

Result Update

Potential Upside

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V-Guard Industries (VGUARD)

₹ 195

Gross margin pressure continues...

- V-Guard's Q3FY19 topline grew 14% largely driven by new categories (like kitchen appliances, switchgears), recovery in demand from south regions (contributes ~63% in topline) post floods in Kerala and expansion in new geographies (non-south regions). On product fronts, barring the wire and pump segment, all products recorded strong revenue growth led by water heater (up 17%), stabiliser (up 17%), fan (up 23%) and digital UPS (up 18%). Further, relatively newer categories like kitchen appliances & switchgears segment continue to grow at a higher rate of 45% & 55%, YoY respectively. EBITDA margin stayed under pressure mainly due to volatility in commodity prices and rupee depreciation. However, the company has initiated price hikes (~2-5%) to combat high input costs that would benefit it in coming quarters. Further, ad spends returning to normal 4-4.5% level vs. ~5% would help drive EBITDA margins
- We introduce FY21E estimates & model revenue, earning CAGR of ~14%, 18%, respectively, in FY18-21E. We believe key trigger for topline growth would be sales improvement of its flagship products while profitability would be driven by gross margin recovery

High bet on flagship products

The strong sales growth in Q3FY19 was largely driven by its flagship products like stabiliser water heater segments that are largely seasonal in nature. Apart from this, the strong performance of newly introduced products in the consumer durable segments also aided growth. However, pump and wire (together contribute ~40% to topline) faced various challenges like rising competition and sales mix turning towards economic product ranges. This has also impacted the gross margin of the respective business. Further, the company is citing it as a short-term issue and the segment would record a gradual recovery in coming quarters. We model revenue CAGR of 14% in FY18-21E (in line with management expectation of ~15%) led by ~18% revenue CAGR of consumer durable segment (backed by new products). We feel electronic and electrical product categories would see revenue CAGR of ~12-13% in FY18-21E.

Subsiding raw material prices, internal efficiency to drive margins

Higher raw material prices coupled with rupee depreciation had negatively impacted the gross margins of the company in 9MFY19. Though the company is confident of passing on raw material prices to its customers by taking price hike (by \sim 3%), we believe rationalisation of advertisement expenses would lead to an expansion in EBITDA margin to the tune of \sim 150 bps over the next two years.

Richly valued; maintain HOLD

We believe addition of new capacity and dealers across India coupled with the launch of premium products would help in revenue, earnings CAGR of 14%, 18%, respectively, for FY18-21E. We believe despite the focus on increasing in-house manufacturing (capex of ~₹ 75 crore to start two manufacturing plants for water heater and fans), the balance sheet is likely to remain strong (debt free status and RoE, RoCE of 20%, 26%, respectively). We believe that at the CMP the stock discounts near term positives of lower working capital requirements and positive free cash flows. At the CMP, the stock is trading at 47x FY20E and 38x FY21E earnings. We roll over our valuation on FY21E and value the stock at 40x FY21E earnings with a revised target price of ₹ 205.

Rating matrix Rating : Hold Target : ₹ 205 Target Period : 12 months

What's changed?	
Target	Changed from ₹ 168 to ₹ 205
EPS FY19E	Changed from ₹ 3.7 to ₹ 3.3
EPS FY20E	Changed from ₹ 4.8 to ₹ 4.2
EPS FY21E	Introduced at ₹ 5.1
Rating	Unchanged

Quarterly performance										
	Q3FY19	Q3FY18	YoY (%)	Q2FY19	QoQ (%)					
Revenue	594.3	523.5	13.5	597.6	-0.6					
EBITDA	45.0	49.4	-9.0	49.8	-9.8					
EBITDA (%)	7.6	9.4	-187bps	8.3	-78bps					
PAT	33.7	35.8	-5.8	38.2	-11.7					

Key financials				
₹ Crore	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Net Sales	2,312	2,556	2,938	3,415
EBITDA	186.9	195.5	249.7	307.3
Net Profit	133.1	140.8	178.6	219.1
EPS (₹)	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.1

Valuation summary								
	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E				
P/E	63.8	60.3	47.7	38.8				
Target P/E	65.7	62.1	49.1	40.0				
EV / EBITDA	45.0	43.0	33.7	27.3				
P/BV	11.3	11.0	9.4	8.0				
RoNW (%)	17.7	18.2	19.8	20.7				
RoCE (%)	23.7	24.0	26.0	26.9				

