

ASHOKA BUILDCON

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| RATING | BUY |
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| CMP | 232 |
| Price Target | 275 |
| Previous Target | 296 |
| Potential Upside | 19% |

Robust Order Inflow provides base for strong EPC revenue growth

Key Highlights

- ☑ Post the robust order inflow of Rs.6000 Cr company's order book stands at Rs.11911 Cr which provides strong base for robust EPC growth over next couple of years. Additionally, management expects to win Rs.7500 Cr of new orders in FY19.
- ☑ 20000 km of road projects is expected to bid out in FY19 and management expects to win Rs.6000 Cr worth of projects.
- ☑ Board of the management has proposed bonus in ratio of 1:2 and is subject to shareholders' approval.

Stock Info

| 52wk Range H/L | 294/171 |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Mkt Capital (Rs Cr) | 4283 |
| Free float (%) | 45% |
| Avg. Vol 1M (,000) | 212 |
| No. of Shares (Crore) | 19 |
| Promoters Pledged % | 0.0% |

4Q FY18 Result:

ASHOKA has posted its 4QFY18 numbers in line with our estimates. Sales were risen by 15% YoY to Rs.702 Cr v/s our estimate of Rs.715 Cr. Growth in revenue largely driven by the strong execution of projects under construction. However, EBITDA margin was below than our expectation (11.5% v/s 12.5%). But higher than expected other income led to the strong bottom line growth. PAT was up by 60% YoY To Rs.105 Cr. ACL road portfolio has shown strong toll collection growth of 12.38% YOY led by strong traffic growth of 13% YoY at Belgaum projects. During the quarter company has bagged new orders worth Rs.6000 Cr. With this strong order inflow order book is stands at Rs.11911 Cr which is 5.2x of TTM EPC revenue.

View and Valuation

With the strong order inflow now ASHOKA's order book is stand at Rs.11911 Cr and based on its proven execution capabilities we expect strong revenue growth over next couple of years. We have factored in CAGR revenue growth of 26% over FY18-20. Strong balance sheet supports the growth going forward.

We have changed our estimates and reduce EPS growth by 5/9% for FY19/20 and value ASHOKA at Rs.275 on SoTP basis and maintain "BUY" rating on the stock. We value EPC business at Rs.177 (12x FY20 EPS) and BOT business at Rs.98 per share.

Key Risks to our rating and target

- ♦ Delay in appointment date
- ♦ Slow down in execution due to external factors

| KEY FINANCIAL/VALUATIONS | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E | FY20E |
|--------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net Sales | 1967 | 1943 | 2052 | 2448 | 3133 | 3928 |
| EBITDA | 250 | 248 | 260 | 293 | 392 | 491 |
| EBIT | 194 | 181 | 209 | 240 | 337 | 432 |
| PAT | 142.2 | 148 | 184 | 237 | 247 | 276 |
| EPS (Rs) | 9 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| EPS growth (%) | 0.4 | -12% | 24% | 29% | 4% | 12% |
| ROE | 0.1 | 9% | 10% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| ROCE | 0.1 | 9% | 10% | 12% | 15% | 17% |
| BVPS | 70 | 91 | 100 | 103 | 115 | 128 |
| P/B (X) | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| P/E (x) | 19.6 | 21.6 | 16.2 | 19.6 | 17.6 | 15.7 |

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4QFY18 Results In line with our expaction

| Financials | 4QFY17 | 1QFY18 | 2QFY18 | 3QFY18 | 4QFY18 | YoY % | QoQ% | FY17 | FY18 | YoY % |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net Sales | 610 | 723 | 379 | 659 | 702 | 15.1% | 6.6% | 2,052 | 2,448 | 19.3% |
| Other Income | 43 | 9 | 11 | 17 | 61 | 41.7% | 269.3% | 72 | 98 | 36.0% |
| COGS | 503 | 578 | 286 | 532 | 573 | 14.0% | 7.8% | 1,645 | 1,954 | 18.8% |
| Employee Exp. | 25 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 10.6% | 2.1% | 90 | 107 | 18.4% |
| Other Exp. | 18 | 21 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 12.2% | 1.7% | 57 | 94 | 63.1% |
| Total Exp. | 546 | 625 | 328 | 579 | 622 | 13.8% | 7.3% | 1,792 | 2,155 | 20.2% |
| EBITDA | 64 | 98 | 51 | 80 | 81 | 27.0% | 1.5% | 260 | 293 | 13.0% |
| EBITDA M (%) | 10% | 13% | 13% | 12% | 11% | | | 13% | 12% | |
| Depreciation | 15 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 14 | -1.8% | 0.2% | 51 | 53 | 4.9% |
| EBIT | 49 | 86 | 38 | 65 | 66 | 35.6% | 1.8% | 209 | 240 | 15.0% |
| Intreset | 18 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 11 | -37.7% | -11.8% | 47 | 49 | 2.3% |
| Except. Item | - | - | - | - | - | NA | NA | - | - | NA |
| PBT | 74 | 82 | 37 | 69 | 116 | 57.1% | 68.6% | 233 | 289 | 24.0% |
| Tax | 8 | 21 | 4 | 17 | 11 | 32.5% | -36.0% | 49 | 52 | 6.1% |
| PAT | 66 | 62 | 33 | 52 | 105 | 60.1% | 102.7% | 184 | 237 | 28.8% |
| PAT % | 11% | 9% | 9% | 8% | 15% | | | 9% | 10% | |

