

Sector Note

India

Overweight (Initiating Coverage)

Highlighted Companies

Dilip Buildcon Ltd

ADD, TP Rs555, Rs355 close

In 2QFY21, DBL received orders worth Rs96bn and order book (OB) rose to Rs250bn (2.9x sales). Hybrid annuity model (HAM) projects comprised ~60% of its 1HFY21 OB, implying DBL will have to fund 36% of its 1HFY21 OB.

NCC Ltd

ADD, TP Rs70, Rs44 close

Rs132bn of order cancellations led to net order flow of (-)Rs61bn in FY20. Order flow picked up in 1HFY21 (Rs56bn) and OB/ sales is 4.2x. The bulk of the current OB is active.

IRB Infrastructure

ADD, TP Rs160, Rs120 close

The thin EPC OB of Rs51bn (1.3x trailing 12-month EPC sales) necessitates new orders. We believe the funds infused by GIC (Rs40bn) will ensure leverage is within reasonable bounds and enable IRB pursue new build-operate-transfer to projects.

Summary Valuation Metrics

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P/E (x)	Mar 21F	Mar 22F	Mar 23F
NCC	12.7	7.4	7.0
Dilip Buildcon	13.0	9.1	7.8
IRB Infra	na	29.2	5.4
P/BV (x)	Mar 21F	Mar 22F	Mar 23F
NCC	0.5	0.5	0.5
Dilip Buildcon	1.4	1.2	1.0
IRB Infra	0.7	0.7	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	Mar 21F	Mar 22F	Mar 23F
NCC	6.3	4.9	4.7
Dilip Buildcon	9.7	4.8	5.3
IRB Infra	5.5	4.5	3.7

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Construction

Rebound in 1HFY21 order flow to drive FY22F sales

- With 3x order book/ sales in 1HFY21, companies have to fund 27% of their order books, like in Mar 2019. The sector is trading at a sharp discount to the three-year average. We believe strong sales growth in 2HFY21F -FY22F can re-rate the sector.
- We initiate coverage on the construction sector with an Overweight rating. Our top picks are Dilip Buildcon, NCC and IRB Infrastructure.

With 3x order book/sales, companies to fund 27% of order books

After strong order flows in FY18-19, the net order flow plummeted 90% vov in FY20 for companies in our coverage partly due to order cancellations in FY20 for NCC (Rs132bn) and IRB Infrastructure (Rs35bn). EPC sales grew 40% yoy in FY19 due to strong order book (OB)/ sales in FY18 (average 3.6x) and order flow in FY19. In FY20, sales declined 5% yoy as order flow dried up and OB/ sales declined to 2.2x. Since Mar 2020, order flow has picked up (Rs287bn in 1HFY21), resulting in average OB/ sales of 3x in 1HFY21. We believe this augurs well for sales growth in 2HFY21F and FY22F. The companies in our coverage have to fund 27% of 1HFY21 OB. similar to that in Mar 2019.

Trading at a discount to their history, execution can lead to re-rating

The main third-party engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) companies (Dilip Buildcon [DBL], PNC Infratech [PNC], Nagarjuna Construction Company [NCC]) are trading at an average discount of 38% to their three-year average EV/EBITDA. We believe 2HFY21F-FY22F sales growth can re-rate the EV/EBITDA close to historical levels. DBL and NCC have the highest target EPC segment enterprise value (EV) as a proportion of overall target equity valuation. Thus, a re-rating in the EV/ EBITDA multiple and/ or a strong financial performance can have the highest impact on DBL and NCC. We expect net debt/ EBITDA to be within reasonable bounds over FY20-22F for the companies in our coverage. As consolidated net debt / market capitalisation is high for Ashoka Buildcon (ABL), IRB and DBL, we believe EV expansion would have a considerable positive impact on their market capitalisations.

Initiate coverage on the sector with Overweight rating (Top picks: DBL, NCC, IRB Infra)

Dilip Buildcon: In 2QFY21, DBL received orders of Rs96bn and OB rose to Rs250bn (2.9x sales). HAM projects comprise ~60% of its OB, implying DBL will have to fund 36% of its 1HFY21 OB. 60% of its OB is under construction and augurs well for execution in 2HFY21F. NCC: Order flows picked up in 1HFY21 (Rs56bn). This, in tandem with 33% yoy decline in trailing 12-month (TTM) sales, led to OB/ sales of 4.2x in 1HFY21. The bulk of the current OB is active. IRB Infrastructure: Termination of two HAM projects (Rs35bn) in 3QFY20 dented the EPC OB. The thin 1HFY21 EPC OB of Rs51bn (1.3x TTM EPC sales) necessitates new orders. We believe GIC's infusion of funds (Rs40bn) in CY20 will ensure that leverage is within reasonable bounds and enable IRB to pursue new BOT projects. We also initiate coverage on Ashoka Buildcon (ABL), PNC and IRB InvIT with Add ratings.

Valuations and key risks for the construction sector

We use EV/EBITDA multiple to value the EPC segment, DCF for operational road assets and 1x capex for under construction road assets. Difficulties in financial closure of new HAM projects and slowdown in project execution are key risks for the sector.

	Bloomberg	Rating	Target	Closing	EPS	(Rs)	P/E	(x)
	ticker		Price (Rs)	Price (Rs)	FY21F	FY22F	FY21F	FY22F
NCC	NJCC IN	Add	70	44	3.4	5.9	12.7	7.4
Dilip Buildcon	DBL IN	Add	555	355	27.4	39.1	13.0	9.1
IRB Infra	IRB IN	Add	160	120	(12.3)	4.1	na	29.2
PNC Infra	PNCL IN	Add	193	174	14.7	20.2	11.8	8.6
Ashoka Buildcon	ASBL IN	Add	97	74	(1.4)	4.1	na	17.8
IRB InvIT	IRBINVIT IN	Add	55	44	(1.5)	1.8	na	19.7

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Construction sector: Rebound in 1HFY21 order flow to drive FY22F sales

Order flow picked up in 1HFY21 after a lull in FY20 >

After a strong order flow in FY18-19, the net order flow plummeted in FY20 to Rs44bn (90% yoy decline) for EPC companies in our coverage, partly due to order cancellations in FY20 for NCC (Rs132bn) and IRB Infra (Rs35bn). Adjusted for order cancellations, FY20 order flow was Rs211bn (50% yoy decline).

For EPC companies in our coverage, sales grew 40% yoy in FY19 due to strong order book (OB) to sales in FY18 (average 3.6x) and healthy order flow in FY19. In FY20, sales declined 5% yoy as order flow dried up. OB to sales declined to just 2.2x in FY20. Since Mar 2020, order flow has picked up (Rs287bn in 1HFY21). As a result, average OB to sales for companies under our coverage is 3x in 1HFY21. We believe this augurs well for growth in 2HFY21F and FY22F sales.

Considering IRB Infra's thin OB to sales in 1HFY21 compared to other companies in our coverage, we believe new orders can have the highest positive impact on EPC segment financials for IRB Infra.

Figure 2: Order floour coverage	ow over FY18 to 1	HFY21 for	EPC comp	oanies in	Figure 3: OB to coverage	sales a	ind sales	s growth	for EPC c	ompanies	in our
		Order	inflow		-		Order boo	ok/ Sales	(x)	Sales gro	wth (%)
(Rs bn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	YTDFY21		FY18	FY19	FY20	1HFY21F	FY19	FY20
Dilip Buildcon	141	64	69	97	Dilip Buildcon	3.1	2.3	2.1	2.9	18	(2)
NCC	220	207	(64)	55	NCC	4.3	3.4	3.2	4.2	60	(32)
PNC Infra	37	80	12	91	PNC Infra	4.1	4.0	1.8	3.6	71	55
IRB Infra	90	6	(12)	19	IRB Infra	3.9	2.4	0.9	1.2	19	11
Ashoka Buildcon	13	64	39	24	Ashoka Buildcon	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.5	56	3
Total	501	421	44	287	Total	3.6	2.9	2.2	3.0	40	(5)
	SOURCES: EIP RES	EARCH ESTIMA	TES, COMPA	NY REPORTS		S	OURCES: E	IP RESEAR	CH ESTIMATE	S, COMPANY	REPORTS

27% of 1HFY21 OB has to be funded, similar to FY19 (24%) >

Around 40% of 1HFY21 OB for the companies in our coverage are hybrid annuity model (HAM) projects. The concessionaire bears 60% of the project cost of HAM projects and the project awarding authority bears the balance 40%. Five percent of 1HFY21 OBs are build-operate-transfer (BOT) projects, which the concessionaire has to fund entirely. As a result, the companies in our coverage have to fund 27% of 1HFY21 OBs.

		Order book FY19		Order book 1HFY21
(Rs bn)	Total	% to be funded by company	Total	% to be funded by company
Dilip Buildcon	212	30	250	36
NCC	412	-	294	-
PNC Infra	122	34	158	41
IRB Infra	111	85	51	86
Ashoka Buildcon	84	28	93	28
Total	940	24	846	27



Key EPC segment financials >

Sales growth: We factor in average 4% CAGR for EPC sales for the companies in our coverage, which we believe are reasonable as excluding IRB Infrastructure, all the others have a healthy OB to sales ratio (average 3.3x in 1HFY21 for companies under our coverage excluding IRB Infra). For IRB Infra, we factor in a 14% decline in EPC sales over FY20-22F and believe new orders are critical to sustain EPC execution in FY22F.

For the companies in our coverage, 1HFY21 EPC sales declined 21% yoy due to COVID-19. Company managements are confident of a turnaround in 2HFY21. As a result, we factor in a lower decline (16% yoy) in FY21F than that witnessed in 1HFY21.

(Rs bn)	FY19	FY20	1HFY21	FY21F	FY22F
Dilip Buildcon					
Sales	91.4	89.8	38.2	84.0	101.2
Sales growth yoy (%)	18	(2)	(7)	(7)	21
EBITDA margin ex bonus (%)	17.5	16.4	15.6	16.3	16.3
RoCE (%)	24.9	20.6			
NWC/ Sales (%)	39.8	37.7			
Interest rate (%)	14.7	15.5			
NCC					
Sales	120.8	82.2	27.2	70.6	91.7
Sales growth yoy (%)	60	(32)	(29)	(14)	30
EBITDA margin ex bonus (%)	11.8	12.5	12.0	11.2	11.2
RoCE (%)	22.2	13.3			
NWC/ Sales (%)	42.1	62.3			
Interest rate (%)	14.5	15.4			
PNC Infra		-			
Sales	30.7	47.7	19.6	42.9	54.8
Sales growth yoy (%)	71	55	(18)	(10)	28
EBITDA margin ex bonus (%)	14.2	14.1	13.4	13.5	13.5
RoCE (%)	32.6	50.0			
NWC/ Sales (%)	21.3	14.4			
Interest rate (%)	15.1	16.7			
IRB Infra					
Sales	46.0	51.1	15.6	27.4	44.0
Sales growth yoy (%)	19	11	(39)	(46)	61
EBITDA margin ex bonus (%)	21.3	25.9	33.0	25.0	25.0
RoCE (%)	49.9	45.6			
NWC/ Sales (%)	39.4	67.8			
Interest rate (%)	9.8	9.5			
Ashoka Buildcon					
Sales	38.2	39.4	14.5	35.3	42.5
Sales growth yoy (%)	56	3	(15)	(10)	20
EBITDA margin ex bonus (%)	13.5	14.9	14.7	12.9	12.8
RoCE (%)	46.4	44.3			
NWC/ Sales (%)	17.5	8.0			
Interest rate (%)	9.6	7.5			

EBITDA margin: Despite the weak EPC sales over FY20-1HFY21, the EBITDA margin has been steady. Over 2HFY21F-FY22F, we expect the EBITDA margin to remain close to FY19-20 levels.

