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1QFY19E Results Preview

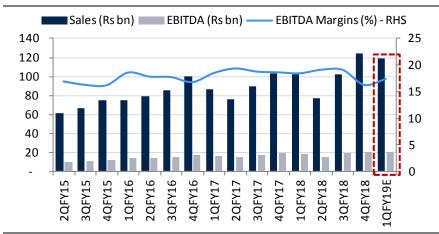
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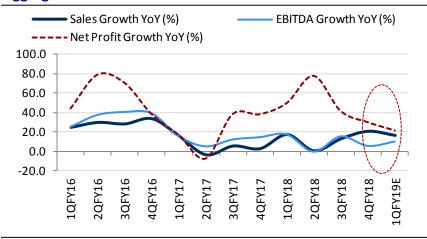
Construction (1QFY19E): Earnings picking pace

- Record FY18 ordering, More to come in FY19E: NHAI awarded ~7,400km/Rs 1.2tn of projects in FY18E and looks to better this number in FY19E with a ~8,000km target. 1QFY19E has been muted with 3,700km bids out for tendering but only 150km has been awarded. NHAI and MORTH are targeting to award 3,700km by Sep-18 and balance 4,300km in 2HFY19E. This shall continue to lend visibility to order momentum.
- Financial closure a non-issue for serious players: Recent news flow around projects falling back due to banks staying away seems exaggerated. Most of the top private banks have gained market share in HAM projects lending as the PSU counterpart remain under PCA. With the NCLT stress cases resolution, we expect PSUs to actively join the fray. Only risk in HAM projects is execution risk and backing strong EPC players, the same can be mitigated to a large extent. FC is non-issue for most of our coverage universe with strong balance sheets and robust execution strength.
- EPC companies book to bill comfortable at 4x FY18E revenue: Our coverage universe book to bill has increased to 4x on FY18 revenues, helped by the accelerated pace of NHAI tendering. We believe the current backlog lends sufficient growth visibility. Net D/E is comfortable at 0.37x (at decade low) and NWC days is stable at 125days. 1QFY19E ordering for PNC, Sadhav, Ashoka and Dilip Buildcon has been robust.
- 1QFY19E to set tone for earnings recovery: We expect aggregate revenue/EBIDTA/APAT for our coverage universe to grow 16.1/11.2/26.8% YoY.
- Price target change, Top Picks: On back of strong inflows we increase PNC FY19/20E EPS 14.8/39.3% and TP from Rs 250 to Rs 322. We change KNR FY20E EPS by 10% and TP from Rs 364 to Rs 385/sh. Top Picks: PNC, KNR, Ashoka Buildcon, Sadbhav & Dilip.

Aggregate Earnings Recovery



Aggregate Growth Metrics



Source: HDFC sec Inst Research



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COMPANY	1QFY19E OUTLOOK	WHAT'S LIKELY	KEY MONITORABLES
Dilip Buildcon	GOOD	 We expect 57.8% YoY revenue growth EBIDTA to grow 72.9% YoY to Rs 3.8bn on the back of margin expansion to 17.8% Strong PAT of Rs 1.7bn (+172.9% YoY) 	 Capex levels and further guidance Bidding strategy and incremental HAM projects target Debt levels
IRB Infra	AVG	 We expect 16.2% YoY revenue de-growth EBIDTA margins to expand 125.9bps to 46.3%. EBIDTA to degrow 13.9% YoY PAT to de-grow 5.4% YoY 	 Commentary on consolidated debt levels Financial closure for HAM projects Status of claims lodged with NHAI
NCC	GOOD	 Expect revenue growth of 9.6% YoY EBIDTA margins to marginally expand 73.1bps YoY to 9.2% Net profit to grow 21.7% YoY. 	Update on execution of key projectsDebt levelsUpdate on planned foray into HAM
Sadbhav Engineering	AVG	 Expect 8.5% YoY revenue growth EBIDTA margins to remain relatively stable YoY at 11.5% PAT to decline marginally by 4.8% YoY 	 Land acquisition update inTumkur – Shivamogga & Bhimasar Junction Bidding strategy Debt levels
PNC Infratech	GOOD	 Expect 96.6% YoY growth in revenues as majority of order book has moved into execution Expect EBITDA margin of 14.6% Net profit to grow 208.8% YoY on the back of increased execution and finance costs remaining low. Big contribution from Rs 337mn of Rae-Bareli Jaunpur Bonus of which PNC standalone will get 75% of Rs 253mn 	 Update on FC of Allahabad Chakeri, Aligarh Kanpur & new Karnataka HAM Execution in key HAM packages Commentary on BOT monetization



