

Company Update

Stock Details		
Market cap (Rs mn)	:	36256
52-wk Hi/Lo (Rs)	:	187 / 87
Face Value (Rs)	:	5
3M Avg. daily vol	:	882,872
Shares o/s (m)	:	265

Source: Bloomberg Financial Summary

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	99,068	101,566	103,803
Growth (%)	30.6	2.5	2.2
EBITDA	6,787	8,468	8,754
EBITDA margin (%)	6.9	8.3	8.4
PAT	1,835	3,257	3,664
EPS	6.9	12.3	13.8
EPS Growth (%)	20.0	77.5	12.5
BV (Rs/share)	114	126	139
Dividend/share (Rs)	0.5	0.5	0.5
ROE (%)	6.0	9.7	9.8
ROCE (%)	7.1	10.0	9.9
P/E (x)	19.7	11.1	9.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.6	4.3	3.8
P/BV (x)	1.2	1.1	1.0

Source: Company, Kotak Securities - PCG

Shareholding Pattern (%)

(%)	Dec-18	Sep-18	Jun-18
Promoters	48.7	48.3	48.3
FII	6.2	5.5	5.9
DII	8.7	8.6	8.3
Others	36.2	37.6	37.6

Source: Bloomberg, BSE

Price Performance (%)

(%)	1M	3M	6M
Welspun Corp	17.6	14.0	(1.3)
Nifty	2.9	7.8	12.4

Source: Bloomberg

Price chart (Rs)



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WELSPUN CORP LTD

PRICE Rs.136 TARGET Rs.161

Rs.161 BUY

Welspun Corp (WCL) is a leading global manufacturer of large diameter pipes with an installed capacity of 2.4 Mn tonnes. With the execution and addition of the latest order of 180KT, the company order book at the start of FY20 now stands at 1.66 MT (in terms of revenue Rs141 bn), to be executed over next 15-18 months. At the end of FY19, WCL has entered into an agreement to sell PCMD division and 43MW power plant, at a consideration of Rs9.4 bn, this will make balance sheet further leaner, post the completion of the transaction i.e. by the end of Dec'19. With the leaner balance sheet and completion of capex cycle, Free Cash Flow is expected to improve backed by strong operational performance. We continue to maintain our positive view on the stock and reiterate BUY, with an unchanged target price of Rs161.

Note: If we take proceeds of PCMD divestment into consideration, our target price would increase to Rs190.

Key Highlights

- Agreements to divest PCMD and power plant at a consideration of Rs9.4 bn, will make balance sheet leaner. This will also help to improve the return ratios, as PCMD with 37% of capital employed at end of FY19 was having nil contribution at operating level. Ex-PCMD, ROCE is likely to expand by 350bps.
- WCL has received additional pipe orders of 180 KMT on a global basis. Out of these, 136 KMT will be serviced from India, with a major portion to be executed from the new facility in Madhya Pradesh and balance mainly from the Americas. After considering the receipt of new order and execution up to Mar'19, WCL order book stands at Rs141 bn (1.66 MT).
- □ The current order book is tilted towards overseas market, which accounts for ~85% of the total order book, at the start of FY20. Of this, ~21% are from its America manufacturing plant, having higher profitability. As per management, the US operation is likely to report EBITDA/tonne in the range of \$180-\$200, thanks to its presence in key markets and low competition, as against our expectation of \$150-160.
- □ Saudi Operations (JV) was making a loss due to execution of fixed price contract, lack of new orders and exposure to the volatility of raw materials. Management expects the operations to report \$100 as EBITDA/t in FY20. We expect JV to report profit of Rs200 mn for WCL.
- Having, manufacturing facilities in Gujarat, the company had benefited from focusing water projects in the states. WCL has shifted part of its Anjar facility to Bhopal (Capex of Rs1.5 bn) and now management expects to capture the opportunities from the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- We expect improvement in profitability in Q4FY19 backed by execution of high margin order. PAT is expected to increase sequentially to Rs500 mn (excluding Rs3.5 bn impacted of impairment of PCMD assets).



