

Capital Goods

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Inflationary Pressure to Impact Margin

Strong Tender Pipeline, Higher Commodity Prices to Impact Order Finalization

Capital goods sector witnessed healthy tender pipeline in sectors like Infrastructure, Data centers, Railways, Metro, Civil, Water Treatment and International Power T&D, however higher commodity prices may result in some spillover in order finalization. Rising crude price to boost capex in oil exporting economies like the Middle East, while oil importing economies like India may have a negative impact of the higher oil price. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis has further escalated the inflated commodity prices, which likely to impact margin and execution in the near term. Companies with higher fixed price contract exposure will likely to be most impacted. Companies with lower fixed price contracts and cost-plus model will have better ability to withstand the commodity inflation during 4QFY22.

Price Hikes to Continue

Revenue growth for product companies is largely led by price with rounds of price hikes in the last couple of quarters. We expect the price hike may continue in the near term to restore gross margin. The demand for consumer durables and electricals was impacted in Jan'22/Feb'22 due to the Omicron scare and continued price hikes. However, demand picked up in Mar'22, particularly in summer categories like room AC/cooler/fans. Companies continued to face challenges due to the steep rise in commodity prices, elevated logistic costs and shortage of semiconductors.

Healthy Order Inflow

In terms of key highlights during the quarter, L&T announced orders worth ~Rs350bn in 4QFY22, and the labor availability was stable during the quarter. A minor execution impact is expected due to supply chain bottleneck and delayed exports during 4QFY22. For KEC, we expect healthy execution in the domestic T&D, railway and civil segments, while SAE Tower's execution and profitability will be impacted due to the higher steel prices and legacy projects. The workforce crunch and an additional cost of time overruns would impact profitability. We expect SAE Tower to report an EBIT loss in 4QFY22 and break even in 1QFY23 onwards with the completion of legacy projects. KEC reported the highest order inflow of Rs172bn in FY22, up 45% YoY, mainly led by the civil segment.

We expect our capital goods coverage universe to report 6.3% YoY growth in revenue, while EBITDA and PAT to decline by 13.4% YoY and 11.8% YoY respectively in 4QFY22E. EBITDA margin is expected to decline by 60bps YoY to 11.4%.

Our View:

The Indian economy witnessed a sharp recovery in the past few quarters, while the strong capex revival in capital goods sector is likely to continue ahead. Key economic indicators like GDP, GST collections, manufacturing PMI, core sector output growth, import-export data among others continue to show that the ongoing economic recovery should propel a sustained improvement in corporate earnings. GST collections for Mar'22 hit a record high of Rs1,420bn, up 6.8% MoM. The 8 core sector industries notched up a positive growth rate. India is one of the resilient and fastest-growing economy during the pandemic in the world. The sustained increase in government capex could be supportive to the economy until private capex revives. To reduce India's dependence on foreign military equipments, the ministry of defence has identified various items for indigenization and 'Make-II' list, which will benefit the defence companies ahead. The ministry of defence announced a second negative import list of 108 items, which are likely to provide a boost to Atmanirbhar Bharat and indigenization plans in the defence sector, with the active participation of both public and private sectors.

Our Top Picks: L&T, Kalpataru Power and KEC International

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Exhibit 1: Capital Goods & Defence - Quarterly Estimates

Company	Revenue (Rs mn)					EBITDA (Rs mn)					PAT (Rs mn)				
	Mar-22E	Mar-21	YoY (%)	Dec-21	QoQ (%)	Mar-22E	Mar-21	YoY (%)	Dec-21	QoQ (%)	Mar-22E	Mar-21	YoY (%)	Dec-21	QoQ (%)
ABB India	18,305	16,292	12.4	21,015	(12.9)	1,409	1,323	6.6	1,852	(23.9)	1,038	947	9.6	1,468	(29.3)
BEL	62,716	69,175	(9.3)	37,017	69.4	14,613	19,809	(26.2)	8,293	76.2	10,518	13,682	(23.1)	5,961	76.4
BEML	16,496	17,738	(7.0)	11,331	45.6	2,128	1,771	20.2	743	186.4	1,866	1,599	16.6	785	137.6
Blue Star	18,562	16,116	15.2	15,062	23.2	1,102	1,018	8.2	906	21.6	560	680	(17.6)	475	17.9
Crompton Consumer	16,817	15,221	10.5	14,106	19.2	2,275	2,280	(0.2)	2,015	12.9	1,805	2,491	(27.5)	1,483	21.8
Engineers India	10,827	11,167	(3.0)	6,816	58.9	1,254	1,640	(23.5)	625	100.7	1,189	1,855	(35.9)	680	74.7
Havells India	38,622	33,392	15.7	36,642	5.4	4,956	5,082	(2.5)	4,402	12.6	3,300	3,038	8.6	3,058	7.9
Kalpataru Power	24,305	23,370	4.0	18,480	31.5	2,236	2,430	(8.0)	1,680	33.1	1,238	1,300	(4.8)	530	133.5
KEC International	48,573	43,605	11.4	33,400	45.4	3,157	3,545	(10.9)	2,390	32.1	1,455	1,943	(25.1)	936	55.4
Larsen & Toubro	5,14,541	4,80,879	7.0	3,95,629	30.1	56,361	63,889	(11.8)	45,304	24.4	31,662	34,173	(7.3)	20,547	54.1
Rites	6,702	6,359	5.4	7,666	(12.6)	1,627	1,854	(12.2)	1,873	(13.1)	1,261	1,416	(10.9)	1,443	(12.6)
Voltas	31,334	26,517	18.2	17,936	74.7	2,806	3,307	(15.1)	1,556	80.3	2,193	2,377	(7.8)	960	128.5
Aggregate	8,07,799	7,59,829	6.3	6,15,100	31.3	93,925	1,07,947	(13.0)	71,639	31.1	58,084	65,500	(11.3)	38,326	51.6