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COMPANY	1QFY19E OUTLOOK	WHAT'S LIKELY	KEY MONITORABLES					
		 We expect revenue de-growth of 3.1% YoY 	■ FC of HAM projects					
Ashoka Buildcon	AVG	Expect EBIDTA margins of 12.6% (+89.0bps YoY)	 Land status in Karnataka projects 					
		PAT to decline 3.5% YoY to Rs 0.6bn	Consol debt levels					
KNR Constructions	AVG	 We expect 2.3% YoY revenue de-growth Expect EBIDTA margins of 17.3% (-24.8bps YoY) Net profit to decline 40.8% YoY on higher taxes and lower OI 	 Order intake and further bidding strategy Updates and key insights on platform deal 					
ITD Cementation	AVG	 We expect revenue growth of 17.1% YoY EBIDTA margins to decline by 144.9bps YoY to 9.7% APAT to grow 15.3% YoY to Rs 0.2bn 	 Updates on Bangalore and Mumbai metro projects Commentary on bidding in marine/irrigation segment Strategy and outlook for HAM projects 					
Ahluwalia Contracts	AVG	 We expect revenue decline of 17.0% YoY EBIDTA margins to expand 212bps YoY to 12.8% APAT to grow 11.0% YoY 	 Comments on bidding pipeline and competitive intensity in the buildings segment Update on margin trajectory 					
J Kumar Infraprojects	GOOD	 We estimate 39.7% YoY revenue growth driven by Metro and JNPT projects EBIDTA margins to improve by 92.6bps YoY 17.7% APAT to grow 43.2% YoY 	 Revenue from MRTS projects New order inflow guidance Status of TBMs deployment 					



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COMPANY	1QFY19E OUTLOOK	WHAT'S LIKELY	KEY MONITORABLES
		Expect 5.1% YoY growth in revenues	Commentary on restructuring in BOT
JMC Projects	GOOD	Expect stable EBITDA margin at10.1%	projects and estimated loss funding
ivic Projects	GOOD	 Net profit to increase 15.2% YoY 	Outlook on Infra space
		·	Guidance on debt levels
		We expect 81.4% YoY revenue growth on recognition from SDB	Execution pace in the SDB project
		project	Update on outcome of large bids
PSP Projects	GOOD	Expect EBIDTA margins of 12.2%	 Near term expansion plans outside
	Projects GOOD project Expect Net pro	Net profit to grow 62.0% YoY to Rs 0.2bn	Gujarat
		• We expect revenue of Rs 4.0bn (-21.6% QoQ)	 Update on unbilled revenue
HG Infra Engineering	GOOD	Expect EBIDTA margins of 15.5%	Quantum of debt reduction
no mna Engineering		Net profit to come in at Rs 0.2bn	 Update on debtors and retentions