Impact of re-rating in EV/EBITDA multiple and/ or sharp EPC sales growth >

Among the companies in our coverage, DBL and NCC have the highest target EPC segment EV as a proportion of overall Mar 21F target equity valuation. Thus, a re-rating in the EV/ EBITDA multiple and/ or a sharp EPC sales growth of DBL and NCC can have the highest positive impact on our Mar 21F target equity valuation of DBL and NCC.



Figure 6: EPC s	egment's target EV as a	proportion of our tar	get equity valuation
	FY22F EV/ EBITDA target multiple (x)	EPC segment target EV (Rs bn)	EPC Target EV/ target equity valuation %
Dilip Buildcon	5.0	89	117
NCC	5.0	51	120
PNC Infra	6.0	44	90
IRB Infra	3.5	39	69
Ashoka Buildcon	3.5	19	70
		SOURCES: EIP RESEARC	H ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Leverage, promoter holding and pledged holdings are at reasonable levels >

Based on current OBs and expected timelines of BOT/ HAM projects in the portfolio of companies under our coverage, we expect net debt/ EBITDA to be within reasonable bounds over FY20-22F.

Among the companies in our coverage, consolidated net debt / market capitalisation is high for ABL, IRB and DBL. Thus, we believe an expansion in EV of these companies can have a substantial impact on the share price. On the other hand, NCC and PNC have lower consolidated net debt/ market capitalisation and an expansion in EV will have a relatively lower impact on the share price, in our view.

The latest promoter holding is greater than 50% for all companies in our coverage except for NCC (20%). Pledged shares / promoter shares are at reasonable levels.

Figure 7: Conso consolidated ne	olidated net debt / marke et debt/ EBITDA	t capitalisation	and	Figure 8: Promoter holding and pledged shares as a percentage promoter shares as at Nov 20			
		Consol Net Debt	/ EBITDA (x)				
	Consol Net Debt (Mar 21)/					Pledged shares / promoter shares	
	Market Capitalisation (x) *	FY20	FY22F		promoter holding %	%	
Dilip Buildcon	2.1	4.8	3.2	Dilip Buildcon	75	25	
NCC	0.6	2.5	2.2	NCC	20	28	
PNC Infra	1.4	2.1	3.3	PNC Infra	56	-	
IRB Infra	2.4	0.9	3.9	IRB Infra	58	17	
Ashoka Buildcon	4.2	3.8	3.8	Ashoka Buildcon	54	-	
* Net Debt: Debt le	ess cash less investments						
SOURCES	S: EIP RESEARCH ESTIMATES, CO		OMBAY STOCK		SOURCES: COMPA	NY REPORTS, BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE	

Current EV/EBITDA FY22F of the EPC sector is at a steep discount to historical levels **>**

The main third-party EPC companies in our coverage (DBL, PNC, NCC) are trading at an average discount of 38% to their three-year average EV/EBITDA. We believe strong EPC sales growth in 2HFY21F-FY22F can re-rate the valuation multiple to close to historical levels for the companies in our coverage.

	EV/ EBI	ITDA (x) for EPC s	segment	Discount of current FY22
	5 yr average	3 yr average	Current FY22F	multiple from 3 yr average (%
Dilip Buildcon	5.3	5.3	3.2	39
NCC	6.9	6.5	3.0	54
PNC Infra	7.8	6.0	4.8	20
Average	6.7	5.9	3.7	38



Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT): Reduces risk and increases returns for investors **>**

Asset developers could reduce leverage by divesting assets to InvIT: Prior to InvITs, developers would fund projects and recoup the investment over 20-25 years of the concession's life. This dented their ability to chase new projects. A high quantum of project awards led to high leverage as developers had to fund the projects. Now, they can execute projects, stabilise operations (two years) and divest the projects to an InvIT. We believe, this should reduce the developers' leverage, and enable them to chase more orders.

While units of an InvIT are not debt instruments, risks are lower than in the equity of a road developer.

InvITs mitigate risks for investors:

- By reducing the risk of capex overruns and base traffic estimation. As per the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, an InvIT is not allowed to invest more than 10% of its asset value in projects under construction. 80% of its asset value has to be in completed projects.
- Allowing low leverage, as external debt must be less than 70% of its asset value. If the above two conditions are breached due to share price movements, the InvIT has six months (one year with unit holder approval) to meet the above two conditions.
- At least 90% of the special purpose vehicle's (SPV) net distributable cash flow (NDCF) must be distributed to the InvIT and at least 90% of the InvIT's NDCF must be distributed to unit holders.
- Control over acquisition/divestment. The decision to acquire/divest the asset is subject to a vote by the owners of the InvIT, in which the promoter/sponsor is not allowed to participate, and a majority vote is required to proceed with the acquisition/divestment.
- InvIT's sponsor must have a minimum of 15% shareholding for three years after it is listed.

InvIT maximises returns for investors: Returns to unit holders include interest on subordinated debt, principal repayment of subordinated debt and dividends.

- Zero taxes on (a) dividend distribution by the SPV to the trust and by the trust to the unit holder and (b) subordinated debt repayment.
- Domestic/foreign investors are charged withholding taxes of 10%/5% on interest income.

For InvIT, yield is a misnomer and the key metric to monitor is IRR:

- Yield in financial instruments means interest with the implicit assumption of principal repayment at the end of the tenure. The InvIT payout includes interest and principal repayment. InvIT's assets have a blended life of 10-15 years.
- The yield in the initial years could be high for an InvIT with a high proportion of mature assets approaching the end of their concession periods.



Dilip Buildcon (DBL IN): Pick-up in EPC sales likely in FY22F; trading at attractive valuations

2QFY21 order flow is more than total of the last 7 quarters >

There were no new orders in 1QFY21, but in 2QFY21 DBL received three EPC projects (Rs66.1bn) and three HAM projects (Rs30.1bn). OB rose to Rs250bn (2.9x sales) in 2QFY21 from Rs172bn in 1QFY21 (2x TTM sales). DBL is awaiting a HAM project of Rs6.1bn and an EPC contract of Rs8.9bn. We factor in order flow of Rs110bn in FY21F vs. Rs96bn in 1HFY21.

DBL has received appointed dates (AD) for all HAM projects (excluding three HAM projects post 1Q) – four in FY19 and eight in FY20. HAM comprised ~60% of its OB as at 1HFY21, implying that DBL will have to fund about 36% of its OB. 60% of the OB is under construction and augurs well for execution in 2HFY21F, in our view.

Project Name	Туре	State	Awarding entity	Value (Rs bn)	LOA Date
			Narmada, Water Resources, Water		
Bhadbhut Barrage	Irrigation	Gujarat	Supply and Kalpsar Department	37.2	Jul-2
Sahibganj Bypass	Special Bridge	Jharkhand	NHAI	17.0	Jul-2
Repallewada to Telangana/Maharashtra border	Road - HAM	Telangana	NHAI	7.9	Sep-2
Construction of Tunnel etc - Rishikesh and Karanprayag	Tunnel	Uttarakhand	Rail Vikas Nigam Limited	11.9	Aug-2
Dodaballapur Bypass to Hoskote (Package 2)	Road - HAM	Karnataka	NHAI	8.9	Aug-2
Narenpur to Purnea	Road - HAM	Bihar	NHAI	13.3	Sep-2
Total				96.2	
Dhrol - Bhadra Patiya & Bhadra Patiya – Pipaliya section	Road - HAM	Gujarat	NHAI	6.1	Awaite
Delhi - Vadodara Greenfield Expressway (Pkg - 15)	Road	Rajasthan	NHAI	8.9	Awaite

(Rs bn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	1HFY21
Closing Order bk	176	239	212	191	250
Order Flow	119	141	64	69	97
Sales	51	77	91	90	38
OB/ TTM Sales (x)	3.4	3.1	2.3	2.1	2.9

Strong RoCE in FY20 – a tad lower than in FY18-19 >

Standalone RoCE declined from an average of 24.5% over FY18-19 to 20.6% (FY20) due to 12% yoy EBIT decline in FY20. We expect standalone RoCE of 20%/25% in FY21F/22F respectively.

Consolidated RoE in FY20 was just 12.7% as BOT assets (Rs76bn) comprise 58% of the consolidated FY20 balance sheet. The RoCE of BOT assets is lower than that of the EPC segment. Of the BOT assets, Rs18bn (15% of balance sheet) are under construction HAM projects which are not generating revenue now. Net debt / EBITDA was 4.8x in FY20 and we expect it to decline to 3.2x by FY22F as HAM projects currently under construction commence operations in FY22F.

Figure 12: Key s	lanualone	manciali	alius			Figure 13: Key consolidated financial ratios					
(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F
RoCE	24.2	24.9	20.6	20.1	25.0	RoCE	14.2	12.6	12.2	8.1	14.9
EBIT margin	14.6	14.3	12.8	12.2	12.8	RoE	25.8	19.4	12.7	10.6	13.1
NFA/ Sales	23.7	22.8	22.6	18.9	16.9	Interest rate	10.6	11.6	11.7	5.7	11.9
NWC / Sales	38.2	39.8	37.7	38.0	38.0	Net Debt/ EBITDA (x)	4.0	4.7	4.8	6.6	3.2
Interest rate	14.0	14.7	15.5	15.0	15.0	EBIT/ Interest (x)	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.5
EV/ EBITDA - EPC (x	.)			3.9	3.2	Net Debt/ Equity (x)	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.4
						EV/ EBITDA (x)				9.7	4.8
						PE (x)				13.0	9.1
						PBV (x)				1.4	1.2



Details of divestment of HAM projects >

Deal with Shrem Group (Unlisted) in Mar 2018 – Sale of 24 BOT projects: As of Sep 2020, DBL transferred 13 completed BOT projects to Shrem group. DBL has received ~90% of the overall payment of Rs10.2bn from Shrem group. DBL is yet to receive Rs1bn which is likely by Dec 2020, as informed by DBL management.

Deal with Cube Highways and Infrastructure III Pte Limited (Cube: Unlisted) in Aug 2019 for sale of five of DBL's HAM projects: The transaction will be completed in about four years, according to DBL's management. Currently DBL has infused about Rs2.9bn in the five HAM projects. Between 50% physical completion (1QFY21) and commencement of operations (COD) of the five HAM projects, Cube will infuse Rs2.8bn (49% of total equity) of optionally convertible debentures. DBL's equity stake will remain at 100%. Post COD, Cube will pay Rs1.8bn to DBL for a 49% stake, while DBL will have a 51% stake. Two years post the COD, Cube will pay DBL Rs2.3bn for its 51% stake.