In line with our estimates

ASHOKA reported its Q4FY18 numbers largely in line with estimates. Sales have improved by 15% YoY to Rs.702 Cr compared to our estimate of Rs.715 Cr. Completion of Eastern peripheral (EPC projects) and pick up in execution of other projects has supported the growth. However, EBITDA margin is lower compared to our estimate. Despite the lower EBITDA margin PAT has jumped sharply (60% YoY) on account of higher other income. Maldives projects (JV project) gets over and company has received Rs.20 Cr as share of profit which led to 40% YoY growth.

Robust Order Inflow provides base for strong EPC revenue growth

ASHOKA has secured Rs.6000 Cr new orders in Q4FY18 and end orders in hand of Rs.11911 Cr which is 5.2x of its TTM EPC revenue. Based on the company's strong execution capability we expect strong growth in revenue for next couple years. We have factored in 26% CAGR growth in revenue over FY18-20. Well funded BOT portfolio and strong balance sheet position will support revenue growth. Additionally management expects to receive Rs.6000 Cr of new orders from road and Rs.1500 Cr from Power T&D in FY19.

Concall Highlights:-

- ✓ Management expects 40% Revenue growth over next 2 years with 13-15% EPC EBITDA margin.
- ✓ Started receiving annuity on Chennai ORR and Mudhol Nipani annuity projects.
- ✓ Land on 3 new HAM projects out of 5 is available for construction. Expect delay of one and half months in 2 HAM projects in state of Karnataka.
- √ 35% of the required equity will invest in FY19 and balance will invest over period of construction.
- ✓ Other income includes Rs.20 Cr as share of profit from Maldives projects and annuity payment of Chennai ORR.
- √ 20000 Km of projects will bid out in FY19 and management expects to win Rs.6000 Cr from roads and Rs.1500 Cr form Power T&D.
- ✓ EPC work on ToT project won by macquarie will start from September onwards.
- ✓ Tax Rate will be 23-24% in FY19 and full tax rate in FY20.
- ✓ ASHOKA will monetize some of the assets to fund future projects.
- ✓ Work on HAM projects will start from November.
- ✓ Work on long time stalled Islampur project has stared and full swing in FY19.
- ✓ WIP items has shifted under Debtors as per Ind AS accounting norms.
- ✓ ASHOKA has won arbitration award of Rs.380 Cr on Pune Shirur road projects.
- ✓ Tariff hike in range of 4% is due from April on all NHAI projects.
- ✓ Management has recommended bonus in ratio of 1:2.

4QFY18 order book Excl. HAM orders

Order Book Break Up

| | 2QFY17 | 3QFY17 | 4QFY17 | 1QFY18 | 2QFY18 | 3QFY18 | 4QFY18* | YoY% | QoQ% |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------|------|
| Roads | | | | | | | | | |
| ВОТ | 1,860 | 1,779 | 2,629 | 2,419 | 2,336 | 2,306 | 2,237 | -15% | -3% |
| EPC | 2,909 | 2,760 | 2,485 | 2,232 | 2,046 | 1,921 | 2,019 | -19% | 5% |
| Total Road | 4,769 | 4,540 | 5,114 | 4,651 | 4,381 | 4,227 | 4,256 | -17% | 1% |
| Power T&D | 751 | 1,681 | 1,891 | 1,782 | 1,729 | 1,716 | 1,593 | -16% | -7% |
| Total | 5,520 | 6,220 | 7,005 | 6,433 | 6,110 | 5,942 | 5,849 | -17% | -2% |

