inflation in coming months. MSIL had taken limited price hikes in both April and July but would require further increases to fully offset cost inflation. In Q1, product discounts were at Rs 14,000/unit.

**Cut to HOLD:** We maintain our estimates for FY22/FY23 and introduce FY24 projections, modelling for a healthy revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 18%/27%/29% over FY21-FY24 – this will lead to an estimated ~500bps improvement in ROCE and ROE by FY24. We believe the 10% rally in stock price over the past three months prices in the strong growth prospects and hence cut our rating from BUY to HOLD. Our Mar’22 TP remains at Rs 8,000 based on an FY23E P/E multiple of 30x, which is in line with the stock’s 10-year average.

**Key changes**



Ticker/Price	MSIL IN/Rs 7,165
Market cap	US\$ 29.1bn
Free float	44%
3M ADV	US\$ 56.9mn
52wk high/low	Rs 8,329/Rs 6,119
Promoter/FPI/DII	56%/21%/17%

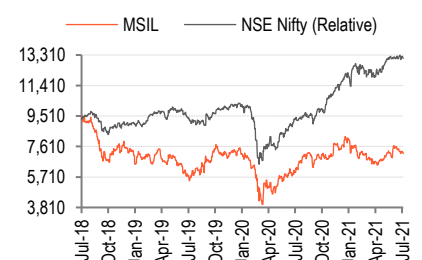
Source: NSE | Price as of 28 Jul 2021

**Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	703,325	937,711	1,043,110
EBITDA (Rs mn)	53,453	81,071	98,841
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	42,297	66,184	81,184
Adj. EPS (Rs)	140.0	219.1	268.7
Consensus EPS (Rs)	140.0	218.2	290.5
Adj. ROAE (%)	8.4	12.1	13.6
Adj. P/E (x)	51.2	32.7	26.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	40.3	26.4	21.6
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(25.1)	56.5	22.7

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



**BUY**  
 TP: Rs 711 | ▲ 16%

**MAHINDRA LOGISTICS**

| Logistics

| 28 July 2021

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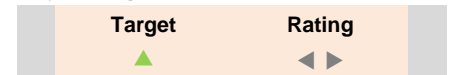
**Core in line; net misses estimate:** MAHLOG reported Rs 94mn in net income for Q1FY22 versus a loss of Rs 158mn in Q1FY21, driven by a 113% YoY increase in revenue and 570bps rise in EBITDA margin to 5.2%. Revenue growth was led by both supply chain (+114%) and people transport services (+87%). Segment margins for both businesses also increased YoY.

Sequentially, core net income fell 39% as revenue dropped by 10% and other income fell 59%. EBITDA margin increased 50bps QoQ. Supply chain/people transport revenues fell 10.5%/6.7%. Margins for the supply chain business grew 70bps QoQ to 8.1%. While revenue and EBITDA were in line with our estimates, higher depreciation and taxation led to a miss on net income.

**Focus on warehousing; recovery in personal mobility will take time:** MAHLOG intends to continue building up warehousing and to raise revenue contribution from the current 20%. The company has contracted 4msf and expects its new 1.2msf facility to be fully utilised. The Bajaj Electricals deal will start contributing later this fiscal year. The people transportation services segment remains a challenge amid the pandemic and recovery may take a few years, but green shoots are appearing as more employees start returning to work.

**Retain BUY:** We make minor changes to our FY22-FY24 EPS projections and have a new Jun'22 DCF-based TP of Rs 711 (Rs 701 earlier). Our target implies an FY23E P/E of ~35x and P/B of 6.6x, a premium of 3% and 20% to the three-year mean respectively. Maintain BUY. Key stock price drivers include strong recovery in M&M sale volumes, new customer adds in 3PL business and earnings recovery. Key downsides are a weaker-than-expected recovery and lower margins from new businesses.