This deal reduces DBL's equity requirement from Rs5.7bn to Rs2.9bn in these five projects. Post the sale (FY22F), we expect net debt to reduce by ~Rs30bn (vs. Rs100bn in FY21F). While Cube's payment of Rs4.1bn is 40% higher than DBL's equity infusion, the payment will accrue over four to five years. In addition to its EPC margin, we estimate DBL's IRR at ~12% which is reasonable.

Initiate coverage with Add rating; SOP-based TP of Rs555 >

We forecast EPC sales CAGR of 6% over FY20-22F (8% CAGR between FY18 and FY20). We believe this is achievable as the 2.9x OB/ sales was similar to that of FY18 (3.1x). Based on the current market price, we believe DBL is trading at attractive valuations (standalone EV/EBITDA of 3.2x FY22F). Thus, we initiate coverage on DBL with an Add rating. We value the EPC business at 5x EV/EBITDA FY22F, similar to its last three-year median one-year forward EV/EBITDA (5.3x). We value the HAM projects at 1x capex.

Downside risks: (a) Delay in completion of asset monetisation to Cube and (b) slowdown in project execution can impact DBL more than its peers in our coverage due to its higher fixed costs. DBL owns its machinery, while its peers lease much of theirs.

	(Rs bn)	Rs/share	Comments
EPC business target EV	89	648	Valued at 5x EV/EBITDA FY22F
HAM target EV	87	637	Valued at capex
Mine developer and operator business	3	22	
Less : Net Debt (FY21F)	(103)	(752)	
Total	76	555	

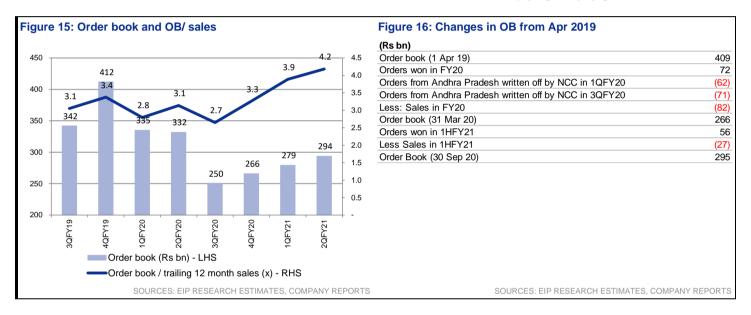


NCC (NJCC IN): Highest OB/ sales among peers

OB/ sales of 4.2x, at its highest level in the last 10 quarters >

During 1Q/ 3QFY20, NCC removed Rs61bn / Rs71bn of orders due to potential cancellation of projects in Andhra Pradesh (AP). New orders in FY20 were Rs72bn vs. Rs212bn in FY19. Thus, the net order flow in FY20 was (-)Rs61bn. Order flow picked up in 1HFY21 (Rs56bn). This, with a 33% yoy decline in TTM sales, led to OB/ sales of 4.2x. The bulk of the current OB is active. NCC mentioned that orders in AP (Rs43bn) is 15% of the OB and the bulk of these is being executed. We factor in order flow of Rs75bn in FY21F.

NCC expects sales of Rs77bn in FY21 (6% yoy decline), implying Rs50bn sales in 2HFY21 (16% yoy growth). We forecast a slower pick-up in project execution and estimate sales of Rs71bn in FY21F, implying flat yoy growth in 2HFY21F.



We expect improvement in RoCE over FY20-22F, driven by growth in project execution in FY22F \rightarrow

Standalone RoCE declined from 22.2% (FY19) to 13.3% (FY20) as EBITDA declined 28% yoy while assets were flat yoy (excluding cash, investments and loans to group companies). We expect standalone RoCE of just ~11% in FY21F due to COVID-19 and 15% in FY22F (13.3%/ 22.2% in FY20/FY19 respectively).

Consolidated RoE in FY20 was low at 6.9%, in our view. The reasons are (a) the EBITDA decline in the core EPC segment; (b) subdued RoCE of the non-core assets (2.5% in FY20) which comprise 15% of the consolidated balance sheet. However, it is encouraging that the proportion of non-core assets in the consolidated balance sheet reduced to 15% in FY20 from 39% in FY17. (c) High interest cost of 14%. Net debt / EBITDA was 2.9x in FY20 and we expect it to remain at similar levels over FY21-22F



Figure 17: NCC's ke	, standulo		aniatioo			Figure 18: NCC's key			ional rutio	•	
(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F
RoCE	16.9	22.2	13.3	11.0	15.0	RoCE	10.0	17.3	11.8	10.1	11.4
EBIT margin	9.8	10.5	10.4	8.8	9.2	RoE	4.1	12.6	6.9	4.1	6.6
NFA/ Sales	9.7	9.1	16.0	15.0	14.0	Interest rate	12.9	12.8	14.0	13.5	13.5
NWC / Sales	47.9	38.5	62.1	63.3	48.3	Net Debt/ EBITDA (x)	3.4	2.2	2.5	1.9	2.2
Interest rate	15.6	14.5	15.4	15.0	15.0	EBIT/ Interest (x)	1.5	2.7	1.6	1.4	1.8
EV/ EBITDA - EPC (x)				3.9	3.0	Net Debt/ Equity (x)	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
						EV/ EBITDA (x)			4.9	6.3	4.9
						PE (x)				12.7	7.4
						PBV (x)				0.5	0.5

Update on arbitration >

NCC's expected resolution of arbitration with Sembcorp has been delayed by six months from Sep 2020 to Mar 2021 due to COVID-19. NCC is hopeful of recovering Rs6bn-6.5bn by Mar 2021F. In the arbitration with Taqa, NCC is making an effort to reach an out-of-court settlement and has made a provision of Rs1bn. We factor in a net receipt of Rs5bn (Rs8/share) for NCC in our TP.

Initiate coverage with Add rating; SOP-based TP of Rs70 >

We forecast EPC sales CAGR of 6% over FY20-22F (4% CAGR between FY18-20). We believe this is achievable considering the 4.2x OB/ sales, similar to that in FY18 (4.2x). Based on the current market price, we believe NCC is trading at attractive valuations (standalone EV/EBITDA of 3x FY22F). Thus, we initiate coverage on NCC with an Add rating. We value the core EPC business at 5x EV/EBITDA FY22F, 23% discount to its last three-year median one-year forward EV/EBITDA.

Downside risks: (a) delay and / or lower receipt of funds in arbitration cases with Sembcorp and Taqa than our estimate (Rs5bn) and (b) slowdown in project execution.

	Rs bn	Rs/share	Comments
EV of EPC business	51	84	Valued at 5x FY22F EV/EBITDA
EV of other segments	6	9	Valued at 0.5x FY21F book value of assets
Recovery via arbitration	5	8	NCC expects recovery by Mar 21
Less: Net Debt FY21F	(19)	(32)	
Total	43	70	



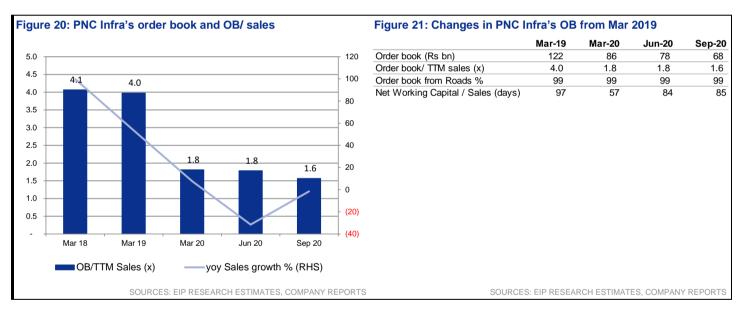
PNC Infra (PNCL IN): Highest EPC sales growth over FY18-1HFY21 among companies under our coverage

Recent project wins provide revenue visibility >

Reported OB in Sep 2020 was Rs68bn (1.6x TTM sales). However, in 1QFY21, PNC received a letter of award (LOA) for five HAM projects and two EPC projects for a total of Rs77bn. Further, PNC received an LOA for an EPC project of Rs2.9bn and was the lowest bidder (L1) in an EPC project of Rs10bn in Oct 2020. As appointment dates (ADs) for these are pending, they are not included in the OB yet. Including these, the OB rises to Rs158bn (OB/TTM sales of 3.6x) in 1HFY21. We factor in an order flow of Rs100bn in FY21F vs. YTD orders of Rs80bn.

PNC has to finance 40-45% of the current OB as ~70% of OB (including recent projects) is HAM projects (60% financed by the developer). The equity requirement for HAM projects (~Rs15bn) over the next two years can be funded via internal accruals (PAT + depreciation of Rs9bn in FY20). We forecast net debt/EBITDA of 5.6x in Mar 2021F and 3.3x in FY22F.

PNC expects its FY21 EPC sales to be higher than FY20 vs. 18% yoy decline in 1HFY21. We forecast a slower pick-up in execution and estimate a 10% yoy decline in EPC sales in FY21F.



Consolidated RoCE is likely to reduce in FY20-22F as PNC has to fund 40-45% of its current order book **>**

Standalone RoCE improved from 30.4% (FY19) to 41.4% in FY20 due to improved asset utilisation (both fixed assets and net working capital). We expect standalone RoCE of 29% in FY21F due to COVID-19 and 32% in FY22F.

Consolidated RoCE in FY20 was just 18.7%, despite the high standalone RoCE (41%) as BOT assets (Rs36.6bn) comprised 74% of the consolidated balance sheet. PNC's RoCE of BOT assets is lower than that of the EPC segment. Further, of the BOT assets in Mar 2020, Rs22.8bn (45% of balance sheet) worth are under construction HAM projects which are not generating revenue now.

Net debt / EBITDA was 2.1x in FY20 and we expect it to rise to 3.3x in FY22F as PNC has to fund 40-45% of its current orderbook.



(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F
RoCE	17.6	30.4	41.4	28.9	32.2	RoCE	15.6	17.2	18.7	10.1	13.9
EBIT margin	10.2	11.1	11.1	10.4	10.8	RoE	15.4	18.9	24.0	13.8	16.4
NFA/ Sales	23.2	20.2	12.3	13.4	10.0	Interest rate	14.9	12.9	12.3	5.5	9.5
NWC / Sales	30.3	21.3	14.4	29.0	24.0	Net Debt/ EBITDA (x)	2.4	2.5	2.1	5.6	3.3
Interest rate	13.4	15.1	16.7	12.5	12.5	EBIT/ Interest (x)	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.0
EV/ EBITDA - EPC (x)				6.1	4.8	Net Debt/ Equity (x)	1.2	1.4	1.2	2.3	2.2
						EV/ EBITDA (x)				6.2	3.3
						PE (x)				11.8	8.6
						PBV (x)				1.5	1.3

Initiate coverage with Add rating; SOP-based TP of Rs193 >

We forecast EPC sales CAGR of 7% over FY20-22F (63% CAGR between FY18 and FY20). We believe this is achievable considering the 3.6x OB/ sales vs. 4.1x in FY18. Based on the current market price, we believe PNC is trading at reasonable valuations (standalone EV/EBITDA of 4.8x FY22F). Thus, we initiate coverage on PNC with an Add rating.

We value PNC's EPC business at 6x EV/EBITDA FY22F, close to its last threeyear median one-year forward EV/EBITDA and at a 20% premium to our target EV/EBITDA multiple for DBL and NCC. We believe the premium is justified, considering PNC's sales CAGR of 63% (FY18-20) vs. 8%/4% for DBL/ NCC. We value the under-construction assets at 1x capex FY21F and operational BOT assets using DCF (WACC of 11.5% for BOT – Toll, WACC of 10.5% for BOT – Annuity).