Source: Company, RSec Research

Exhibit 2: Capital Goods & Defence - 4QFY22 Results Preview

Company (Rs mn)	Mar-22E	Mar-21	YoY (%)	Dec-21	QoQ (%)	Comments
ABB India						
Revenue	18,305	16,292	12.4	21,015	(12.9)	▶ We expect the company's revenue to increase by 12% YoY to Rs18.3bn in 1QCY22, led by the demand uptick in electrification and process automation segments. Adjusted PAT is expected to increase by 10% YoY to Rs1bn, while operating margin is likely to decline by 40bps YoY to 7.7%, due to higher RM cost.
EBITDA	1,409	1,323	6.6	1,852	(23.9)	
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.7	8.1	(42)bps	8.8	(111)bps	
PAT	1,038	947	9.6	1,468	(29.3)	
Bharat Electronics (BEL)						
Revenue	62,716	69,175	(9.3)	37,017	69.4	▶ We expect BEL to report a revenue of Rs62.7bn (down 9% YoY), mainly due to the shortage of semiconductors in 4QFY22. EBITDA is expected to decline by 26% YoY to Rs14.6bn, while EBITDA margin is likely to decline by 530bps YoY to 23.3%, due to lower sales and higher RM cost. We expect its PAT to decline by 23% YoY to Rs10.5bn, due to lower execution and margin compression.
EBITDA	14,613	19,809	(26.2)	8,293	76.2	
EBITDA Margin (%)	23.3	28.6	(534)bps	22.4	90bps	
PAT	10,518	13,682	(23.1)	5,961	76.4	
BEML						
Revenue	16,496	17,738	(7.0)	11,331	45.6	▶ We expect BEML to report Rs16.5bn revenue (down 7% YoY), led by a muted performance of key segments. EBITDA to increase by 20% YoY to Rs2.2bn, while PAT is seen at Rs1.9bn, up 17% YoY.
EBITDA	2,128	1,771	20.2	743	186.4	
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.9	10.0	292bps	6.6	634bps	
PAT	1,866	1,599	16.6	785	137.6	
Blue Star						
Revenue	18,562	16,116	15.2	15,062	23.2	▶ The company's revenue is expected to decline by 15% YoY to Rs18.6bn, led by 11% YoY and 20% YoY growth in projects and unitary product segments, respectively. Its EBITDA margin is seen at 5.9%, down 40bps YoY, due to a lower margin in key segments impacted by the higher commodity prices, while PAT is seen at Rs560mn, down 18% YoY.
EBITDA	1,102	1,018	8.2	906	21.6	
EBITDA Margin (%)	5.9	6.3	(38)bps	6.0	(8)bps	
PAT	560	680	(17.6)	475	17.9	
Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals						
Revenue	16,817	15,221	10.5	14,106	19.2	▶ The company's revenue is expected to increase by 11% YoY to Rs16.8bn, led by 12% YoY growth in ECD segment and 5% YoY growth in lighting segment. It is expected to see a healthy growth in appliances with the continued price hike. EBITDA to remain flat YoY at Rs2.3bn, while EBITDA margin is likely to decline by 150bps YoY to 14.2% due to the higher commodity prices. PAT is seen at Rs1.8bn (down 28% YoY), impacted by a lower margin.
EBITDA	2,275	2,280	(0.2)	2,015	12.9	
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.5	15.0	(145)bps	14.3	(76)bps	
PAT	1,805	2,491	(27.5)	1,483	21.8	

