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Strong order inflow to drive growth

ACIL posted 5.3% YoY de-growth in Q4FY18 revenue to ₹4.5bn (8.7% below estimates) due to muted execution. EBITDA margin expanded by 286bps YoY to 11.9% (110bps below estimates), primarily due to lower construction cost which is down by 360bps YoY to 78.2% of revenue. Adj. PAT grew by 54.0% YoY to ₹310mn (15.4% below estimates) due to strong operating performance coupled with lower interest cost and lower tax rate (down 333bps). ACIL has declared a dividend of 15% (₹0.3 per share) after a period of six years.

Order book at 2.9x, enhances revenue visibility

ACIL received fresh orders worth ₹12.6bn/₹16.2bn during FY18/YTDFY19. The company has met its order inflow target of ₹16bn and expects another ₹4-6bn of inflows in FY19. It has a robust bid pipeline of ₹30bn and will look for big ticket projects. The current order book (₹47bn) provides revenue visibility for 2.9x FY18 revenue. ACIL is on the right track by increasing its exposure towards Government orders which stands at 74% v/s 32% (FY14). We have considered ₹25.2bn (including ₹16.2bn already won) / ₹30.3bn fresh inflow for FY19E/ FY20E.

Outlook and Valuation

We upgrade our revenue estimates marginally by 2.4%/ 6.7% for FY19E/FY20E to factor in higher order inflow. We maintain our EBITDA margin estimates at 13.5% for FY19E and FY20E. Accordingly, we upgrade our PAT estimates by 3.5%/ 8% for FY19E/FY20E, respectively. We estimate 21.3%/ 31.9% revenue/PAT CAGR over FY18-20E.

ACIL to be remain net cash company and have one of the highest average RoCE/ RoE of 34.4%/ 23%, respectively, over FY18-20E among peers. We remain positively biased on business model backed by quality management and healthy return ratios. It looks attractive at 15.3x/ 12.4x FY19E/ FY20E EPS and hence we reiterate 'BUY' with an upward revised TP of ₹450 (15x FY20E EPS).

Q4FY18 Result (₹ Mn)

Particulars	Q4FY18	Q4FY17	YoY (%)	Q3FY18	QoQ (%)
Total revenue	4,468	4,719	(5.3)	3,611	23.7
Operating expenditure	3,934	4,290	(8.3)	2,986	31.7
EBITDA	534	429	24.5	625	(14.5)
Depreciation	65	64	1.6	64	2.4
Operating profit	468	364	28.5	561	(16.5)
Other income	27	21	29.5	11	134.5
Interest	42	76	(44.3)	124	(65.8)
EBT	453	309	46.6	448	1.0
Income tax	143	108	32.6	156	(8.8)
Net income	310	201	54.0	292	6.3
			bps		bps
EBIDTA Margin (ex. O.I.)	11.9	9.1	286	17.3	(535)
EBIDTA Margin (in. O.I.)	12.5	9.5	302	17.6	(507)
NPM (%)	6.9	4.2	265	8.1	(115)
Tax/PBT (%)	31.5	34.8	(333)	34.9	(340)
Const. Cost/rev. (%)	78.2	81.8	(360)	71.3	683

СМР	₹376
Target / Upside	₹ 450/21%
BSE Sensex	35,323
NSE Nifty	10,736
Scrip Details	
Equity / FV	₹ 134mn/₹ 2/-
Market Cap	₹ 25bn
	USD 373mn
52-week High/Low	₹ 443/252
Avg. Volume (no)	73,133
NSE Symbol	AHLUCONT
Bloomberg Code	AHLU IN
Shareholding Pattern	Mar'18 (%)
Promoters	58.0
MF/Banks/FIs	15.3
Fils	20.3
Public / Others	6.5

Valuation (x)

	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
P/E	21.6	15.3	12.4
EV/EBITDA	11.1	8.8	7.1
ROE	20.5	23.2	22.8
ROCE	32.0	34.5	34.2

Estimates (₹ mn)

FY18	FY19E	FY20E
16,466	20,139	24,243
2,193	2,718	3,273
1,154	1,629	2,008
17.2	24.3	30.0
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Risk to our valuation

Payment delay/ advancement from clients

We expect debtor days to remain in the same range of 151 days in FY19E/FY20E vs. 149 days in FY18. However, any delay/ advancement in payments from clients vs. our estimates, would increase/ decrease working capital, delay/ speed-up execution and impact profitability.