Downside risks: (a) Slowdown in project execution, (b) delays in the HAM projects achieving financial closure and (c) slowdown in road industry project awards can negatively impact EPC sales for PNC Infra as more than 90% of its OB are from the road sector.

	Rs bn	Rs/share	Comments
EV of EPC business	44	173	Valued at 6x FY21F EV/EBITDA
EV of Operational BOT assets	13	52	Valued using DCF; our target equity value
EV OF Operational BOT assets	15	52	implies 0.4x P/BV of invested equity
EV of Under construction assets	54	212	Valued at 1x Capex
Net Debt FY21F	(63)	(245)	
Total	49	193	



IRB Infra (IRB IN): Sound balance sheet to aid new project wins

Key features of IRB's deal with GIC ➤

In Aug 2019, IRB announced that Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) would invest Rs44bn in nine of IRB's assets for 49% equity. IRB transferred these assets to IRB Infrastructure Fund (IRBIF is a private infrastructure investment trust) in Feb 2020. GIC paid Rs7.5bn to IRB (Feb 2020), infused Rs30bn/ Rs2.5bn in IRBIF in Feb 2020/ Nov 2020 and will infuse Rs5bn in IRBIF over the next two years. The transaction EV is Rs225bn (~1.05x capex less grant), vs. our valuation of Rs200bn (~0.9x capex less grant).

All the projects are being tolled despite two being under construction, as these are six-lane projects where tolling is allowed during construction. Of the nine projects, five are six-lane projects. IRB expects tariffs for the six-lane projects to increase by 25-30% post construction by CY21 (factored into our estimates).

Figure 25: Details of 9 assets where GIC has 49% equity stake

(Rs bn)	Scope of work	Construction status	Tolling Status	Project Cost	Grant	Completion of 6 laning
Kaithal- Rajasthan	4 Laning	Operational	Started Sep 17	22.9	2.3	na
Agra - Etawah	6 Laning	Operational	Started FY17	25.2	(0.8)	Mar 20
Udaipur-Gujarat	6 Laning	Operational	Started Sep 17	20.9	(1.6)	Mar 20
Gulabpur-Chittorgarh	6 Laning	Operational	Started Nov 17	20.9	(2.3)	May 20
Goa - Kundapur	4 Laning	Operational	Started Feb 20	28.4	5.4	na
Solapur - Yedeshi	4 Laning	Operational	Started Mar 18	14.9	1.9	na
Yedeshi - Aurangabad	4 Laning	Operational	Started Mar 19	33.8	5.6	na
Kishangarh - Gulabpura	6 Laning	Under construction	Started Feb 18	15.5	(1.9)	Aug 20
Hapur Moradabad	6 Laning	Under construction	Started May 19	34.0	-	Nov 21
Total			· ·	216.5	8.6	
				SOURCES: EIP RE	SEARCH ESTI	MATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Key changes in IRB's Mar 2020 consolidated balance sheet ➤

(Rs bn)	FY19	FY20	Change yoy	FY22F	Change FY22F/FY20
Equity	63	67	4	62	
Net Debt	150	69	(81)	140	70
Other Liabilities	0	0	(0)	0	
Source of Funds	214	136		201	
Gross fixed assets ex. Premium payable	222	82	(140)	170	88
Net fixed assets ex. Premium payable	213	70	(143)	135	66
Investments	6	41	35	41	-
NWC ex cash	(5)	(10)	(5)	(10)	(0)
Receivables from IRBIF	-	35	35	35	-
Application of funds	214	136		201	

- Net fixed assets declined by Rs143bn yoy as IRBIF was not consolidated on IRB's balance sheet for Mar 2020. Over FY20-22F, we estimate capex of Rs88bn for IRB (Mumbai Pune – Rs74bn and Vadodara Kim – Rs14bn).
- **Investments** increased by Rs35bn yoy as IRB now has units of Rs39bn (Mar 2020) in IRBIF, while in Mar 2019 IRBIF's assets were 100% subsidiaries of IRB and not a part of investments. IRB has received another Rs7.5bn from GIC. Note: IRB's equity investments in the nine assets (Mar 2019) was Rs44bn.
- Receivables from IRBIF were worth Rs35bn. IRB mentioned that this was due to IRBIF project claims made to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). IRB has confirmed that when IRBIF receives the money, it will be transferred to IRB. We await clarity on the quantum and timelines for the receipt of payments and value the claims at 50% of the claim amount. Note:



Claims are due to delays in land handover to IRB for ~2 years, which resulted in higher costs.

Figure 27: Net fixed assets, net debt and equity investments (FY19) in 9 BOT assets now transferred to IRBIF

		FY19	
(Rs bn)	Net Block	Net Debt	Equity Investments
Kaithal Rajasthan	20	14	5
Agra Etawah	22	15	8
Gulabpura Chittorgarh	11	8	2
Udaipur Gujarat	15	10	3
Solapur Yedeshi	14	9	5
Yedeshi Aurangabad	33	19	11
Kishangarh Gulabpura	7	5	2
Hapur Moradabad	0	0	0
Goa Kundupur	23	16	8
Total	145	95	44
	SOURCES: E	IP RESEARCH ESTIMA	TES, COMPANY REPORTS

Income statement – New project orders are critical for EPC segment; BOT segment to be driven by MPTOT ➤

IRBIF projects were consolidated on IRB's income statement till Feb 2020, after which they will not be consolidated and will be treated as associates.

(Rs bn)	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F
Sales	67.1	68.5	48.6	66.9	76.3
EPC sales	46.0	51.1	27.4	44.0	52.4
Growth %		11	(46)	61	19
BOT sales	21.1	17.4	21.1	22.8	23.9
Growth %		(17)	21	8	5
EBITDA	29.4	29.7	23.3	28.7	34.6
Growth %		1	(22)	23	20
Depreciation	5.4	4.7	11.3	11.1	11.1
Interest	11.2	15.6	15.4	17.8	17.8
PAT	7.3	3.7	(4.3)	0.7	6.8

BOT segment: We expect the bulk of BOT revenue in FY21F/22F/23F to come from the Mumbai Pune Toll Operate Transfer project (MPTOT).

- IRB took over MPTOT in Mar 2020 and paid the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) Rs65bn in Jun 2020. IRB will pay another Rs20bn over the next three years. The concession period is 10 years and two months. We expect the project IRR to be ~12% and equity IRR ~16%.
- The daily toll in 2QFY21 was ~Rs24m. If the daily toll in FY20 is greater than Rs31.5m, the MSRDC would get 90% of the excess over Rs31.5m. This number (toll beyond which MSRDC will get 90% of the excess) would keep growing, considering tariff hikes, in our view.
- IRB would need to have at least a 51% equity stake in the project till the payment to the MSRDC is complete. Tariffs have already been raised by 17.4% in FY21, and a 17.4% hike is expected in FY24 and 4.5% in FY27 and FY30 by the management of IRB.

(Rs bn)	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F
Sales from Assets of IRBIF - consolidated in				
IRB till Feb 20	7.5			
Other projects including MPTOT	9.9	21.1	22.8	23.9
MPTOT		11.0	12.9	13.5
Total BOT Sales	17.4	21.1	22.8	23.9



EPC segment: The termination of two HAM projects (Rs35bn) in 3QFY20 due to non-receipt of ADs (two years since project award) dented the EPC OB. The thin EPC OB of just Rs51bn (1.3x TTM EPC sales) is a major concern. While IRB has O&M orders of Rs70bn, we believe this will not be able to drive EPC segment sales as IRB expects revenue of just Rs4bn-5bn p.a. from them.

New orders are critical for IRB. We factor in order flow of Rs34bn in FY21F vs. YTD orders of Rs17bn. IRB has to finance ~85% of the current OB. We forecast 46% yoy decline in EPC sales for FY21F, in line with 39% yoy decline in 1HFY21.

Figure 30: IRB's	EPC ord	er book					Figure 31: Leverage pa	rameters for IR	В		
(Rs bn)	Jun-19	Sep-19	Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20		FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F
EPC - Order book	109	97	51	47	58	51	Net Debt/ Equity (x)	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.8
OB/ TTM sales (x)	2.3	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.3	Net Debt/ EBITDA (x)	4.9	0.9	4.5	3.8
							EBIT/ Interest (x)	2.0	1.4	0.8	0.9
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We forecast EPC sales CAGR of (-)7% over FY20-22F (15% CAGR for FY18-20) due to the thin OB cover. We believe GIC's infusion of funds will ensure that leverage is within reasonable bounds and will enable IRB to pursue new BOT projects. Based on the current market price, we believe IRB is trading at reasonable valuations (EV/EBITDA of 4.5x FY22F and P/BV of 0.7x FY21F). Thus, we initiate coverage on IRB with an Add rating.

We value the core EPC business at 3.5x EV/EBITDA FY22F, at a 30% discount to our target multiple for third-party EPC companies like DBL and NCC. We believe the discount is warranted due to IRB's (a) almost-entire OB comprising in-house BOT/ HAM projects vs. significant third-party EPC projects for DBL and NCC and (b) thin OB cover vs. NCC and DBL. We value IRBIF projects at 1x P/BV, IRB's stake in IRB InvIT at the current market price and IRB Infra's BOT projects using DCF (WACC of 11%, traffic growth and tariff growth of 5% p.a. each).

Downside risks: (a) Lack of new orders can severely impact EPC segment sales as IRB's order book cover is currently thin, (b) delay / adverse verdict regarding IRBIF's receipt of claims from NHAI.

	(Rs bn)	(Rs/ share)	Comments
IRBIF Equity valuation (51% stake)	40	113	Implied valuation of 1x PBV
IRB BOT projects Equity value	12	36	DCF
IRB's stake in IRB InvIT (public InvIT)	4	13	Valued at current market price
EPC segment's EV	39	110	Valued at 3.5x EV/EBITDA
Claims from NHAI filed by IRBIF	17	50	Valued at 50% of claim amount
Net Debt ex BOT	(56)	(160)	
Target valuation	56	160	



IRB InvIT (IRBINVIT IN): Low-risk asset trading at 17% IRR, considering 3% traffic growth pa

Measures for risk mitigation with traffic volume upside >

IRB InvIT's assets have a traffic track record of 5-11 years (average of 7.9 years). The long residual life (blended remaining life of ~14 years) of its assets gives it enough time to benefit from traffic growth. The company's toll rates are linked to inflation, protecting its assets from volatility in inflation/interest rates. Since its IPO (May 2017), the share price has declined by 56% (vs. 50% increase in S&P BSE Sensex during the same period), while adjusted for payout during the period (Rs34.3/ unit), the decline in share price is 32%. We believe IRB InvIT is trading at attractive valuations with an IRR of 17% with long-term traffic growth estimate of 3% p.a., in line with 3% traffic CAGR for its projects over FY18-20.

