



Construction Materials

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## MDF demand remains robust

We recently interacted with the management of Greenpanel Industries (GREENP) for an update on MDF business prospects.

# Key takeaways

- Demand trends remain robust and continue to improve QoQ in Q4FY21.
  GREENP is on track to achieve its Q4 guidance of 95-100% utilisation.
- Tier-2-and-below cities remain demand drivers in the domestic market; metro cities are also recovering post unlocking. Exports, however, have been delayed during Q4 due to a scarcity of containers.
- Domestic MDF demand trends look sustainable and GREENP is targeting full capacity utilisation at the very least in FY22. The business has a rated capacity of 540,000cbm which can run at peak utilisation levels of 110%.
- MDF plant debottlenecking will be completed by Q3FY22, adding 50,000cbm of capacity. Capex for debottlenecking and backward integration totals ~Rs 550mn.
- GREENP hiked prices by ~3% in South India (40% of total revenue share) and ~6.5% in the rest of India during Dec'20 to Jan'21 due to an increase in raw material cost. These hikes will fully offset the higher RM cost burden.
- Management expects stronger operating leverage from rising utilisation to bolster MDF EBITDA margins (24.5% in Q3FY21).
- GREENP has been focusing on domestic distribution and now has over 1,400 MDF dealers across India vs. 1,080 as on Mar'20. It plans to continue scaling up its reach and targeting smaller cities to widen the market.
- The company plans to reduce net debt from ~Rs 4.5bn as of 31st Dec'20 to Rs 4bn by end-FY21 and further to Rs 2.5bn in FY22.
- In the plywood business, demand has improved in Q4 and management expects to see sequential improvement in revenue along with sustainable EBITDA margins of 14-15%.

**Our view:** We continue to like GREENP for its robust growth prospects and improving debt and return ratio profile. Maintain BUY with a Mar'22 TP of Rs 235, set at an unchanged 15x FY23E P/E.

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| Ticker/Price     | GREENP IN/Rs 158 |  |  |
|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Market cap       | US\$ 267.3mn     |  |  |
| Shares o/s       | 123mn            |  |  |
| 3M ADV           | US\$ 1.1mn       |  |  |
| 52wk high/low    | Rs 203/Rs 24     |  |  |
| Promoter/FPI/DII | 53%/11%/36%      |  |  |
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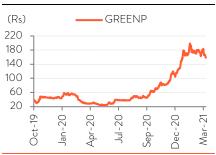
Source: NSE

### **KEY FINANCIALS**

| Y/E 31 Mar              | FY21E | FY22E  | FY23E  |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Total revenue (Rs mn)   | 9,589 | 13,174 | 15,227 |
| EBITDA (Rs mn)          | 1,818 | 2,965  | 3,622  |
| Adj. net profit (Rs mn) | 616   | 1,418  | 1,913  |
| Adj. EPS (Rs)           | 5.0   | 11.6   | 15.6   |
| Adj. EPS growth (%)     | 143.6 | 130.1  | 34.9   |
| Adj. ROAE (%)           | 9.0   | 18.2   | 20.3   |
| Adj. P/E (x)            | 31.5  | 13.7   | 10.1   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)           | 13.7  | 8.2    | 6.3    |

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

#### STOCK PERFORMANCE



Source: NSE

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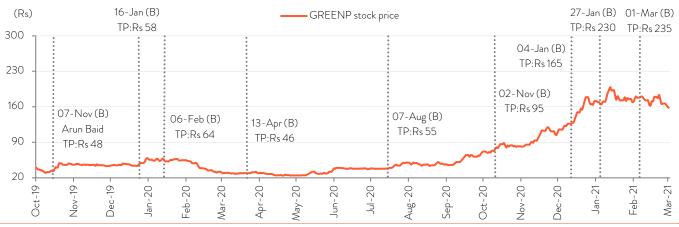
ADD - Expected return from >+5% to +15%

**REDUCE** - Expected return from -5% to +5%

SELL - Expected return <-5%

Note: Recommendation structure changed with effect from 1 January 2018 (Hold rating discontinued and replaced by Add / Reduce)

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