Execution delays

Project delay due to delay at the client's end or other regulatory bottlenecks could adversely affect ACIL's revenue and profitability.

Delay/ advancement in order intake

Any capex delay/ advancement by private and government sectors will lead to a delay/ advancement in awarding orders to ACIL, negatively/ positively impacting its revenue and profitability.

Contraction/ improvement in EBITDA margin

Any contraction/ improvement in EBITDA margin vs. our estimates would negatively/positively impact its profitability.

Exhibit 1:Q4FY18 Performance (Standalone)

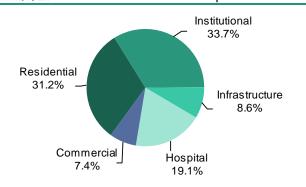
Particulars (₹ mn)	Q4FY18	Q4FY17	YoY (%)	Q3FY18	QoQ (%)	FY18	FY17	YoY (%)
Revenue	4,468	4,719	(5.3)	3,611	23.7	16,466	14,266	15.4
Raw materials	2,176	2,502	(13.0)	1,461	49.0	7,560	7,262	4.1
Operating expenses	191	205	(6.7)	158	21.2	694	654	6.1
Employees cost	336	324	3.8	344	(2.4)	1,341	1,518	(11.6)
Sub - contract	1,126	1,152	(2.3)	958	17.5	4,354	2,799	55.6
Other expenditure	105	107	(1.9)	66	59.9	323	295	9.6
Total expenditure	3,934	4,290	(8.3)	2,986	31.7	14,273	12,529	13.9
EBITDA	534	429	24.5	625	(14.5)	2,193	1,737	26.2
Depreciation	65	64	1.6	64	2.4	256	239	7.2
Operating profit	468	364	28.5	561	(16.5)	1,936	1,498	29.3
Other income	27	21	29.5	11	134.5	63	84	(24.6)
EBIT	495	385	28.6	572	(13.5)	1,999	1,582	26.4
Interest	42	76	(44.3)	124	(65.8)	251	271	(7.4)
EBT	453	309	46.6	448	1.0	1,749	1,311	33.4
Provision for taxation	143	108	32.6	156	(8.8)	594	448	32.8
Net income	310	201	54.0	292	6.3	1,154	863	33.8
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	(100.0)
Adjusted net income	310	201	54.0	292	6.3	1,154	871	32.6
EPS (₹)	4.6	3.0	54.0	4.4	6.3	17.2	13.0	32.6
			bps		bps			bps
EBIDTA Margin (Excl. O.I.)	11.9	9.1	286	17.3	(535)	13.3	12.2	114
EBIDTA Margin (Incl. O.I.)	12.5	9.5	302	17.6	(507)	13.7	12.8	94
NPM (%)	6.9	4.2	265	8.1	(115)	7.0	6.1	92
Tax/PBT (%)	31.5	34.8	(333)	34.9	(340)	34.0	34.1	(17)
Construction/Sales (%)	78.2	81.8	(360)	71.3	683	76.6	75.1	146

Source: Company, DART



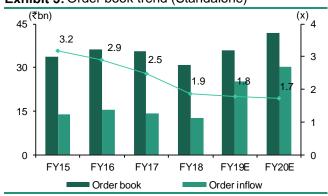


Exhibit 2:₹30.7bn order book break up



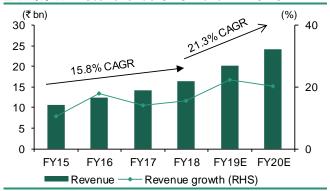
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Exhibit 3: Order book trend (Standalone)