Stock data	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalization (₹ Crore)	8,493.1
Total Debt (FY18) (₹ Crore)	0.0
Cash and Investments (FY18) (₹ Crore)	5.0
EV (₹ Crore)	8,488.1
52 week H/L	255 / 159
Equity capital (₹ Crore)	42.5
Face value (₹)	1.0

Price performance				
	1M	3M	6M	12M
Havells India	4.7	12.8	14.3	38.8
Bajaj Electricals	(9.9)	(8.8)	(23.5)	(1.7)
Symphony	2.7	24.1	11.0	(32.8)
V-Guard	(12.2)	3.9	(5.1)	(13.0)

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Variance analysis	0257/10	0057/105	0057/10	V V (0/)	0057/10	0.0.00	0
	U3FY19	Q3FY19E	Q3FY18	YoY (%)	Q2FY19	QoQ (%)	Comment
Revenue	594.3	579.4	523.5	13.5	597.6	-0.6	Barring wire segment (classified under the 'electricals' segment) othe segment recorded strong revenue growth in both south and non-sout regions
Other Income	4.4	3.8	2.6	69.6	3.9	11.1	
Raw Material Exp	173.6	162.2	122.9	41.3	182.1	-4.7	Rupee depreciation coupled with higher raw material prices dragged gross margin by $\sim\!\!242\text{bps}$ YoY
Employee Exp	49.2	49.8	43.1	14.0	50.6	(2.8)	
Other Exp	84.3	85.8	77.3	9.0	76.6	10.0	Marginal cut in advertisement expenditure (by 20 bps YoY to 5.5% of sales) helped in saving in other expenditure
Purchase of Traded goods	242.3	231.8	230.8	5.0	238.4	1.6	
EBITDA	45.0	49.8	49.4	-9.0	49.8	-9.8	
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.6	8.6	9.4	-187 bps	8.3	-78 bps	EBITDA margin was largely impacted due to lower gross margin
Depreciation	5.6	5.2	4.8	16.7	5.5	2.3	
Interest	0.5	0.3	0.5	12.3	0.3	100.2	
PBT	43.2	48.1	46.7	-7.5	48.0	-10.1	
Total Tax	9.5	12.0	10.9	-13.3	9.9	-3.7	
PAT	33.7	36.1	35.8	-5.8	38.2	-11.7	Low EBITDA margin weighs on bottomline degrowth
Key Metrics							
Electronics	152.5	139.1	129.3	18.0	161.4	-5.5	Growth in revenue of stabilisers and UPS segment by 17% and 18% YoY, respectively, helped drive the segment performance
Electricals	257.9	272.1	245.4	5.1	254.1	1.5	Muted segment performance was mainly due to flattish sales of wires while pumps segment revenue increased mere 2% YoY
Consumer Durable	183.8	168.2	148.8	23.5	182.1	1.0	Consumer durables remained a major contributor to the sales growth of the company, thus increasing its contribution to total sales from 28% in Q3FY18 to 31% in Q3FY19 . Sales growth was driven by kitchen appliances, fans and water heater segment, which grew $\sim\!45\%$, $\sim\!23\%$ and $\sim\!17\%$ YoY, respectively

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Change in estimates										
(₹ Crore)		FY19E			FY20E		Introduced	Comments		
	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change	FY21E			
Revenue	2,557.0	2556.0	(0.0)	2,951.1	2937.6	(0.5)	3,414.6	We introduce FY21E estimates with revenue growth of 16% YoY and revenue CAGR of $\sim\!\!14\%$ in FY18-21E. Segment wise, we believe consumer durable segment may record strong sales CAGR of 18% in FY118-21E while electronics and electricals segment is likely to record sales CAGR of $\sim\!\!13\%$ during the same period		
EBITDA	217.3	195.5	(10.0)	283.3	249.7	(11.9)	307.3			
EBITDA Margin %	8.5	7.7	-85bps	9.6	8.5	-110bps	9.0	We believe price hike (to offset higher raw material prices) coupled with focus on improving internal efficiency through in-house manufactured would lead to improvement in EBITDA margin, going forward		
PAT	155.7	140.8	(9.5)	203.7	178.6	(12.3)	219.1			
EPS (₹)	3.7	3.3	(9.5)	4.8	4.2	(12.3)	5.1			
Source: Company	Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research									

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Assumptions										
	Current Introduced			Earlie	er	Comments				
	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E				
Electronics Growth	9.7	7.6	15.4	14.6	13.3	13.5	Electronics segment CAGR of 13% in FY18-21E will be driven by both stabilisers and UPS segment revenue CAGR of 12% and 13%, respectively			
Electricals Growth	8.1	7.7	13.8	15.2	13.1	15.2	We believe the electrical segment performance would largely be driven by pump and new launches in the switchgear segment			
Cosumer Durable Growth	13.1	17.5	16.3	19.7	20.7	20.5	Performance of consumer durable segment will be driven by low base of new products like kitchen appliances, air coolers, smart fans, etc. In addition to this, expansion in non-south regions would further drive sales of consumer durable segments			