Outlook

Given its strong manufacturing and execution capabilities, strong order backlog coupled with robust bids in the pipeline (~2.3 MT), we believe, WCL is better placed compared to its peers, to take advantage of renewed pipe demand globally and in the domestic market. Going ahead, since a large part of revenues is expected to come from the US should support margins. Backed by improvement in operating performance and decline in interest outgo (focus is on reducing debt), PAT is expected to grow at 31% CAGR during FY18-21E period. At CMP, the stock is trading at 4.3x/3.8x FY20E/FY21E EV/EBITDA and is at a discount to its historical multiple of its last seven years average. We continue to maintain our positive view on the stock and reiterate BUY, with an unchanged target price of Rs161.

Key Risks

Steel price volatility can impact performance; and Low crude price can defer investments in oil and gas industry

Divestment of its Plate and Coil Mill Division (PCMD) and 43 MW Power division to strengthen balance sheet

WCL undertook restructuring activity in 2013, and demerged its non-pipe business (asset heavy model) to Welspun Enterprises and started focusing on pipe business. Post the de-merger, WCL has become a pure play on the pipe sector. It still has an exposure to the plate segment, which is dragging the overall ratios, PCMD accounted for ~37% of the capital employed at the end of 9MFY19 with a nil contribution at the operating levels.

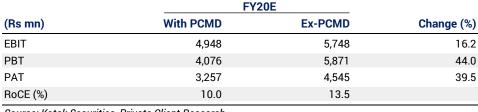
To focus more on its core business (pipe), the company has entered into agreements to divest (non-core assets) PCMD and 43 MW Power plant at a consideration of Rs9.4bn. The PCMD transaction is expected to complete by end of Dec'19 (power plant by May'19). Post the completion of the transaction, we believe PAT is expected to increase by Rs1 bn in FY20E to Rs4.2 bn and RoCE to improve to 13.5%, as against 10% earlier. Since, the transaction is done on the last day of FY19, we expect the company to report a loss, due to impairment of PCMD assets to the tune of Rs3.5 bn, adjusting to the same PAT will stand at Rs2.6 bn.





Source: Kotak Securities, Private Client Research

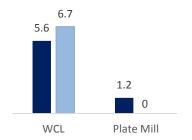
RoCE to improve by 350bps post the transaction



Source: Kotak Securities, Private Client Research

The transaction will strengthen the company balance sheet by providing enough liquidity and deleverage the balance sheet. The gross debt currently stands at Rs14.86 bn (equally spread between India and U.S) and net debt of ~Rs3 bn. Post the completion of the transaction, the company with have a net cash of Rs9.8 bn at the end of FY20E.

Nil contribution to EBITDA (Rs bn)



Source: Kotak Securities, Private Client Research



Post the completion of transaction, balance sheet with get strengthen with net cash of Rs9.8 bn at end of FY20E

Target price will increase by Rs30

Proforma Balance sheet

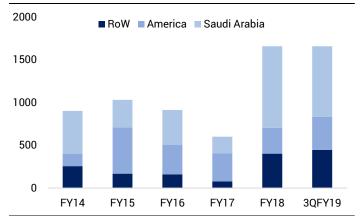
		FY20E
Y/E Mar (Rsmn)	With PCMD	Ex-PCMD
Cash & Bank balances	8,331	11,247
Other Current assets	43,891	42,500
Investments	4,876	4,876
Net fixed assets	27,065	15,865
Other non-current assets	1,924	1,924
Total assets	86,087	76,413
Current liabilities	36,762	33,980
Borrowings	11,843	6,323
Other non-current liabilities	3,433	3,433
Total liabilities	52,039	43,736
Share capital	1,326	1,326
Reserves & surplus	32,307	30,934
Shareholders' funds	33,633	32,261
Minority interest	416	416
Total equity & liabilities	86,088	76,413

Source: Company, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research

Revenue visibility – backed by global presence

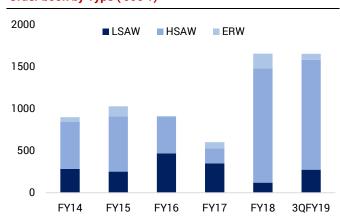
The company's order book stands at Rs141bn (1.66 Mn tonnes), to be executable over the next 15-18 months. This includes receipt of order recently announced by the company of 180KT. FY18 and 9MFY19 revenue was Rs75.9bn and Rs70.36bn, respectively. Given the strong order book, we expect the revenue to increase to Rs101 bn and Rs103bn by end of FY20E and FY21E, respectively.