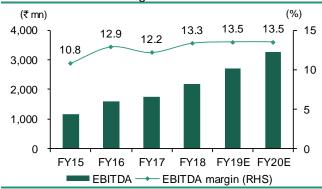
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Exhibit 4:21.3% revenue CAGR over FY18-20E



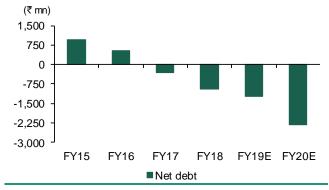
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Exhibit 5: EBITDA Margin trend



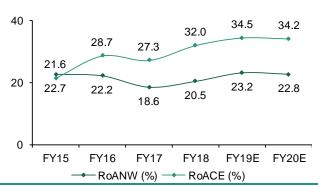
Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 6: Net debt free company



Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 7: Highest return ratios in the industry



Source: Company, DART





Income Statement (Standalone)						
Particulars (₹ mn)	Mar17	Mar18	Mar19E	Mar20E		
Revenue	14,266	16,466	20,139	24,243		
Growth (%)	14.2	15.4	22.3	20.4		
Total Expenditure	12,529	14,273	17,421	20,969		
Material consumption	7,262	7,560	9,844	12,776		
Sub-contract work	2,799	4,354	4,849	5,122		
Operating expenses	654	694	947	1,164		
Employees expenses	1,518	1,338	1,405	1,476		
Other expenses	295	326	375	432		
Other Income	84	63	69	76		
EBIDTA (Excl. OI)	1,737	2,193	2,718	3,273		
Growth (%)	8.0	26.2	24.0	20.4		
EBIDTA (Incl. OI)	1,821	2,256	2,788	3,350		
Depreciation	239	256	269	287		
EBIT	1,582	1,999	2,519	3,063		
Interest	271	251	50	20		
Profit Before Tax	1,311	1,749	2,469	3,043		
Tax	448	594	839	1,034		
Net Profit	863	1,154	1,629	2,008		
Adjustments	8	0	0	0		
Adj. Net Profit	871	1,154	1,629	2,008		
Growth (%)	4.4	32.6	41.1	23.3		

Cash Flow (Standalone)				
Particulars (₹ mn)	Mar17	Mar18E	Mar19E	Mar20E
Profit before tax	1,306	1,749	2,469	3,043
Depreciation	241	256	269	287
Finance cost	192	251	50	20
Other income	(51)	(63)	(69)	(76)
Others	17	84	(77)	0
Direct taxes paid	(118)	(670)	(830)	(1,025)
Change in Working Capital	(314)	(562)	(1,233)	(884)
(A) CF from Operating Acti	1,273	1,043	578	1,364
Capex	(206)	(233)	(300)	(300)
Free Cash Flow to Firm	1,067	810	278	1,064
Inc./ (Dec.) in Investments	0	5	0	0
Other	(17)	63	69	76
(B) CF from Investing Acti	(223)	(166)	(231)	(224)
Issue of Equity/ Preference	0	0	0	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	(518)	(605)	(46)	(250)
Interest exp net	(189)	(251)	(50)	(20)
Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax)	0	0	(24)	(24)
(C) CF from Financing	(707)	(856)	(120)	(294)
Net Change in Cash	343	22	227	846
Opening Cash balances	882	1,225	1,247	1,474
Closing Cash balances	1,225	1,247	1,474	2,320