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|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
| | 2QFY17 | 3QFY17 | 4QFY17 | 1QFY18 | 2QFY18 | 3QFY18 | 4QFY18 | YoY% | QoQ% |
| Belgaum - Dharwad | 18 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 22 | | |
| Dhankuni Karagpur | 65 | 48 | 77 | 79 | 76 | 78 | 85 | 10% | 8% |
| Bhandara Project | 15 | 11 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 10% | 4% |
| Durg Project | 18 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 7% | 2% |
| Jaora – Nayagaon | 43 | 34 | 47 | 47 | 50 | 53 | 52 | 12% | -1% |
| Sambalpur | 12 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 28% | 9% |
| Ahmednagar | 7 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | -30% | -14% |
| Wainganga Bridge | 7 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 2% | 3% |
| Others | 16 | 13 | 27 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 9 | -66% | -63% |
| Total | 234 | 178 | 258 | 238 | 237 | 253 | 245 | -5% | -3% |

Exhibit: Order Book Break Up

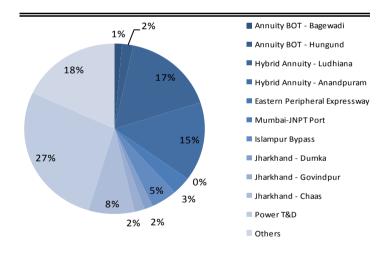


Exhibit: Order Book and Book to Bill

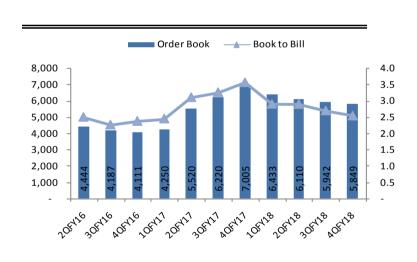


Exhibit: Revenue Mix % with EBITDA M %

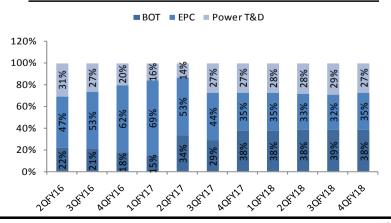
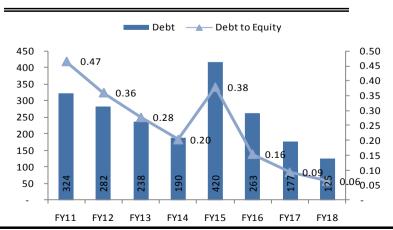


Exhibit: Project Debt and Intreset Covrage



Financials Details

Income Statement

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19E | FY20E |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue from Operation | 1,638 | 1,557 | 1,967 | 1,943 | 2,052 | 2,448 | 3,133 | 3,928 |
| Change (%) | 22% | -5% | 26% | -1% | 6% | 19% | 28% | 25% |
| EBITDA | 202 | 198 | 250 | 248 | 260 | 293 | 392 | 491 |
| Change (%) | 4% | -2% | 26% | -1% | 5% | 13% | 33% | 25% |
| Margin (%) | 12% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 12% | 13% | 13% |
| Depr & Amor. | 50 | 43 | 55 | 67 | 51 | 53 | 54 | 59 |
| EBIT | 153 | 155 | 194 | 181 | 209 | 240 | 337 | 432 |
| Int. & other fin. Cost | 40 | 33 | 59 | 67 | 47 | 49 | 40 | 40 |
| Other Income | 58 | 47 | 58 | 98 | 72 | 98 | 28 | 26 |
| EBT | 171 | 169 | 194 | 212 | 233 | 289 | 325 | 418 |
| Exp Item | 16 | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tax | 53 | 50 | 52 | 64 | 49 | 52 | 78 | 142 |
| Min. Int & P/L share of Ass. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Reported PAT | 102 | 103 | 142 | 149 | 183 | 237 | 247 | 276 |
| Adjusted PAT | 91 | 92 | 142 | 149 | 183 | 237 | 247 | 276 |
| Change (%) | | 1% | 54% | 5% | 23% | 29% | 4% | 12% |
| Margin(%) | 6% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 9% | 10% | 8% | 7% |