Order book by Region ('000 T)



Source: Company, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research

Order book by Type ('000 T)

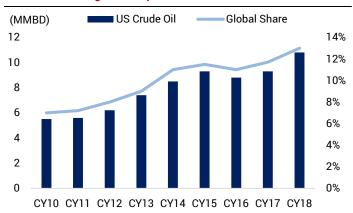


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YTD, the company has been a key beneficiary in the U.S. from the increased demand from the spiral pipes, backed by an increase in shale gas production and curb in imports, thereby supporting higher volumes and better EBITDA (Welspun Corp has one of the largest manufacturing facility). U.S market is ~1MT, of which 300-350Kt is imported (prior to the import restrictions). Post restrictions, import in the U.S. stands at ~100KT and Welspun has a market share of 33%. U.S order book stand at 350KT, to be executed over the next four quarters.

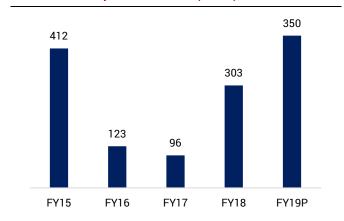


US' share of the global oil production...



Source: Company, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research

...reflects in Welspuns' order book ('000 T)



Source: Company, Kotak Securities – Private Client Research

In addition, the company has actively participated in various bids, which are in the pipeline and if converted into the order book, then it could further enhance the revenue visibility in the coming months. The bid books currently stand ~2.3 Mn tonnes, as per management, bid to win ratios stands at ~25%. Besides these, global opportunities of 12,000 KT pipeline are likely to come from the USA and Saudi Arabia, where the company has a strong presence and is one of the strongest contenders. High shale oil/gas production driving demand for pipeline infrastructure (for transporting oil to refining facilities on the Gulf of Mexico and international markets). Demand for gas pipelines are also aided by oil producers to evacuate gas generated. In line with the same majority of leading midstream companies had already planned for additional pipelines

Saudi JV - order book = 2.3x capacity

JV to report EBITDA/T of US\$100, backed by execution of high margin order Management indicated that huge business potential exists in Saudi region, as most of the desalination plants are far from demand area. Management sees strong demand in both, Oil & Gas and Water sectors, driven by Saudi Aramco and SWCC respectively. The current order book in Saudi currently stands at 800KT, which is the 3x installed capacity, which provides huge revenue visibility. Management also indicated that local players get ~10% price preference in addition to the protection.

Given the receipt of fixed price order due to lack of order and volatility in the raw material prices, JV was making a loss in the past two years. Now, since a large portion of the fixed price contract is behind, future order executions are of high margins order. Management expects JV to report EBITDA/T of US\$100. We expect JV to report profit of Rs200 mn for WCL.



Valuation

Given its strong manufacturing and execution capabilities, with strong order backlog coupled with robust bids in the pipeline, we believe that, WCL is better placed compared to its peers, to take advantage of increasing pipe demand globally and in the domestic market. Besides these, its leaner balance sheet has helped the company to sail through the touch times and should be able to withstand the pressure in the domestic market (low margin) as compared to its peers, who had to trim or shut down their operations. Going ahead, since a large part of revenues are expected to come from US and Saudi (low margin legacy orders are on the verge of completion), which would give support to the margin. Backed by improvement in operating performance and decline in interest outgo (focus is on reducing debt), PAT is expected to grow at 31% CAGR during FY18-21E period. At CMP, the stock is trading at 4.3x/3.8x FY20E/FY21E EV/EBITDA, is attractive in our view.