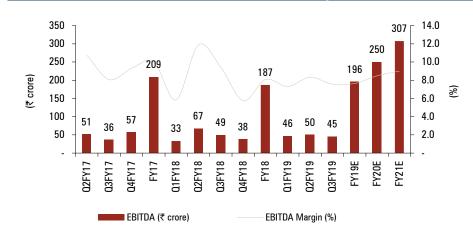
Company Analysis

Exhibit 1: Introduction of new products, non-south market drive revenue growth



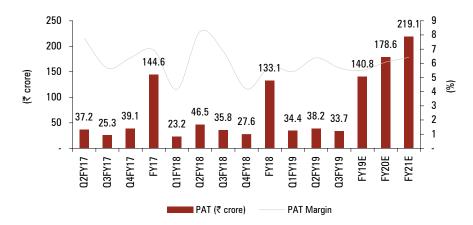
Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 2: Price hike, rationalisation of A&P activities to drive margin



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 3: Higher sales growth, flattish EBITDA margin to drive PAT growth





Key conference call takeaways

-Region wise performance

- Recovery seen in south markets with revenue growth of 9.2% YoY, highest seen in the last seven quarters. This could be attributable to a business recovery in Kerala post floods. Nonsouth markets sustained momentum with18% YoY growth in Q3FY19; non-south contribution was at 37.2% of sales (35.5% in Q3FY18)
- Gross margin of south region was at 26.5% against 25% of non-south regions
- The company envisages adding 3,000-5,000 retailers across the country every year over the next five years with higher addition in the non-south region
- The company envisages the non-south markets contributing to 50% over the next five years (contributes ~40% currently)

-Product wise performance

- Stabiliser sales growth of 17% YoY in Q3FY19 was led by non AC segment (largely LED TV category). Generally, non AC stabilisers command higher margin than AC stabilisers
- Flattish sales and volume of wire during Q3FY19 was mainly due to a slow pick-up in construction activity in Kerala
- Pump segment sales were impacted by rising competition and changing sales mix towards economic product category
- Fan segment recorded growth of 23% YoY led by ~15% volume growth. The economy product segment (the unit price below ₹ 1300/unit) contributes ~35% in the total fan revenue
- V-Guard has guided for topline growth of 15% in next few years driven by expansion into non-south markets & introduction of new product categories. On the margin front, EBITDA margins should revert to ~10% with the price hike, change in product mix, going forward. Advertisement expenses may normalise at 4-4.5%, going forward, against ~5-6%
- The company has outlined a capex of ₹ 75 crore for the next two years to increase production of water heater and starting a new plant for fan. V-Guard is planning to increase revenues from in-house manufacturing and reduce the dependency on import





Source: Bloomberg, Company, ICICI Direct Research

Key events	
Date	Event
Mar-09	Commencement of new production facilities at Coimbatore (for LT cable) and Kashipore (for wire)
Jul-10	Stellar performance during FY10 with revenue and earning growth of 43% YoY and 47% YoY, respectively
Jul-11	Another round of good performance during FY11 with revenue and earnings growth of 60% YoY and 67% YoY, respectively
May-12	For FY12, the company recorded revenue and earning growth of 37% YoY and 19% YoY, respectively
Jun-12	Launch of new range of fan "Enviro" with unique magneto motive drive (MMD) technology that can save 50% of energy
Jan-13	Launch of new product induction cook top and mixer grinder
Jul-13	Announcement of doubling the capacity of cable manufacturing unit at Kashipur with investment of ₹ 16 crore
Aug-13	Introduces a new range of water heaters styled pebble in the market
Jan-14	Records flattish EBITDA margin during FY14 mainly due to higher input cost and lower demand for consumer durables during the festive season
Mar-17	Acquires controlling stake in Hyderabad based switchgear manufacturer Guts Electronics