**Key changes**



Ticker/Price	MAHLOG IN/Rs 612
Market cap	US\$ 590.1mn
Free float	42%
3M ADV	US\$ 1.3mn
52wk high/low	Rs 631/Rs 273
Promoter/FPI/DII	58%/21%/12%

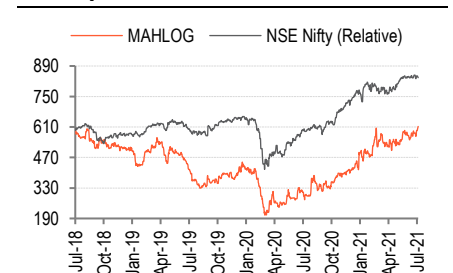
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**Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	32,637	41,609	47,710
EBITDA (Rs mn)	1,342	2,506	3,136
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	328	979	1,461
Adj. EPS (Rs)	4.6	13.7	20.4
Consensus EPS (Rs)	4.6	10.8	16.8
Adj. ROAE (%)	5.9	16.1	20.5
Adj. P/E (x)	134.0	44.8	30.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	32.6	17.7	13.8
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(40.4)	199.0	49.2

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



**BUY**  
 TP: Rs 315 | ▲ 28%

**GREENPANEL INDUSTRIES**

Construction Materials

28 July 2021

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**Strong growth aided by MDF segment:** GREENP's consolidated revenue grew 242% YoY to Rs 3.1bn, with MDF up 272% as the segment's volumes climbed 220%. In plywood, revenue rose 132% YoY as volumes surged 124% due to a weak lockdown-hit base quarter. In the MDF segment, demand was driven by both exports (+232% YoY) and domestic sales (+464% YoY). As per management, export demand remains strong even now, supporting elevated sales in Q2 as well. Domestic MDF demand has started to revive from mid-June post unlocking and has improved further in July.

**Operating margin improves:** EBITDA margin (ex-forex losses) stood at 22.7% vs. an operating loss YoY aided by higher MDF and plywood profitability and better capacity utilisation. MDF margin stood at 24.3% (vs. -4.3% YoY) backed by better utilisation (91% vs. 21%) and price hikes. Plywood earned 11% margins (vs. -18% YoY) due to cost optimisation and lower wastage. Management believes MDF margins are sustainable given price hikes in the domestic segment and could expand further if utilisation levels hold. Also, with the rise in international MDF prices in Q2FY22 YTD (+20% over Q1 to Rs 18,000-18,500/cbm), margins should hold steady.

**Working capital and debt reduces:** GREENP reduced its working capital by 56 days YoY to 33 (-2 days QoQ) primarily due to lower debtor days. Management indicated continued working capital discipline going ahead. During Q1, the company lowered consolidated net debt by Rs 180mn to Rs 3.6bn and is on track to reduce it by a further ~Rs 1.5bn, as guided, in FY22.

**Maintain BUY:** GREENP posted a robust Q1 despite lockdowns during the quarter. We continue to believe the MDF business enjoys significant demand tailwinds due to the growing acceptance of readymade furniture and shift of the low-cost plywood market to MDF where GREENP is the industry leader. Reiterate BUY on strong growth prospects and an improving debt and return ratio profile. We roll over to a new Jun'22 TP of Rs 315 (vs. Rs 295), based on an unchanged 18x one-year forward P/E which is a ~20% discount to target multiples for plywood peers.

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**Key changes**

Target	Rating
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Ticker/Price	GREENP IN/Rs 247
Market cap	US\$ 407.1mn
Free float	46.9%
3M ADV	US\$ 1.4mn
52wk high/low	Rs 268/Rs 38
Promoter/FPI/DII	53%/5%/41%

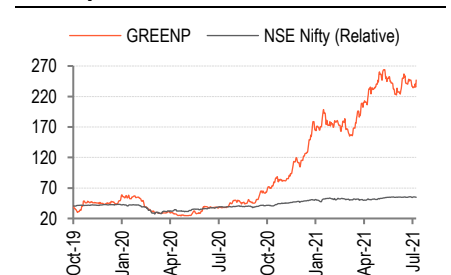
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**Key financials**

Y/E 31 Mar	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	10,208	13,526	15,976
EBITDA (Rs mn)	2,077	3,075	3,759
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	808	1,493	2,014
Adj. EPS (Rs)	6.6	12.2	16.4
Consensus EPS (Rs)	6.6	11.6	16.5
Adj. ROAE (%)	11.6	18.5	20.5
Adj. P/E (x)	37.5	20.3	15.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.3	11.3	8.9
Adj. EPS growth (%)	219.4	84.7	34.9

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

**Stock performance**



Source: NSE



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**BUY** – Expected return >+15%

**HOLD** – Expected return from -6% to +15%

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