Balance Sheet

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19E | FY20E |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Share Capital | 53 | 79 | 79 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Reserves | 801 | 854 | 1,027 | 1,602 | 1,771 | 1,833 | 2,056 | 2,305 |
| Networth | 854 | 932 | 1,106 | 1,696 | 1,864 | 1,926 | 2,149 | 2,398 |
| Debt | 238 | 190 | 420 | 263 | 177 | 125 | 127 | 126 |
| Other Non Cur Liab | 420 | 415 | 242 | 169 | 202 | 199 | 199 | 199 |
| Total Capital Employed | 1,092 | 1,123 | 1,526 | 1,959 | 2,041 | 2,051 | 2,276 | 2,524 |
| Net Fixed Assets (incl CWIP) | 242 | 227 | 191 | 155 | 185 | 232 | 211 | 232 |
| Non Cur Investments | 745 | 976 | 1,187 | 1,230 | 1,306 | 1,318 | 1,634 | 1,830 |
| Other Non Cur Asst | 564 | 412 | 295 | 309 | 351 | 798 | 777 | 798 |
| Non Curr Assets | 1,309 | 1,388 | 1,482 | 1,539 | 1,657 | 2,116 | 2,411 | 2,627 |
| Inventory | 505 | 447 | 463 | 796 | 931 | 146 | 187 | 234 |
| Debtors | 145 | 190 | 554 | 580 | 588 | 860 | 1,101 | 1,377 |
| Cash & Bank | 34 | 31 | 24 | 27 | 64 | 123 | 153 | 132 |
| Other Curr Assets | 84 | 155 | 182 | 127 | 198 | 681 | 661 | 809 |
| Curr Assets | 768 | 823 | 1,223 | 1,531 | 1,780 | 1,811 | 2,102 | 2,552 |
| Creditors | 324 | 404 | 613 | 442 | 528 | 593 | 759 | 951 |
| Provisons | 23 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 44 | 34 | 43 | 54 |
| Other Curr Liab | 217 | 248 | 217 | 240 | 355 | 665 | 852 | 1,068 |
| Curr Liabilities | 564 | 672 | 938 | 942 | 1,195 | 1,676 | 2,038 | 2,457 |
| Net Curr Assets | 203 | 151 | 285 | 589 | 586 | 135 | 64 | 95 |
| Total Assets | 2,076 | 2,210 | 2,705 | 3,070 | 3,438 | 3,927 | 4,512 | 5,180 |



Financials Details

Cash Flow

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18E | FY19E | FY20E |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| PBT | 155 | 153 | 194 | 203 | 233 | 289 | 325 | 418 |
| (inc)/Dec in Working Capital | 239 | 180 | (303) | (571) | 212 | 752 | 100 | (53) |
| Non Cash Op Exp | 50 | 43 | 55 | 67 | 51 | 53 | 54 | 59 |
| Int Paid (+) | 40 | 33 | 59 | 67 | 47 | - | - | - |
| Tax Paid | 45 | 48 | 49 | 71 | 72 | 52 | 78 | 142 |
| others | (11) | (25) | (31) | (45) | (16) | - | - | - |
| CF from Op. Activities | 427 | 338 | (75) | (350) | 455 | 399 | 401 | 282 |
| (inc)/Dec in FA & CWIP | (52) | (37) | (20) | (33) | (84) | (101) | (33) | (80) |
| Free Cashflow | 375 | 301 | (95) | (382) | 371 | 298 | 368 | 202 |
| (Pur)/Sale of Inv | 325 | 253 | 101 | 467 | 132 | 12 | 316 | 196 |
| others | 52 | 56 | 30 | 485 | 57 | - | - | - |
| CF from Inv. Activities | (324) | (234) | (91) | (15) | (158) | (113) | (349) | (276) |
| inc/(dec) in NW | 0 | - | 4 | 492 | - | (152) | - | - |
| inc/(dec) in Debt | (49) | (47) | 238 | 294 | 292 | (52) | 2 | (1) |
| Int. Paid | 41 | 33 | 57 | 56 | 42 | - | - | - |
| Div Paid (inc tax) | 11 | 22 | 24 | 41 | 15 | 23 | 24 | 27 |
| others | (6) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CF from Fin. Activities | (108) | (103) | 162 | 388 | (184) | (227) | (23) | (28) |
| Inc(Dec) in Cash | (5) | 1 | (4) | 23 | 112 | 59 | 30 | (22) |
| Add: Opening Balance | 39 | 8 | 10 | (195) | (172) | 64 | 123 | 153 |
| Closing Balance | 34 | 10 | 5 | (172) | (59) | 123 | 154 | 131 |

^{*} FY18 numbers are estimated

Key Ratio

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19E | FY20E |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| ROE | 12% | 11% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| ROCE | 14% | 14% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 12% | 15% | 17% |
| Asset Turnover | 0.79 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.63 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.69 | 0.76 |
| Debtor Days | 32 | 44 | 103 | 109 | 105 | 128 | 128 | 128 |
| Inv Days | 113 | 105 | 86 | 150 | 166 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Payable Days | 72 | 95 | 114 | 83 | 94 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| Int Coverage | 3.85 | 4.64 | 3.29 | 2.71 | 4.40 | 4.95 | 8.44 | 10.84 |
| P/E | 3 | 12 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 16 |
| Price / Book Value | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| EV/EBITDA | 2 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 9 |
| FCF per Share | 71 | 19 | (6) | (20) | 20 | 16 | 20 | 11 |
| Div Yield | 6.2% | 2.0% | 0.9% | 1.3% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.5% |

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