EV/EBITDA: Trading at steep discount to its last 7 years average



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research



Financials: Consolidated

Profit and Loss Statement (Rs mn)

(Year-end Mar)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Net sales	75,873	99,068	101,566	103,803
growth (%)	25.7	30.6	2.5	2.2
Operating expenses	69,039	92,281	93,098	95,050
EBITDA	6,834	6,787	8,468	8,754
growth (%)	33.4	-0.7	24.8	3.4
Depreciation & amortisation	3,793	3,457	3,520	3,603
EBIT	3,041	3,330	4,948	5,151
Other income	1,312	2,000	845	1,040
Interest paid	1,852	1,862	1,717	1,572
PBT	2,501	3,468	4,076	4,619
Exceptional	0	0	0	0
Tax	112	832	1,019	1,155
Effective tax rate (%)	4.5	24.0	25.0	25.0
Net profit	2,389	2,635	3,057	3,464
Share of J.V	(859)	(800)	200	200
Net profit	1,530	1,835	3,257	3,664
growth (%)	1,412.4	20.0	77.5	12.5

Source: Company, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research

Cash flow Statement (Rs mn)

(Year-end Mar)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Pre-tax profit	2,501	3,468	4,076	4,619
Depreciation	3,793	3,457	3,520	3,603
Chg in working capital	2,653	(1,284)	(4,140)	(2,905)
Total tax paid	(458)	(832)	(1,019)	(1,155)
Other operating activities	1,682	908	1,917	1,772
Operating CF	10,172	5,717	4,354	5,934
Capital expenditure	487	(2,657)	(783)	(1,033)
Chg in investments	1,898	Ó	Ò	Ó
Other investing activities	555	0	0	0
Investing CF	2,939	(2,657)	(783)	(1,033)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	(5,865)	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
Dividend (incl. tax)	0	0	0	0
Other financing activities	(3,261)	(1,862)	(1,717)	(1,572)
Financing CF	(9,126)	(1,862)	(2,717)	(2,572)
Net chg in cash & bank bal.	3,985	1,197	855	2,328
Closing cash & bank bal	6,279	7,476	8,331	10,659

Source: Company, Kotak Securities - Private Client Research

Balance sheet (Rs mn)

(Year-end Mar)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Cash & Bank balances	6,279	7,476	8,331	10,659
Other Current assets	33,251	42,933	43,891	47,593
Investments	4,876	4,876	4,876	4,876
Net fixed assets	30,602	29,803	27,065	24,496
Other non-current assets	1,924	1,924	1,924	1,924
Total assets	76,933	87,012	86,087	89,548
Current liabilities	31,546	39,944	36,762	37,559
Borrowings	12,847	12,843	11,843	10,843
Other non-current liabilities	3,434	3,434	3,434	3,434
Total liabilities	48,393	56,636	52,455	52,252
Share capital	1,326	1,326	1,326	1,326
Reserves & surplus	27,214	29,050	32,307	35,971
Shareholders' funds	28,540	30,376	33,633	37,297
Minority interest	566	416	416	416
Total equity & liabilities	76,933	87,012	86,087	89,548

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Ratio Analysis

(Year-end Mar)	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	
Profitability and return ratios (%)					
EBITDAM	9.0	6.9	8.3	8.4	
EBITM	4.0	3.4	4.9	5.0	
NPM	2.0	1.9	3.2	3.5	
RoE	5.4	6.0	9.7	9.8	
RoCE	6.7	7.1	10.0	9.9	
Per share data (Rs)					
O/s shares	265.2	265.2	265.2	265.2	
EPS	5.8	6.9	12.3	13.8	
FDEPS	5.8	6.9	12.3	13.8	
CEPS	20.1	20.0	25.6	27.4	
BV	107.6	114.0	125.8	139.1	
DPS	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Valuation ratios (x)					
PE	23.6	19.7	11.1	9.8	
P/BV	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	
EV/EBITDA	5.7	5.6	4.3	3.8	
EV/Sales	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	
D/E (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	
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