1QFY19E: Financial summary

	NET REV	VENUES (F	Rs bn)	EBIT	DA (Rs br	1)	EBITC	A Margin	(%)	AP	AT (Rs bn)		Adj. I	PS (Rs/sh	1)
COMPANY	1Q FY19E	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	1Q FY19E	4Q FY18	1Q FY18									
Dilip Buildcon	23.50	(8.1)	73.6	3.97	(15.9)	80.6	16.9	(156.6)	65.9	1.95	(16.3)	220.7	14.2	17.0	4.4
IRB Infra Developers*	15.22	10.1	(16.2)	7.04	6.9	(13.9)	46.3	(139.5)	125.9	2.25	(6.2)	(5.4)	6.4	6.8	6.8
NCC	22.06	(5.9)	9.6	2.04	(27.7)	19.0	9.2	(277.8)	73.1	0.77	(29.6)	21.7	1.3	1.8	1.1
Sadbhav Engineering	10.24	(7.3)	8.5	1.18	(5.0)	10.3	11.5	27.1	19.5	0.53	(24.4)	(4.8)	3.1	4.1	3.2
PNC Infratech	6.91	(1.1)	96.6	1.01	(0.0)	115.7	14.6	16.3	129.4	0.76	(32.0)	208.8	3.0	4.3	1.0
Ashoka Buildcon	7.00	(0.3)	(3.1)	0.88	9.3	(9.5)	12.6	110.9	(89.0)	0.60	(43.3)	(3.5)	3.2	5.6	3.3
KNR Constructions	4.70	(24.8)	(2.3)	0.81	(32.5)	(3.7)	17.3	(198.4)	(24.8)	0.40	(49.8)	(40.8)	2.8	5.7	4.8
ITD Cementation *	5.73	(12.5)	17.1	0.56	(9.0)	1.9	9.7	37.4	(144.9)	0.24	(10.1)	15.3	1.4	1.5	1.2
Ahluwalia Contracts	4.19	(6.3)	(17.0)	0.53	0.0	(0.4)	12.8	80.9	212.0	0.33	5.5	11.0	4.9	4.6	4.4
J. Kumar Infraprojects	5.23	(42.1)	39.7	0.92	(22.6)	47.4	17.7	444.2	92.6	0.37	(32.5)	43.2	4.9	7.2	3.4
JMC Projects	7.01	(3.1)	5.1	0.70	(15.6)	7.7	10.1	(149.0)	24.4	0.25	(27.9)	15.2	7.4	10.2	6.4
PSP Projects	2.83	7.2	81.4	0.35	(4.9)	73.6	12.2	(154.6)	(54.7)	0.22	(4.4)	62.0	6.1	6.4	3.8
HG Infra Engineering	3.95	(21.6)	N.A	0.61	(22.4)	N.A	15.5	(15.8)	N.A	0.22	(38.6)	N.A	3.4	5.5	N.A
Aggregate	114.62	(7.6)	16.1	20.00	(8.8)	11.1	17.5	(22.6)	(78.6)	8.66	(22.6)	26.8			

Source: Company, HDFC sec Inst Research *Consolidated, ITD Cementation numbers are for 2Q15MFY19E



1QFY19E: Financial summary

Company	Old Rating	New Rating	Previous TP (Rs/sh)	New TP (Rs/sh)	TP Change - Comments
Dilip Buildcon	BUY	BUY	1,434	1,434	
IRB Infra Developers	BUY	BUY	328	328	
NCC	BUY	BUY	159	159	
Sadbhav Engineering	BUY	BUY	438	438	
PNC Infratech	BUY	BUY	250	322	Upgraded earnings on the back of recent state EPC wins. Continue to value at 10x FY20E EV/EBIDTA
Ashoka Buildcon	BUY	BUY	348	348	
KNR Constructions	BUY	BUY	364	385	Upgraded earnings estimates on the back of comfort on timely FC of its HAM projects which will contribute significantly in FY20E. Continue to value at 10x FY20E EV/EBIDTA
ITD Cementation	BUY	BUY	211	211	
Ahluwalia Contracts	BUY	BUY	486	486	
J. Kumar Infraprojects	BUY	BUY	415	415	
JMC Projects	BUY	BUY	844	844	
PSP Projects	BUY	BUY	639	639	
HG Infra	Not Rated	Not Rated			

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1QFY19E: Change in Estimates

DNC Infra (Standalana)		FY19E			FY20E		
PNC Infra (Standalone)	Old	New	%	Old	New	%	
Revenues	28,369	31,408	10.7	38,333	48,720	27.1	Upgrade execution estimates on back of strong 1QFY19E inflows of Rs 60bn and robust order backlog of Rs 160bn. Most of the new HAM in advance stages of FC
EBIDTA	3,983	4,587	15.2	5,360	7,355	37.2	
EBIDTA Margins (%)	14.0	14.6	56	14.0	15.1	111	Improved EBITDA owing to likely margin expansion to 14.5-15.1% as share of better margins HAM projects increase in revenue
APAT	2,221	2,549	14.8	2,705	3,769	39.3	