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Top '	10 Shareholders				
Rank	Name	Last filing date	%0/S	Position (m)	Change (m)
1	Chittilappilly (Kochouseph)	31-Dec-18	18.5	79.0	-0.3
2	Chittilappilly (Mithun K)	31-Dec-18	16.8	71.9	0.3
3	Kochouseph (Sheela)	31-Dec-18	10.9	46.5	0.0
4	Chittilappilly (Arun K)	31-Dec-18	8.7	37.1	-18.5
5	Nalanda Capital Pte Ltd	31-Dec-18	6.7	28.4	0.0
6	K Chittilappilly Trust	31-Dec-18	4.9	20.8	0.0
7	DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.	31-Dec-18	4.5	19.3	2.1
8	Arav Chittilappilly Trust	31-Dec-18	4.3	18.5	18.5
9	Axis Asset Management Company Limited	31-Dec-18	3.1	13.3	0.5
10	Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited	31-Dec-18	2.3	9.9	0.0

Shareholding Pattern									
(in %)	Dec-17	Mar-18	Jun-18	Sep-18	Dec-18				
Promoter	64.5	64.3	64.3	64.2	64.2				
FII	11.8	11.7	12.2	11.8	11.9				
DII	12.2	12.5	11.9	11.4	12.5				
Others	11.5	11.5	11.6	12.6	11.5				

Source: Reuters, ICICI Direct Research

Recent Activity					
Buys			Sells		
Investor name	Value(m)	Shares(m)	Investor name	Value(m)	Shares(m)
Arav Chittilappilly Trust	60.8	18.5	Chittilappilly (Arun K)	-60.8	-18.5
DSP Investment Managers Pvt. Ltd.	6.7	2.1	Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.	-3.9	-1.6
Axis Asset Management Company Limited	1.5	0.5	Chittilappilly (Kochouseph)	-1.1	-0.3
Chittilappilly (Mithun K)	1.1	0.3	J.P. Morgan Asset Management (Hong Kong) Ltd.	-0.4	-0.2
K (Antony Sebatian)	0.9	0.3	Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited	-0.3	-0.1

Source: Reuters, ICICI Direct Research



Financial summary

Profit and loss statement			₹	₹ Crore		
(Year-end March)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E		
Net Sales	2311.7	2556.0	2937.6	3414.6		
Growth (%)	24.1	10.6	14.9	16.2		
Expenses						
Raw Material Expenses	609.5	741.2	822.5	956.1		
Purchase of stock	1005.7	1048.0	1233.8	1417.0		
Employee Expenses	170.2	200.6	220.3	256.1		
Administrative Expenses	339.5	370.6	411.3	478.0		
Total Operating Expenditure	2124.8	2360.5	2687.9	3107.3		
EBITDA	186.9	195.5	249.7	307.3		
Growth (%)	5.0	4.6	27.7	23.1		
Other Income	11.1	16.6	17.0	17.0		
Interest	1.7	1.4	2.1	1.4		
PBDT	196.4	210.8	264.6	322.9		
Depreciation	19.1	23.0	26.4	30.7		
PBT before Exceptional Items	177.3	187.8	238.2	292.2		
PBT	177.3	187.8	238.2	292.2		
Total Tax	44.2	46.9	59.5	73.0		
PAT	133.1	140.8	178.6	219.1		

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Cash flow statement			₹C	₹ Crore		
(Year-end March)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E		
Profit after Tax	133.1	140.8	178.6	219.1		
Depreciation	19.1	23.0	26.4	30.7		
Cash Flow before working capital ch	153.9	165.2	207.2	251.3		
Net Increase in Current Assets	-210.4	-23.1	-143.2	-203.5		
Net Increase in Current Liabilities	103.3	11.8	25.4	62.8		
Net cash flow from operating act	46.7	154.0	89.3	110.5		
(Purchase)/Sale of Fixed Assets	-47.8	-35.0	-35.0	-40.0		
Net Cash flow from Investing act	-36.8	-36.0	-37.0	-42.0		
Inc / (Dec) in Equity Capital	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Inc / (Dec) in Loan Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Total Outflow on account of dividend	-35.8	-42.9	-51.6	-62.0		
Net Cash flow from Financing act	-20.0	-108.6	-43.7	-53.4		
Net Cash flow	-10.0	9.4	8.6	15.2		
Cash and Cash Equivalent at the beg.	15.0	5.0	14.4	22.9		
Cash	5.0	14.4	22.9	38.1		