	-	Awarded	Concession	-		Capex - road	Capex per Km	
Toll road	State	by	start	Scope	(km)	only (Rs bn)	constructed (Rs m)	Toll escalation
Surat- Dahisar	Maharashtra/ Gujarat	NHAI	20-Feb-09	4 To 6 Lanes	239	25.4	106.2	WPI
Bharuch- Surat	Gujarat	NHAI	2-Jan-07	2 to 4 or 6 Lanes	65	9.7	148.6	WPI
Jaipur- Deoli	Rajasthan	NHAI	14-Jun-10	2 to 4 Lanes	146	17.3	118.5	3%+40%*WPI
Tumkur- Chitradurg	Karnataka	NHAI	4-Jun-11	4 To 6 Lanes	114	11.4	100.2	3%+40%*WPI
Talegaon- Amravati	Maharashtra	NHAI	3-Sep-10	2 to 4 Lanes	67	8.9	133.8	3%+40%*WPI
Omalur-Salem-Namakkal	Tamil Nadu	NHAI	14-Aug-06	2 to 4 Lanes	69	3.1	44.8	WPI
Pathankot-Amritsar	Punjab	NHAI	31-Dec-10	2 to 4 Lanes	102	15.5	151.6	3%+40%*WPI
Total					802	91.3	113.8	

SOURCES: EIP RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Minority shareholders have control over future acquisitions >

The decision to acquire assets from its sponsor (IRB Infra) will require a majority vote from IRB InvIT's shareholders (sponsor is not allowed to vote). Acquisitions may be funded by debt, equity and 10% of cash flow as the payout to investors is sacrosanct (90% of cash flow) and must not be affected by asset purchases. InvIT regulations allow debt of up to 70% of the value of its assets. For IRB InvIT, we estimate acquisitions of up to Rs35bn could be funded by debt, beyond which equity raising would be required.

COVID-19 impact: recovery of revenue loss for 26 days via extension of concession by ~3 months **>**

Gross toll revenue in 2QFY21 (Rs3.7bn) declined 2% yoy. Toll collection in 1QFY21 was impacted by 19 days of the COVID-19 lockdown. Adjusted for the same, gross toll revenue in 2QFY21 increased 37% qoq. Toll collection for the month of Sep 2020 increased 9% yoy, implying 5%+ yoy traffic growth. This is higher than the 3.5% traffic growth in FY19-20.

As informed by IRB InvIT, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has permitted the extension of the concession period by about three months for six of its seven projects. Given the COVID-19 impact, IRB InvIT has decided to reduce investment management (IM) fees by 50% for FY21 (Rs122m in FY20).



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We forecast (a) long-term traffic growth rate of 3% p.a., in line with the trend over FY18-20 and (b) long-term WPI inflation of 5% p.a. Based on the current market price, we believe the stock is trading at attractive valuations (IRR of 17%). As a result, we initiate coverage on IRB InvIT with an Add rating.

Considering the finite remaining life of the assets in IRB InvIT's portfolio, we use the DCF method to value its assets. We use a discount rate of 10.7% based on Beta of 1x and target debt/ equity of 1x.

Downside risks: (a) Local events like construction of a parallel road could negatively affect traffic on IRB InvIT's roads and (b) the addition of new assets by IRB InvIT at expensive valuations could dent its finances.

	Target EV Mar 21F E	V/ EBITDA	Remaining Life post Mar 21	Particulars	Rs (bn)
	(Rs. Bn)	(x)	(years)	Target EV (Mar 21F)	41.8
Surat- Dahisar	3.6	0.9	1.3	Net Debt (FY21F)	(15.0)
Bharuch- Surat	1.9	0.7	1.1	Add cash flow (FY21F)	5.0
Jaipur- Deoli	12.9	12.1	19.5	Equity value	31.8
Tumkur- Chitradurg	1.1	2.8	16.5	Target Price (Rs/share)	55
Talegaon- Amravati	7.8	10.1	16.1		
Omalur–Salem–Namakkal	3.7	4.2	5.7		
Pathankot-Amritsar	11.0	9.8	14.1		
Total	41.8	8.7	13.8		

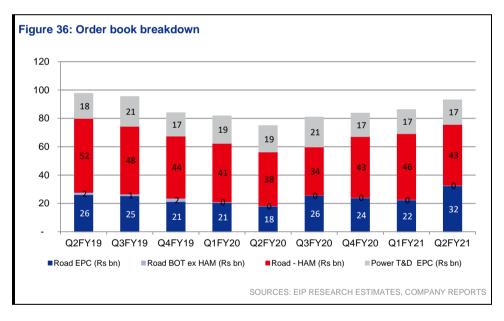


Ashoka Buildcon (ASBL IN): Strong OB/ Sales, uncertainty over SBI Macquarie's exit is an overhang

EPC revenue visibility as appointed dates received for 8 HAM projects (46% of OB) **>**

OB has risen to Rs93bn (2.5x sales) as ABL received two road EPC projects in Bihar worth Rs13.9bn in 1HFY21. Between Jan and May 2020, ABL received ADs for two HAM projects of Rs14.7bn (Tumkur Shivamogga IV/ III of Rs8.7bn/Rs6bn). In 3QFY20, ABL received ADs for two HAM projects (Tumkur Shivamogga I & II). Prior to 3QFY20, ABL received ADs for Belgaum Khanapur (1QFY20), Khairtunda Barwa Adda (4QFY19) and Ankleshwar Manubar (3QFY19). ABL received an AD for Kandi Ramsanpalle in Oct 2020 (Rs5.7bn). We factor in order flows of Rs32bn in FY21F vs. YTD orders of Rs23bn.

ABL has to finance 28% of the current OB as 46% of OB comprises HAM projects (60% financed by the developer). Till Sep 2020, ABL invested Rs5.9bn equity in HAM and expects to invest another Rs3.7bn equity over 2HFY21-FY22 in HAM projects. The bulk of this can be funded by EPC profits (cash profit of Rs5bn in FY20). ABL expects its FY21 EPC sales to be higher than FY20 vs. 15% yoy decline in 1HFY21. We forecast a slower pick-up in execution and estimate 10% yoy decline in EPC sales in FY21F.



Net debt/ EBITDA is at reasonable levels >

Standalone RoCE is higher than that of its peers under our coverage due to (a) its asset-light business model as ABL sub-contracts a significant portion of its projects and (b) ~50% of its OB over the last three years comprised in-house projects. We expect consolidated RoCE to remain at levels similar to FY18-20. Net debt / EBITDA was 3.8x in FY20 and we expect it to remain at similar levels by FY22F.

Figure 37: Key st	andalone fir	nancial rat	ios			Figure 38: Key consolidated financial ratios					
(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F	(%)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21F	FY22F
RoCE	41.7	33.4	57.4	44.0	54.8	RoCE	12.8	15.4	15.9	13.4	15.4
EBIT Margin	9.8	11.5	12.1	10.2	10.4	Net Debt/ EBITDA (x)	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.9	3.8
NFA/ Sales	9.5	10.1	9.1	9.9	8.0	EBIT/ Interest (x)	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.6
NWC/ Sales	4.3	17.5	8.0	9.0	7.5	Net Debt/ Equity (x)	3.0	3.5	3.0	4.4	3.8
Interest rate	9.8	9.6	7.5	9.5	9.5	EV/ EBITDA (x)				6.9	5.7
EV/ EBITDA (x)				3.3	2.6	PE (x)				(53.4)	17.8
						PBV (x)				5.5	4.2
	SOURCES:	EIP RESEAR	CH ESTIMATE	ES, COMPANY	REPORTS		SOURCES	: EIP RESEAR	CH ESTIMAT	ES, COMPANY	REPORTS



Possible exit of SBI Macquarie from Ashoka Concessions (ACL), a subsidiary of ABL ➤

ACL had issued compulsorily convertible debentures (CCD) of Rs8bn to SBI Macquarie Infrastructure Management (unlisted) and Rs10bn to ABL over FY12-15. ABL had assumed obligations towards SBI Macquarie which would be settled through some portion of equity shares to be received from ACL on the conversion of CCDs held by ABL. This has been considered by ABL's auditors as a financial liability. The fair value as at Mar 2020 of SBI Macquarie's investment is Rs15.3bn. SBI Macquarie is currently looking for an exit from ACL via the sale of its stake to ABL or other parties.

Initiate coverage with Add rating; SOP-based TP of Rs97 >

We forecast EPC sales CAGR of 4% over FY20-22F (30% CAGR between FY18-20). Based on the current market price, we believe ABL is trading at reasonable valuations (EV/EBITDA of 5.7x FY22F). Thus, we initiate coverage on ABL with an Add rating.

We value the core EPC business at 3.5x EV/EBITDA FY22F, at a 30% discount to our target multiple for third-party EPC companies like DBL and NCC. We believe the discount is warranted as 46% of ABL's OB comprises in-house BOT/ HAM projects vs. significant third-party EPC projects for DBL and NCC. We value the under-construction BOT assets at 1x capex and the operational BOT assets using DCF (WACC of 12%/11% for toll-/ annuity-based projects).

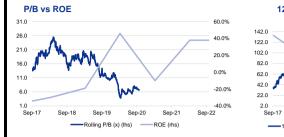
Downside risks: (a) If ABL buys the stake from SBI Macquarie at close to Rs15bn, it would stretch ABL's finances and be detrimental to our target valuations by ~Rs10/share. (b) Slippages in project execution can dent the EPC segment financials.

Figure 39: SOP-based ta	rget price		
	Rs bn	Rs/ share	Method
вот	13.9	50	DCF or EV/ Capex
EPC	17.8	63	3.5x EV/ EBITDA FY22F
Land value	2.2	8	Book
Net Debt	(6.8)	(24)	
Total	27.1	97	
	SOU	RCES: EIP RESEA	RCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Company Name	Bloomberg Ticker	Rating	Closing Price	Target Price	Mkt Cap	P/E	(x)	P/BV	' (x)	ROE	. (%)	EV/EBIT	DA (x)
			Local Currency	Local Currency	US\$ m	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	FY23F
Larsen & Toubro	LT IN	Add	1,126	1,180	21,518	18.8	15.9	2.2	2.0	11.7	12.6	16.0	14.0
Dilip Buildcon	DBL IN	Add	355	555	660	20.3	16.9	1.2	1.1	6.0	6.7	3.9	3.6
IRB Infrastructure	IRB IN	Add	120	160	574	55.8	28.5	1.8	1.8	3.2	6.4	5.6	5.6
NCC	NJCC IN	Add	44	70	363	7.9	7.4	0.5	0.4	6.0	6.0	2.5	2.4
PNC Infratech	PNCL IN	Add	173	193	604	12.2	10.4	1.4	1.2	11.5	11.9	4.8	4.2
Ashoka Buildcon	ASBL IN	Add	74	97	281	5.7	5.3	0.6	0.6	11.3	10.9	2.6	2.5
IRB InvIT	IRBINVIT IN	Add	43	55	343	24.0	17.8	0.7	0.8	3.1	4.3	3.6	6.1
KNR Construction	KNRC IN	NR	286	NA	548	12.9	NA	1.9	NA	14.7	NA	6.6	NA
Median						15.8	15.9	1.3	1.1	8.6	6.7	4.4	4.2



BY THE NUMBERS (Ashoka Buildcon Ltd)





Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	49,301	50,705	44,916	55,208	58,223
Gross Profit	17,385	20,501	16,619	20,427	21,542
Operating EBITDA	13,943	15,752	17,765	21,663	22,696
Depreciation And Amortisation	(2,582)	(2,998)	(5,362)	(5,546)	(5,750)
Operating EBIT	11,360	12,754	12,404	16,117	16,946
Financial Income/(Expense)	(9,442)	(9,608)	(12,751)	(12,714)	(11,895)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)					
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	1,918	3,146	(348)	3,403	5,051
Exceptional Items	(601)				
Pre-tax Profit	1,317	3,146	(348)	3,403	5,051
Taxation	(1,709)	(1,659)	(808)	(1,386)	(1,638)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	(393)	1,487	(1,156)	2,018	3,413
Minority Interests	(10)	117	770	(857)	(1,295)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	(403)	1,604	(386)	1,161	2,118
Recurring Net Profit	(582)	1,604	(386)	1,161	2,118
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	(582)	1,604	(386)	1,161	2,118

Cash Flow

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
EBITDA	13,943	15,752	17,765	21,663	22,696
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(13,103)	(2,059)	0		
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(601)				
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(9,442)	(9,608)	(12,751)	(12,714)	(11,895)
Tax Paid	(1,709)	(1,659)	(808)	(1,386)	(1,638)
Cashflow From Operations	(10,913)	2,426	4,206	7,564	9,163
Capex	(2,025)	(881)	(31,016)	(3,968)	
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(364)	972	(57)	(64)	
Cash Flow From Investing	(2,389)	91	(31,072)	(4,033)	
Debt Raised/(repaid)	11,750	1,931	19,784	(3,273)	
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	355	(123)	176	183	
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid			(220)	(220)	
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	135	927	1,293	1,001	
Cash Flow From Financing	12,241	2,735	21,033	(2,309)	
Total Cash Generated	(1,062)	5,252	(5,833)	1,222	9,163
Free Cashflow To Equity	(1,552)	4,448	(7,082)	258	9,163
Free Cashflow To Firm	(3,089)	12,943	(13,415)	16,895	22,059



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

Balance Sheet					
(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	2,342	7,544	860	1,525	2,229
Total Debtors	13,164	9,091	9,091	9,091	9,091
Inventories	4,265	4,348	4,348	4,348	4,348
Total Other Current Assets	27,822	34,967	34,967	34,967	34,967
Total Current Assets	47,593	55,950	49,266	49,931	50,635
Fixed Assets	53,736	51,619	77,273	75,695	73,973
Total Investments	2,836	1,864	1,921	1,985	2,056
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	1,261	828	828	828	828
Total Non-current Assets	57,833	54,311	80,022	78,509	76,858
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	14,728	15,560	15,560	15,560	15,560
Other Current Liabilities					
Total Current Liabilities	14,728	15,560	15,560	15,560	15,560
Total Long-term Debt	82,462	84,836	1,05,064	1,02,235	97,905
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	82,462	84,836	1,05,064	1,02,235	97,905
Total Provisions	4,177	4,441	4,441	4,441	4,441
Total Liabilities	1,01,366	1,04,838	1,25,065	1,22,236	1,17,906
Shareholders' Equity	2,869	4,143	3,756	4,916	7,033
Minority Interests	1,189	1,280	467	1,287	2,554
Total Equity	4,059	5,423	4,223	6,204	9,587

Key Ratios

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Revenue Growth	36.8%	2.8%	-11.4%	22.9%	5.5%
Operating EBITDA Growth	22.4%	13.0%	12.8%	21.9%	4.8%
Operating EBITDA Margin	28.3%	31.1%	39.6%	39.2%	39.0%
Net Cash Per Share	(190.3)	(183.6)	(247.5)	(239.2)	(227.2)
BVPS	6.81	9.84	8.92	11.68	16.70
Gross Interest Cover	1.11	1.22	0.92	1.21	1.31
Effective Tax Rate	130%	52.7%		40.7%	32.4%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio			-56.9%	18.9%	10.4%
Accounts Receivables Days	78.92	80.10	73.88	60.10	56.99
Inventory Days	48.37	52.04	56.08	45.63	43.26
Accounts Payables Days	164	183	201	163	155
ROIC (%)	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%
ROCE (%)	15.2%	15.4%	13.1%	15.4%	16.6%
Return On Average Assets	9.8%	10.3%	9.7%	11.4%	12.0%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Outstanding Orderbook	83,943	83,721	82,067	1,03,242	1,23,764
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	36.8%	2.8%	-11.4%	22.9%	5.5%



BY THE NUMBERS (Dilip Buildcon Ltd)



Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	94,158	97,249	90,172	1,21,788	1,27,383
Gross Profit	21,832	26,415	25,494	43,826	41,625
Operating EBITDA	17,650	20,675	15,626	31,470	28,823
Depreciation And Amortisation	(3,622)	(4,705)	(4,449)	(10,603)	(9,262)
Operating EBIT	14,028	15,970	11,177	20,867	19,561
Financial Income/(Expense)	(8,719)	(11,356)	(6,266)	(13,496)	(10,970)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	473	377	395	415	436
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	5,782	4,991	5,306	7,786	9,027
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	5,782	4,991	5,306	7,786	9,027
Taxation	(330)	(1,642)	(1,560)	(2,442)	(2,799)
Exceptional Income - post-tax	(16)	699			
Profit After Tax	5,437	4,047	3,746	5,344	6,227
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	5,437	4,047	3,746	5,344	6,227
Recurring Net Profit	5,453	3,349	3,746	5,344	6,227
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	5,453	3,349	3,746	5,344	6,227

Cash Flow

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
EBITDA	17,650	20,675	15,626	31,470	28,823
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(7,000)	(19,778)	38,573	(6,679)	(3,977)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(16)	699			
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(8,245)	(10,979)	(5,870)	(13,081)	(10,534)
Tax Paid	(330)	(1,642)	(1,560)	(2,442)	(2,799)
Cashflow From Operations	2,059	(11,026)	46,768	9,267	11,512
Capex		(5,039)	(49,395)	(6,000)	24,089
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	(24,246)				
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Investing	(24,246)	(5,039)	(49,395)	(6,000)	24,089
Debt Raised/(repaid)	25,525	18,890	6,447	1	(24,969)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(164)	(164)	(164)	(164)	(164)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(908)	13	(2,318)	120	144
Cash Flow From Financing	24,453	18,740	3,965	(43)	(24,988)
Total Cash Generated	2,265	2,675	1,338	3,224	10,613
Free Cashflow To Equity	3,337	2,826	3,820	3,268	10,632
Free Cashflow To Firm	(13,469)	(4,709)	3,639	16,764	46,571



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	5,211	7,886	10,370	13,594	24,206
Total Debtors	19,511	35,860	15,069	17,780	19,429
Inventories	25,044	26,455	23,519	28,350	31,185
Total Other Current Assets	35,836	37,893	29,399	35,437	38,981
Total Current Assets	85,603	1,08,094	78,358	95,161	1,13,800
Fixed Assets	57,785	57,477	1,03,596	98,874	65,378
Total Investments					
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets					
Total Non-current Assets	57,785	57,477	1,03,596	98,874	65,378
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors					
Other Current Liabilities	27,208	27,247	33,599	40,500	44,549
Total Current Liabilities	27,208	27,247	33,599	40,500	44,549
Total Long-term Debt	87,869	1,06,759	1,13,207	1,13,208	88,239
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	87,869	1,06,759	1,13,207	1,13,208	88,239
Total Provisions	(38)	(1,470)	(1,470)	(1,470)	(1,470)
Total Liabilities	1,15,039	1,32,536	1,45,336	1,52,237	1,31,319
Shareholders' Equity	28,060	31,889	35,472	40,651	46,714
Minority Interests	288	1,146	1,146	1,146	1,146
Total Equity	28,348	33,035	36,618	41,797	47,860

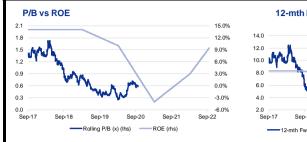
Key Ratios

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Revenue Growth	18.6%	3.3%	-7.3%	35.1%	4.6%
Operating EBITDA Growth	19.9%	17.1%	-24.4%	101.4%	-8.4%
Operating EBITDA Margin	18.7%	21.3%	17.3%	25.8%	22.6%
Net Cash Per Share	(604.4)	(722.9)	(751.9)	(728.3)	(468.2)
BVPS	205.16	233.16	259.35	297.22	341.55
Gross Interest Cover	1.61	1.41	1.78	1.55	1.78
Effective Tax Rate	0	32.9%	29.4%	31.4%	31.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	2.8%	3.3%	3.1%	2.1%	1.8%
Accounts Receivables Days	75.94	103.91	103.08	49.23	53.31
Inventory Days	114.32	132.69	141.01	121.42	126.69
Accounts Payables Days					
ROIC (%)	17%	14%	9%	15%	14%
ROCE (%)	13.9%	12.6%	7.8%	13.8%	13.6%
Return On Average Assets	11.7%	10.6%	6.7%	11.3%	10.7%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Outstanding Orderbook	2,11,718	1,90,816	2,14,117	2,57,258	3,19,013
Orderbook Replenishment	64,240	68,936	1,09,994	1,42,992	1,71,591



BY THE NUMBERS (IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd)





Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	67,070	68,522	48,559	66,873	76,318
Gross Profit	35,870	35,998	29,135	40,124	45,791
Operating EBITDA	29,373	29,714	23,319	28,713	34,575
Depreciation And Amortisation	(5,395)	(4,683)	(11,277)	(11,076)	(11,134)
Operating EBIT	23,978	25,031	12,042	17,637	23,440
Financial Income/(Expense)	(9,245)	(13,694)	(13,500)	(15,865)	(15,848)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)					
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	14,733	11,337	(1,458)	1,772	7,593
Exceptional Items	(1,214)	(3,066)			
Pre-tax Profit	13,519	8,271	(1,458)	1,772	7,593
Taxation	(6,234)	(4,544)	(1,040)	(729)	(1,049)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	7,286	3,728	(2,497)	1,043	6,543
Minority Interests			(1,829)	(329)	211
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	7,286	3,728	(4,326)	714	6,754
Recurring Net Profit	7,940	5,109	(4,326)	714	6,754
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	7,940	5,109	(4,326)	714	6,754

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(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
EBITDA	29,373	29,714	23,319	28,713	34,575
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	4,913	(30,077)	(2,785)	2,555	1,317
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(1,214)	(3,066)			
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(9,245)	(13,694)	(13,500)	(15,865)	(15,848)
Tax Paid	(6,193)	(4,319)			
Cashflow From Operations	17,635	(21,442)	7,034	15,402	20,044
Capex	(44,468)	1,38,242	(79,089)	(8,879)	(11,561)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	3,001	(35,005)			
Cash Flow From Investing	(41,467)	1,03,237	(79,089)	(8,879)	(11,561)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	27,677	(74,120)	54,730	8,500	(8,814)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(988)	(1,977)	(1,977)	(1,977)	(1,977)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	69	1,405	(2,873)	(1,073)	(864)
Cash Flow From Financing	26,757	(74,692)	49,880	5,450	(11,655)
Total Cash Generated	2,926	7,103	(22,175)	11,973	(3,171)
Free Cashflow To Equity	3,845	7,675	(17,325)	15,023	(330)
Free Cashflow To Firm	(12,631)	97,439	(56,605)	24,338	26,280