ITD Computation (C)		15MFY19E			FY20E		
ITD Cementation (C)	Old	New	%	Old	New	%	
Revenues	32,582	32,582	-	38,541	38,541	-	
EBIDTA	3,617	3,422	(5.4)	3,978	3,959	(0.5)	
EBIDTA Margins (%)	11.1	10.5	(60)	10.3	10.3	(5)	
APAT	1,862	1,543	(17.1)	2,116	2,017	(4.7)	Change largely owing to back ended realization of Profit from associates (majorly Kolkata/Mumbai metro)

KND Construction (Standalana)		FY20E		
KNR Construction (Standalone)	Old	New	%	
Revenues	27,572	29,434	6.8	Upgraded execution estimates on the back of comfort on timely FC of its HAM projects. KNR has already announced FC for 3/5 HAM projects
EBIDTA	4,307	4,594	6.7	
EBIDTA Margins (%)	15.6	15.6	(1)	
APAT	1,944	2,138	10.0	PAT change higher due to operating leverage



1QFY19E: Peer Set Comparison

COMPANY	МСар	СМР	RECO	TP (Rs)	Adj.	EPS (Rs/	sh)		P/E (x)		EV/	EBITDA (x)		ROE (%)	
COMPANY	(Rs bn)	(Rs)			FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Dilip Buildcon	98.8	722	BUY	1,434	46.5	63.1	68.5	15.5	11.4	10.5	8.6	7.0	5.5	14.6	14.4	14.6
IRB Infra Developers*	74.6	212	BUY	328	22.6	29.1	26.7	9.4	7.3	8.0	7.2	7.3	7.6	14.5	16.2	12.9
NCC	58.5	97	BUY	159	5.2	5.8	7.7	18.8	16.7	12.6	8.4	7.9	6.5	4.2	3.5	3.8
Sadbhav Engineering	48.0	280	BUY	438	12.9	15.4	16.6	21.8	18.2	16.8	9.1	7.1	5.5	11.8	12.5	12.0
PNC Infratech	39.0	152	BUY	322	4.1	8.7	10.5	37.0	17.6	14.4	9.6	6.5	4.4	6.2	13.2	16.9
Ashoka Buildcon *	44.7	239	BUY	348	(5.9)	6.5	7.4	(40.2)	36.7	32.2	8.0	8.7	7.4	(3.1)	3.0	2.8
KNR Constructions	32.4	230	BUY	385	13.6	11.5	13.8	16.9	20.0	16.6	6.6	6.8	5.3	18.7	12.8	14.4
ITD Cementation *	22.1	128	BUY	211	6.1	10.8	12.3	21.0	11.8	10.4	9.5	6.6	5.6	16.2	17.9	16.8
Ahluwalia Contracts	22.6	337	BUY	486	17.3	22.2	25.3	19.5	15.1	13.3	9.5	7.6	6.6	20.5	21.4	19.9
J. Kumar Infraprojects	17.4	229	BUY	415	18.1	22.2	27.7	12.7	10.3	8.3	6.5	5.0	4.4	9.4	10.7	12.2
JMC Projects	19.4	578	BUY	844	31.6	33.4	39.9	18.3	17.3	14.5	7.4	7.0	5.9	14.4	13.3	14.0
PSP Projects	17.8	495	BUY	639	18.0	27.7	35.5	27.4	17.8	13.9	15.4	10.1	7.5	31.7	28.4	28.2
HG Infra	17.2	264	BUY	385	12.9	19.6	24.7	20.4	13.5	10.7	9.4	6.1	5.0	23.5	21.2	21.6
Average					15.6	21.2	24.4	15.3	16.4	14.0	8.9	7.2	5.9	14.0	14.5	14.6

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1QFY19E: Peer Set Comparison – Core EPC Operations

CONADANIV	МСар	СМР	DECO	TP (Rs)	Adj.	EPS (Rs/	sh)		P/E (x)		EV/	EBITDA (x)		ROE (%)	
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