Particulars (₹ mn)	Mar17	Mar18	Mar19E	Mar20E
Sources of Funds				
Equity Capital	134	134	134	134
Reserves	4,924	6,090	7,695	9,679
Net Worth	5,058	6,224	7,829	9,813
Long Term Loan	1	7	0	0
Short Term Loan	900	289	250	0
Loan Funds	901	296	250	0
Deferred Tax Liability	(147)	(217)	(208)	(199)
Total Capital Employed	5,813	6,303	7,871	9,614
Application of Funds				
Gross Block	4,523	4,756	5,056	5,356
Less: Acc Depreciation	2,598	2,854	3,123	3,410
Net Block	1,925	1,844	1,933	1,946
Capital Work in Progress	3	3	3	3
Investments	67	63	63	63
Current Assets, Loans & Ad	vances			
Inventories	2,478	1,891	2,613	3,145
Sundry Debtors	5,978	6,711	8,317	10,012
Cash and Bank Balance	1,225	1,247	1,474	2,320
Loans and Advances	43	59	592	713
Other Current Assets	467	419	462	523
sub total	10,191	10,327	13,459	16,714
Less: Current Liabilities & F	rovisions	3		
Current Liabilities	6,301	5,880	7,517	9,039
Provisions	73	53	70	73
sub total	6,374	5,934	7,587	9,111
Net Current Assets	3,817	4,393	5,872	7,603
Total Assets	5,813	6,303	7,871	9,614

Important Ratios Particulars	Mar17	Mar18	Mar19E	Mar20E
(A) Measures of Performance		Wai 10	Wai 13L	MaizoL
EBIDTA Margin (excl. O.I.)	12.2	13.3	13.5	13.5
EBIDTA Margin (incl. O.I.)	12.8	13.7	13.8	13.8
EBIT Margin	11.1	12.1	12.5	12.6
Interest/EBIT	17.1	12.5	2.0	0.7
Tax/PBT	34.1	34.0	34.0	34.0
Net Profit Margin	6.1	7.0	8.1	8.3
(B) As Percentage of Net Sa				
Raw Material	50.9	45.9	48.9	52.7
Other construction cost	24.2	30.7	28.8	25.9
Employees expenses	10.6	8.1	7.0	6.1
Other Expenses	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
(C) Measures of Financial S	tatus			
Debt / Equity (x)	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Coverage (x)	6.7	9.0	55.8	167.5
Average Cost of Debt (%)	23.3	41.9	18.3	16.0
Debtors Period (days)	153	149	151	151
Closing stock (days)	63	42	47	47
Working Capital (days)	97	96	105	113
Fixed Assets Turnover (x)	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.5
(D) Measures of Investment				
Diluted EPS (₹)	13.0	17.2	24.3	30.0
CEPS (₹)	16.6	21.1	28.3	34.3
DPS (₹)	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Book Value (₹)	75.5	92.9	116.9	146.5
RoANW (%)	18.6	20.5	23.2	22.8
RoACE (%)	27.3	32.0	34.5	34.2
RoAIC (%)	34.9	42.0	44.5	45.2
(E) Valuation Ratios				
CMP (₹)	372	372	372	372
P/E (x)	28.6	21.6	15.3	12.4
Market Cap. (₹ Mn)	24,889	24,889	24,889	24,889
MCap/ Sales (x)	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0
EV (₹ Mn)	24,996	24,252	23,802	23,117
EV/Sales (x)	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.0
EV/EBDITA (x)	14.4	11.1	8.8	7.1
P/BV (x)	4.9	4.0	3.2	2.5
FCFE Yield (%)	1.5	(0.2)	0.7	3.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0

E – Estimates



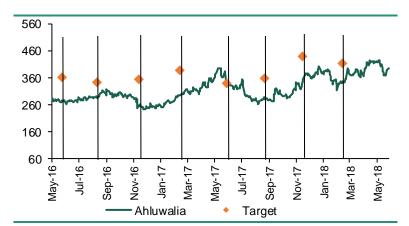


DART RATING MATRIX

Total Return Expectation (12 Months)

Buy	> 20%
Accumulate	10 to 20%
Reduce	0 to 10%
Sell	< 0%

Rating and Target Price History



Month	Rating	TP (₹)	Price (₹)*
May-16	BUY	362	269
Aug-16	BUY	345	285
Nov-16	BUY	355	253
Feb-17	BUY	388	296
Jun-17	Reduce	339	350
Aug-17	Buy	359	283
Nov-17	BUY	442	327
Feb-18	BUY	416	346

^{*} As on Recommendation Date

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