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Balance sheet			₹ Crore				
(Year-end March)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E			
Equity Capital	42.6	42.6	42.6	42.6			
Reserve and Surplus	709.0	732.7	859.7	1016.9			
Total Shareholders funds	751.6	775.2	902.2	1059.4			
Total Debt	0.0	10.0	20.0	30.0			
Deferred Tax Liability	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9			
Total Liability	497.5	640.8	757.9	791.5			
Assets							
Total Gross Block	328.2	359.7	394.7	434.7			
Less Total Accumulated Depreciat	128.0	151.0	177.4	208.2			
Net Block	200.2	208.7	217.3	226.5			
Total Fixed Assets	207.7	219.7	228.3	237.5			
Inventory	310.5	350.1	418.5	486.			
Debtors	444.5	420.2	482.9	570.			
Loans and Advances	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4			
Cash	5.0	14.4	22.9	38.			
Total Current Assets	833.3	865.8	1017.6	1236.2			
Creditors	328.6	336.1	354.1	411.0			
Provisions	35.2	36.0	37.9	44.			
Total Current Liabilities	396.7	408.6	433.9	496.			
Net Current Assets	436.6	457.2	583.7	739.6			
Total Assets	497.5	640.8	757.9	791.			
Source: Company ICICI Direct Resear	ah						

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Key ratios				
(Year-end March)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Per Share Data (₹)				
EPS	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.1
Cash EPS	3.6	3.9	4.8	5.9
BV	17.7	18.3	21.2	24.9
DPS	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	8.1	7.7	8.5	9.0
PAT Margin	5.8	5.5	6.1	6.4
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	17.7	18.2	19.8	20.7
RoCE	23.7	24.0	26.0	26.9
RoIC	26.2	26.1	28.4	29.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
EV / EBITDA	45.0	43.0	33.7	27.3
P/E	63.8	60.3	47.7	38.8
EV / Net Sales	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.5
Market Cap / Sales	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5
Price to Book Value	11.3	11.0	9.4	8.0
Turnover Ratios (x)				
Asset turnover	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1
Debtors Days	70.2	60.0	60.0	61.0
Creditors Days	51.9	48.0	44.0	44.0
Solvency Ratios (x)				
Debt / Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4
Quick Ratio	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4



ICICI Direct coverage universe (Consumer Discretionery)

Sector / Company	CMP			М Сар		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		EV/	EBITDA	(x)	F	RoCE (%))		RoE (%)	
	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Asian Paints (ASIPAI)	1,440	1,600	Buy	138,096	21.9	24.3	28.7	65.8	59.2	55.8	41.6	35.4	30.1	31.6	32.6	34.1	24.4	24.8	25.5
Astral Polytecnik (ASTPOL)	1,117	1,125	Hold	13,376	14.7	17.7	26.4	76.2	63.0	42.4	40.8	30.9	23.1	22.9	23.4	26.3	17.2	16.4	19.8
Bajaj Electricals (BAJELE)	469	545	Hold	4,786	8.2	16.0	20.9	57.2	29.4	22.5	20.1	18.0	13.5	18.1	15.0	17.9	13.7	16.2	18.0
Havells India (HAVIND)	742	800	Buy	46,293	11.4	13.4	17.2	65.0	55.4	43.2	42.1	35.4	27.2	25.2	29.2	31.1	18.8	21.4	22.7
Kansai Nerolac (KANNER)	451	480	Buy	24,305	9.6	8.8	10.8	47.1	51.4	41.9	29.2	30.2	24.5	24.5	22.0	24.2	16.5	14.7	16.2
Pidilite Industries (PIDIND)	1,102	1,250	Buy	56,493	18.8	18.5	22.0	58.5	59.5	50.0	42.2	38.6	32.5	33.6	29.6	31.4	27.0	21.7	22.8
Essel Propack (ESSPRO)	106	120	Hold	3,331	5.5	5.8	6.7	19.1	18.3	15.7	8.9	8.3	7.2	18.0	17.4	19.3	15.2	14.6	15.8
Supreme Indus (SUPIND)	992	1,150	Buy	12,601	33.9	34.4	39.8	29.2	28.8	24.9	16.3	15.8	13.6	27.9	26.1	27.9	22.7	19.5	21.4
Symphony (SYMLIM)	1,202	830	Hold	8,409	27.5	20.5	27.6	43.7	58.6	43.5	35.9	34.7	24.2	41.3	27.3	35.2	31.5	24.2	30.7
V-Guard Ind (VGUARD)	195	205	Hold	8,301	3.1	3.3	4.2	62.2	58.8	46.5	43.9	41.9	32.8	23.7	24.0	26.0	17.7	18.2	19.8
Voltas Ltd (VOLTAS)	543	560	Hold	17,959	17.5	17.3	21.8	31.1	31.4	24.9	27.2	24.3	19.3	19.8	21.9	23.6	14.8	16.0	17.7
Time Techno (TIMTEC)	96	125	Hold	2,171	8.0	8.0	11.1	12.0	12.1	8.7	6.8	6.7	5.4	14.9	13.7	16.2	12.2	11.2	13.6



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