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Max 005
(Rsm)			538		Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	15,603	22,707	000	12,526	9,381
Total Debtors	1,135	4,296	3,044	4,192	4,784
Inventories	4,425	3,314	2,348	3,234	3,691
Total Other Current Assets	9,946	11,571	8,200	11,292	12,887
Total Current Assets	31,109	41,887	14,130	31,245	30,743
Fixed Assets	2,12,701	69,776	1,37,588	1,35,391	1,35,818
Total Investments	6,454	41,459	41,459	41,459	41,459
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets		34,800	34,800	34,800	34,800
Total Non-current Assets	2,19,155	1,46,034	2,13,847	2,11,650	2,12,077
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	7,061	7,440	5,273	7,261	8,287
Other Current Liabilities	13,797	21,815	15,610	21,302	24,238
Total Current Liabilities	20,858	29,255	20,883	28,564	32,525
Total Long-term Debt	1,65,931	91,811	1,46,541	1,55,041	1,46,227
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,65,931	91,811	1,46,541	1,55,041	1,46,227
Total Provisions	323	27	27	27	27
Total Liabilities	1,87,113	1,21,093	1,67,451	1,83,632	1,78,779
Shareholders' Equity	63,152	66,829	60,526	59,263	64,040
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	63,152	66,829	60.526	59,263	64,040

Key Ratios

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Revenue Growth	17.8%	2.2%	-29.1%	37.7%	14.1%
Operating EBITDA Growth	9.6%	1.2%	-21.5%	23.1%	20.4%
Operating EBITDA Margin	43.8%	43.4%	48.0%	42.9%	45.3%
Net Cash Per Share	(427.7)	(196.6)	(415.4)	(405.5)	(389.4)
BVPS	179.69	190.15	172.22	168.62	182.22
Gross Interest Cover	2.14	1.60	0.78	0.99	1.32
Effective Tax Rate	46.1%	54.9%		41.1%	13.8%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	11.6%	29.1%	-45.7%	276.7%	29.3%
Accounts Receivables Days	6.70	14.46	27.58	19.75	21.47
Inventory Days	54.38	43.42	53.20	38.08	41.40
Accounts Payables Days	65	81	119	86	93
ROIC (%)	14%	12%	13%	11%	15%
ROCE (%)	12.2%	13.9%	7.7%	9.3%	12.0%
Return On Average Assets	7.7%	9.4%	5.3%	7.2%	9.2%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Outstanding Orderbook	1,10,766	47,279	53,867	99,820	97,392
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	17.8%	2.2%	-29.1%	37.7%	14.1%



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BY THE NUMBERS (NCC Ltd)



Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	1,28,956	89,011	74,094	93,949	98,525
Gross Profit	25,478	18,828	13,337	16,911	17,735
Operating EBITDA	15,992	10,873	8,479	10,845	11,358
Depreciation And Amortisation	(1,925)	(1,992)	(1,868)	(2,028)	(2,188)
Operating EBIT	14,066	8,880	6,611	8,817	9,169
Financial Income/(Expense)	(5,220)	(5,539)	(4,781)	(4,781)	(4,781)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	1,243	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	10,090	4,472	2,960	5,165	5,518
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	10,090	4,472	2,960	5,165	5,518
Taxation	(3,268)	(728)	(977)	(1,705)	(1,821)
Exceptional Income - post-tax	(1,078)	(496)			
Profit After Tax	5,744	3,247	1,983	3,461	3,697
Minority Interests	43	118	118	118	118
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	5,787	3,365	2,101	3,579	3,815
Recurring Net Profit	6,865	3,862	2,101	3,579	3,815
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	6,865	3,862	2,101	3,579	3,815

Cash Flow

<u>(Rsm)</u>	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
EBITDA	15,992	10,873	8,479	10,845	11,358
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(5,602)	4,141	9,420	(11,808)	(2,398)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(5,220)	(5,539)	(4,781)	(4,781)	(4,781)
Tax Paid	(3,268)	(728)	(977)	(1,705)	(1,821)
Cashflow From Operations	1,902	8,747	12,141	(7,449)	2,358
Capex	(2,896)		(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries		1,711			
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	1,440	273			
Other Investing Cashflow	165	634	1,130	1,130	1,130
Cash Flow From Investing	(1,291)	2,617	(870)	(870)	(870)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	6,041	(8,286)			
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	423	(108)	0	(0)	0
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(1,081)	(146)	(134)	(237)	(249)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(3,554)	(2,553)	43	43	43
Cash Flow From Financing	1,829	(11,093)	(92)	(195)	(206)
Total Cash Generated	2,440	270	11,180	(8,514)	1,281
Free Cashflow To Equity	6,652	3,077	11,271	(8,319)	1,487
Free Cashflow To Firm	5,830	16,902	16,052	(3,538)	6,268



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	3,617	3,887	15,142	6,704	8,060
Total Debtors	35,333	29,380	22,971	30,720	32,093
Inventories	14,254	13,913	12,295	15,186	15,506
Total Other Current Assets	69,506	68,592	55,255	62,609	65,419
Total Current Assets	1,22,710	1,15,773	1,05,662	1,15,219	1,21,079
Fixed Assets	13,790	11,595	11,726	11,698	11,510
Total Investments	7,334	7,172	7,172	7,172	7,172
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	2,770	3,579	3,579	3,579	3,579
Total Non-current Assets	23,894	22,346	22,478	22,449	22,261
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors					
Other Current Liabilities	54,178	51,111	39,166	45,353	47,458
Total Current Liabilities	54,178	51,111	39,166	45,353	47,458
Total Long-term Debt	43,701	35,415	35,415	35,415	35,415
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	43,701	35,415	35,415	35,415	35,415
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	97,879	86,526	74,581	80,767	82,873
Shareholders' Equity	45,954	49,065	51,031	54,373	57,939
Minority Interests	2,771	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528
Total Equity	48,725	51,593	53,560	56,901	60,467

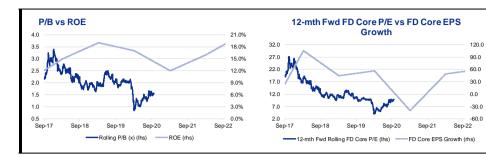
Key Ratios

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Revenue Growth	53.7%	-31.0%	-16.8%	26.8%	4.9%
Operating EBITDA Growth	81.8%	-32.0%	-22.0%	27.9%	4.7%
Operating EBITDA Margin	12.4%	12.2%	11.4%	11.5%	11.5%
Net Cash Per Share	(66.7)	(51.7)	(33.2)	(47.1)	(44.9)
BVPS	76.51	80.45	83.68	89.16	95.01
Gross Interest Cover	2.69	1.60	1.38	1.84	1.92
Effective Tax Rate	0	16.3%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	10.7%	3.2%	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%
Accounts Receivables Days	123.30	132.68	128.94	104.30	116.35
Inventory Days	75.06	73.24	78.72	65.10	69.33
Accounts Payables Days					
ROIC (%)	19%	11%	9%	13%	12%
ROCE (%)	16.2%	9.9%	7.5%	9.7%	9.7%
Return On Average Assets	11.3%	7.0%	5.8%	7.5%	7.3%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Outstanding Orderbook	4,11,980	2,65,710	2,69,026	2,97,488	2,51,373
Orderbook Replenishment	2,12,291	(59,475)	75,000	1,20,000	50,000



BY THE NUMBERS (PNC Infratech Ltd)



Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	37,744	54,931	50,955	73,035	78,066
Gross Profit	23,150	33,320	33,121	47,473	50,743
Operating EBITDA	10,068	12,177	11,248	21,328	22,079
Depreciation And Amortisation	(3,465)	(3,507)	(4,216)	(7,919)	(7,579)
Operating EBIT	6,603	8,670	7,031	13,408	14,499
Financial Income/(Expense)	(3,480)	(4,393)	(3,033)	(6,929)	(4,921)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	466	1,179	884	243	310
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	3,590	5,456	4,882	6,723	9,888
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	3,590	5,456	4,882	6,723	9,888
Taxation	(83)	(1,694)	(1,182)	(1,651)	(1,734)
Exceptional Income - post-tax		1,672			
Profit After Tax	3,507	5,434	3,700	5,072	8,154
Minority Interests	7	65	65	65	65
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	3,514	5,499	3,765	5,137	8,219
Recurring Net Profit	3,514	3,827	3,765	5,137	8,219
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	3,514	3,827	3,765	5,137	8,219

Cash	Flow
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(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
ÉBITDA	10,068	12,177	11,248	21,328	22,079
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(10,779)	(8,317)	(43,713)	(16,550)	(8,359)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(3,480)	(4,393)	(3,033)	(6,929)	(4,921)
Tax Paid	(83)	(1,694)	(1,182)	(1,651)	(1,734)
Cashflow From Operations	(4,274)	(2,227)	(36,680)	(3,802)	7,065
Capex	(2,856)	(778)	(1,482)	(4,573)	(6,567)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(932)	(1,819)			
Other Investing Cashflow	466	2,851	884	243	310
Cash Flow From Investing	(3,322)	255	(599)	(4,330)	(6,257)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	10,371	6,879	29,365	8,754	(370)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	3	(40)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(160)	(160)	(176)	(194)	(213)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(386)	421	65	65	65
Cash Flow From Financing	9,829	7,100	29,253	8,625	(518)
Total Cash Generated	2,232	5,127	(8,026)	493	290
Free Cashflow To Equity	2,775	4,906	(7,914)	622	439
Free Cashflow To Firm	(4,116)	2,420	(34,246)	(1,203)	5,729



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	4,084	9,211	1,186	1,678	1,968
Total Debtors	27,154	36,087	99,580	1,24,558	1,40,877
Inventories	4,036	2,673	2,575	3,290	3,619
Total Other Current Assets	10,195	11,124	15,766	19,103	20,638
Total Current Assets	45,468	59,094	1,19,107	1,48,630	1,67,102
Fixed Assets	22,400	19,781	17,047	13,701	12,689
Total Investments	2,625	4,444	4,444	4,444	4,444
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	2,050	1,584	1,584	1,584	1,584
Total Non-current Assets	27,075	25,809	23,075	19,728	18,716
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors					
Other Current Liabilities	20,164	20,346	44,671	57,151	66,974
Total Current Liabilities	20,164	20,346	44,671	57,151	66,974
Total Long-term Debt	32,136	39,015	68,379	77,133	76,764
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	32,136	39,015	68,379	77,133	76,764
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	52,300	59,360	1,13,050	1,34,284	1,43,738
Shareholders' Equity	20,244	25,543	29,131	34,074	42,080
Minority Interests	0				
Total Equity	20,244	25,543	29,131	34,074	42,080