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Engineers India						
Revenue	10,827	11,167	(3.0)	6,816	58.9	▶ The company's revenue is expected to decline by 3% YoY to Rs10.8bn, impacted by 15% YoY decline in turnkey revenue at Rs6bn, due to a lower execution. Revenue of consultancy segment to increase by 18% YoY to Rs4.8bn. EBITDA is expected to decline by 24% YoY, while EBITDA margin is likely to decline by 310bps YoY to 11.6%. PAT is likely to decline by 36% YoY to Rs1.18bn, due to a lower execution.
EBITDA	1,254	1,640	(23.5)	625	100.7	
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.6	14.7	(311)bps	9.2	241bps	
PAT	1,189	1,855	(35.9)	680	74.7	
Havells India						
Revenue	38,622	33,392	15.7	36,642	5.4	▶ We expect the company's revenue to increase by 16% YoY to Rs38.6bn, owing to a higher revenue from the key segments, especially ECD and cable and wire segments. Havells' expanding distribution footprint, robust supply chain and market share gain from the unorganized sector are likely to support a higher growth during the quarter. EBITDA margin is expected to decline by 240bps YoY to 12.8% due to the higher commodity prices. PAT growth to moderate at 9% YoY to Rs3.3bn due to a lower margin.
EBITDA	4,956	5,082	(2.5)	4,402	12.6	
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.8	15.2	(239)bps	12.0	82bps	
PAT	3,300	3,038	8.6	3,058	7.9	
Kalpataru Power						
Revenue	24,305	23,370	4.0	18,480	31.5	▶ Revenue is expected to increase by 4% YoY to Rs24.3bn, led by a muted execution in the key segments -- T&D, railway and pipeline. EBITDA is expected to decline by 8% YoY to Rs2.2bn, while EBITDA margin is expected to decline by 120bps YoY to 9.2%, due to the higher raw material cost. PAT is expected to decline by 5% YoY to Rs1.2bn. The performance of JMC Projects and Shree Shubham Logistics is likely to remain strong on a YoY basis.
EBITDA	2,236	2,430	(8.0)	1,680	33.1	
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.2	10.4	(120)bps	9.1	11bps	
PAT	1,238	1,300	(4.8)	530	133.5	
KEC International						
Revenue	48,573	43,605	11.4	33,400	45.4	▶ Execution is on track for projects barring localized issues in some international projects. Two legacy projects in Brazil (SAE) are likely to report a loss, thus impacting the overall margins. Revenue is expected to increase by 11% YoY to Rs48.5bn led by a strong growth in T&D, railway and civil businesses, while PAT is likely to decline by 25% YoY to Rs1.45bn. We expect its EBITDA margin to decline by 160bps YoY to 6.5% due to losses in the legacy projects in Brazil.
EBITDA	3,157	3,545	(10.9)	2,390	32.1	
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.5	8.1	(163)bps	7.2	(66)bps	
PAT	1,455	1,943	(25.1)	936	55.4	
Larsen & Toubro						
Revenue	5,14,541	4,80,879	7.0	3,95,629	30.1	▶ L&T secured orders worth ~Rs350bn in 4QFY22. The company is focusing on liquidity management and witnessed a significant headway in the current challenging scenario. We expect L&T to report a revenue of Rs514bn (up 7% YoY), owing to an uptick in core infra segment. We expect its EBITDA to decline by 12% YoY to Rs56.3bn, while EBITDA margin is likely to decline by 230bps YoY to 11%. We expect PAT to decline by 7% YoY to Rs31.7bn, supported by the lower interest cost.
EBITDA	56,361	63,889	(11.8)	45,304	24.4	
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.0	13.3	(233)bps	11.5	(50)bps	
PAT	31,662	34,173	(7.3)	20,547	54.1	

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BITES						
Revenue	6,702	6,359	5.4	7,666	(12.6)	▶ Revenue is expected to increase by 5.4% YoY to Rs6.7bn, led by a strong uptick in the export business and on a low base, after a complete washout in 4QFY21. We expect its EBITDA margin to decline by 490bps YoY to 24.3%, due to the higher raw material cost. PAT is likely to decline by 11% YoY to Rs1.26bn.
EBITDA	1,627	1,854	(12.2)	1,873	(13.1)	
EBITDA Margin (%)	24.3	29.2	(488)bps	24.4	(15)bps	
PAT	1,261	1,416	(10.9)	1,443	(12.6)	
Voltas						
Revenue	31,334	26,517	18.2	17,936	74.7	▶ We expect Voltas to report Rs31.3bn revenue (up 18% YoY), led by a strong growth in key segments. Revenue from unitary cooling is expected to increase by 25% YoY to Rs20.6bn, led by price hikes and the first full peak season after 2 years of lockdown. Revenue of EMPS segment to grow by 10% YoY to Rs9.6bn. The company's EBITDA margin is likely to decline by 350bps YoY to 9%, due to a lower margin in the key segments impacted by the higher RM prices, while PAT is seen at Rs2.2bn (down 8% YoY).
EBITDA	2,806	3,307	(15.1)	1,556	80.3	
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.0	12.5	(352)bps	8.7	28bps	
PAT	2,193	2,377	(7.8)	960	128.5	

Source: RSec Research

Change in Ratings

We have changed our rating system and included **HOLD** recommendation. We have **BUY, HOLD and SELL** recommendation now.

We have also shifted to **1-Year Target Price** from **2-Year Target Price**.

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