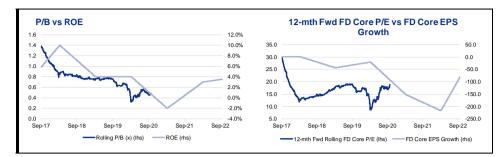
Key Ratios

	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Revenue Growth	56.5%	45.5%	-7.2%	43.3%	6.9%
Operating EBITDA Growth	30.9%	20.9%	-7.6%	89.6%	3.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	26.7%	22.2%	22.1%	29.2%	28.3%
Net Cash Per Share	(109.3)	(116.2)	(261.9)	(294.1)	(291.6)
BVPS	78.91	99.57	113.56	132.82	164.03
Gross Interest Cover	1.90	1.97	2.32	1.94	2.95
Effective Tax Rate	2.3%	31.0%	24.2%	24.6%	17.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	4.5%	2.9%	3.6%	2.9%	2.1%
Accounts Receivables Days	239.35	210.11	485.90	560.07	620.53
Inventory Days	72.45	56.65	53.70	41.87	46.15
Accounts Payables Days					
ROIC (%)	19%	19%	14%	15%	14%
ROCE (%)	14.5%	14.8%	8.7%	12.8%	12.6%
Return On Average Assets	10.7%	12.5%	7.0%	8.8%	8.4%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Outstanding Orderbook	1,22,100	86,290	1,43,390	1,58,572	1,68,274
Orderbook Replenishment	79,637	11,874	1,00,000	70,000	70,000



BY THE NUMBERS (IRB InvIT Fund)



Profit & Loss

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Net Revenues	11,950	12,356	11,794	14,800	8,964
Gross Profit	9,931	9,925	8,809	11,062	6,595
Operating EBITDA	9,931	9,925	8,809	11,062	6,595
Depreciation And Amortisation	(6,405)	(6,853)	(8,035)	(8,368)	(3,587)
Operating EBIT	3,525	3,072	775	2,694	3,008
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1,591)	(1,636)	(1,608)	(1,608)	(1,608)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	246	294			
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	2,180	1,730	(833)	1,086	1,400
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	2,180	1,730	(833)	1,086	1,400
Taxation	(15)	(1)	(62)	(38)	12
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	2,165	1,729	(895)	1,048	1,411
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	2,165	1,729	(895)	1,048	1,411
Recurring Net Profit	2,165	1,729	(895)	1,048	1,411
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	2,165	1,729	(895)	1,048	1,411

Cash Flow

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
EBITDA	9,931	9,925	8,809	11,062	6,595
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	54	1,257			854
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(1,345)	(1,342)	(1,608)	(1,608)	(1,608)
Tax Paid	(15)	(1)	(62)	(38)	12
Cashflow From Operations	8,625	9,838	7,139	9,416	5,853
Capex					
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(1,021)	(1,993)	(2,178)	(2,058)	(2,238)
Cash Flow From Investing	(1,021)	(1,993)	(2,178)	(2,058)	(2,238)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	137	(594)			
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(7,441)	(5,701)	(4,961)	(7,358)	(2,760)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	418	(1,297)	(0)	(0)	400
Cash Flow From Financing	(6,887)	(7,592)	(4,961)	(7,358)	(2,360)
Total Cash Generated	718	254	(0)		1,255
Free Cashflow To Equity	7,741	7,252	4,961	7,358	3,614
Free Cashflow To Firm	9,195	9,481	6,569	8,966	5,223



BY THE NUMBERS...cont'd

(Rsm)	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	647	1,907	1,907	1,907	3,325
Total Debtors					
Inventories					
Total Other Current Assets	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,156	302
Total Current Assets	1,804	3,063	3,063	3,063	3,626
Fixed Assets	70,694	65,266	59,409	53,100	51,188
Total Investments					
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets					
Total Non-current Assets	70,694	65,266	59,409	53,100	51,188
Short-term Debt					
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors					
Other Current Liabilities	3,889	5,146	5,146	5,146	5,146
Total Current Liabilities	3,889	5,146	5,146	5,146	5,146
Total Long-term Debt	17,523	16,929	16,929	16,929	16,929
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities					
Total Non-current Liabilities	17,523	16,929	16,929	16,929	16,929
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	21,412	22,075	22,075	22,075	22,075
Shareholders' Equity	51,085	46,254	40,398	34,088	32,739
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	51,085	46,254	40,398	34.088	32,739

Key Ratios Mar-23F Mar-19A Mar-20A Mar-21F Mar-22F 25.5% Revenue Growth 3.4% -4.5% -39.4% 3.3% Operating EBITDA Growth 5.3% -0.1% -11.2% 25.6% -40.4% 73.6% Operating EBITDA Margin 83.1% 80.3% 74.7% 74.7% Net Cash Per Share (29.1) (25.9) (25.9) (25.9) (23.4) BVPS 88.00 79.68 69.59 58.72 56.40 Gross Interest Cover 2.22 1.88 0.48 1.68 1.87 Effective Tax Rate 0 0.1% 3.5% Net Dividend Payout Ratio 343.6% 329.8% -554.1% 702.1% 195.5% Accounts Receivables Days Inventory Days Accounts Payables Days ROIC (%) 5% 5% 1% 5% 6% ROCE (%) Return On Average Assets 5.0% 4.7% 1.3% 5.0% 6.0% 5.0% 1.1% 4.5% 5.4% 4.8%

Key Drivers						
	Mar-19A	Mar-20A	Mar-21F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	
Unit sales grth (%, main prod./serv.)	3.3%	3.4%	-4.5%	25.5%	-39.4%	
Util. rate (%, main prod./serv.)	5.3%	-0.1%	-11.2%	25.6%	-40.4%	



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ADVANC - Excellent, Certified, AEONTS - Good, n/a, AH - Very Good, n/a, AMATA - Excellent, Declared, ANAN - Excellent, Declared, AOT -Excellent, n/a, AP - Excellent, Certified, ASP - Very Good, Certified, BAM - not available, n/a, BANPU - Excellent, Certified, BAY - Excellent, Certified, BBL - Very Good, Certified, BCH - Good, Certified, BCP - Excellent, Certified, BCPG - Excellent, Certified, BDMS - Very Good, n/a, BEAUTY - Good, n/a, BEC - Very Good, n/a, BGRIM - Very Good, Declared, BH - Good, n/a, BJC - Very Good, n/a, BJCHI - Very Good, Certified, BLA - Very Good, Certified, BPP - Very Good, Declared, BR - Good, n/a, BTS - Excellent, Certified, CBG - Very Good, n/a, CCET -Good, n/a, CENTEL - Very Good, Certified, CHAYO - Good, n/a, CHG - Very Good, Declared, CK - Excellent, n/a, COL - Excellent, Declared, CPALL - Excellent, Certified, CPF - Excellent, Certified, CPN - Excellent, Certified, CPNREIT - not available, n/a, CRC - not available, n/a, DELTA - Excellent, Declared, DEMCO - Excellent, Certified, DDD - Very Good, n/a, DIF - not available, n/a, DREIT - not available, n/a, DTAC - Excellent, Certified, EA - Excellent, n/a, ECL - Very Good, Certified, EGCO - Excellent, Certified, EPG - Very Good, n/a, ERW - Very Good, n/a, GFPT -Excellent, Certified, GGC - Excellent, Certified, GLOBAL - Very Good, n/a, GLOW - Very Good, Certified, GPSC - Excellent, Certified, GULF -Very Good, n/a. GUNKUL - Excellent, Certified, HANA - Excellent, Certified, HMPRO - Excellent, Certified, HUMAN - Good, n/a, ICHI - Excellent, Declared, III - Excellent, n/a, INTUCH - Excellent, Certified, IRPC - Excellent, Certified, ITD - Very Good, n/a, IVL - Excellent, Certified, JASIF - not available, n/a, BJC - Very Good, n/a, JMT - Very Good, n/a, KBANK - Excellent, Certified, KCE - Excellent, Certified, KKP - Excellent, Certified, KSL - Excellent, Certified, KTB - Excellent, Certified, KTC - Excellent, Certified, LH - Excellent, n/a, LPN - Excellent, Certified, M - Very Good, Certified, MACO - Very Good, n/a, MAJOR - Very Good, n/a, MAKRO - Excellent, Certified, MALEE - Excellent, Certified, MC - Excellent, Certified, MCOT - Excellent, Certified, MEGA - Very Good, n/a, MINT - Excellent, Certified, MK - Very Good, n/a, MTC - Excellent, n/a, NETBAY -Very Good, n/a, OSP - Very Good, n/a, PLANB - Excellent, Certified, PLAT - Very Good, Certified, PR9 - Excellent, n/a, PSH - Excellent, Certified, PSTC - Very Good, Certified, PTT - Excellent, Certified, PTTEP - Excellent, Certified, PTTGC - Excellent, Certified, QH - Excellent, Certified, RATCH - Excellent, Certified, ROBINS - Excellent, Certified, RS - Excellent, n/a, RSP - not available, n/a, S - Excellent, n/a, SAPPE - Very Good, Declared, SAT - Excellent, Certified, SAWAD - Very Good, n/a, SC - Excellent, Certified, SCB - Excellent, Certified, SCC - Excellent, Certified, SCN - Excellent, Certified, SF - Good, n/a, SHR - not available, n/a, SIRI - Very Good, Certified, SPA - Good, n/a, SPALI - Excellent, n/a, SPRC -Excellent, Certified, STA - Very Good, Certified, STEC - Excellent, n/a, SVI - Excellent, Certified, SYNEX - Excellent, Certified, TASCO - Excellent, Certified, TCAP - Excellent, Certified, THANI - Excellent, Certified, TIPCO - Very Good, Certified, TISCO - Excellent, Certified, TKN - Very Good, n/a, TMB - Excellent, Certified, TNR - Very Good, Certified, TOP - Excellent, Certified, TPCH - Good, n/a, TPIPP - Good, n/a, TRUE - Excellent, Certified, TU - Excellent, Certified, TVO - Excellent, Declared, UNIQ - not available, n/a, VGI - Excellent, Certified, WHA - Excellent, Certified, WHART - not available, n/a, WICE - Excellent, Certified, WORK - Good, n/a.

1 CG Score 2019 from Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD)

2 AGM Level 2018 from Thai Investors Association

3 Companies participating in Thailand's Private Sector Collective Action Coalition Against Corruption programme (Thai CAC) under Thai Institute of Directors (as of November 30, 2018) are categorised into:

companies that have declared their intention to join CAC, and companies certified by CAC.

4 The Stock Exchange of Thailand : the record of listed companies with corporate sustainable development "Thai sustainability Investment 2018" included:

SET and mai listed companies passed the assessment conducted by the Stock Exchange of Thailand: THSI (SET) and THSI (mai)

SET listed companies passed the assessment conducted by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI)

Recommendation Framework				
Stock Ratings	Definition:			
Add	The stock's total return is expected to exceed 10% over the next 12 months.			
Hold	The stock's total return is expected to be between 0% and positive 10% over the next 12 months.			
Reduce	The stock's total return is expected to fall below 0% or more over the next 12 months.			
•	turn of a stock is defined as the sum of the: (i) percentage difference between the target price and the current price and (ii) the forward net stock. Stock price targets have an investment horizon of 12 months.			
Sector Ratings	Definition:			
Overweight	An Overweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a positive absolute recommendation.			
Neutral	A Neutral rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a neutral absolute recommendation.			
Underweight	An Underweight rating means stocks in the sector have, on a market cap-weighted basis, a negative absolute recommendation.			
Country Ratings	Definition:			
Overweight	An Overweight rating means investors should be positioned with an above-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.			
Neutral	A Neutral rating means investors should be positioned with a neutral weight in this country relative to benchmark.			
Underweight	An Underweight rating means investors should be positioned with a below-market weight in this country relative to benchmark.			