# **BUY**



# Getting the mojo back!

- Sun TV's (SUTV) Q1FY21 was healthy led by 18/11% YoY/QoQ growth in subscription revenue. Outlook remains upbeat with guidance for double-digit subscription revenue growth in FY21/FY22. This is in spite of potential negative impact if any from NTO 2.0. We remain conservative in our estimates. Acceleration of investments in digital business from future-proofing perspective was key highlight. But, there had been disconnect and delays in intent and execution. Thus delivery would be crucial. Management expect to maintain FY20 PAT in FY21. We believe this is feasible. Ad revenue de-growth of 67% YoY (Q1FY20 –xx%) despite market share gains in trailing 6-9 months was a disappointment.
- SUTV is currently trading at an attractive 13/10.5x FY21/22E EPS with attractive dividend yield of ~4% with strong BS (C&CE at ~19% of Mcap) and leadership position in Southern markets. BUY with TP of Rs 575 @ 14x Jun-22E EPS.

# Q1FY21 financial performance

SUTV Q1FY21 revenue/EBITDA/APAT declined by -27.5/-27.9/-48.4/-25.9% YoY. PAT decline was lower than EBIT due to higher other income. This was on account of MTM gain on treasury investments and interest on IT refund. Performance would have been better but for ~Rs 140mn bad debt provisions on account of Covid. Ad revenue declined by steep 67% YoY. Domestic subscription rev was +18% YoY and +11% QoQ. Subscription revs (ex-digital) too grew in low double-digit.

### Rejuvenated focus on digital – key positive

Digital business (SunNxt) is throwing back healthy cash flows for Sun TV. Mgmt intends to re-invest the same and step-up content investments as situation normalizes. This is a structural positive and may warrant higher-multiple. Sun's under-investment in future-proofing digital business had been a key investor concern. Sun had earlier guided for Rs 1.5bn investments (Rs 0.5bn in H2FY20 and Rs 1bn in FY21). Mgmt targets to invest a higher sum and will come back with more details and strategy by next quarter. Execution and delivery will be the key.

#### Q1FY21 Result (Rs Mn)

Particulars	Q1FY21	Q1FY20	YoY (%)	Q4FY20	QoQ (%)
Revenue	6,061	10,804	(43.9)	7,352	(17.6)
Total Expense	1,896	3,969	(52.2)	2,317	(18.1)
EBITDA	4,165	6,834	(39.1)	5,035	(17.3)
Depreciation	1,455	1,585	(8.2)	2,328	(37.5)
EBIT	2,710	5,250	(48.4)	2,707	0.1
Other Income	1,086	562	93.3	570	90.4
Interest	18	21	(14.9)	19	(4.8)
EBT	3,779	5,791	(34.7)	3,259	16.0
Tax	951	1,972	(51.8)	759	25.3
RPAT	2,828	3,819	(25.9)	2,500	13.1
APAT	2,828	3,819	(25.9)	2,500	13.1
			(bps)		(bps)
Gross Margin (%)	88.9	82.6	631	87.5	148
EBITDA Margin (%)	68.7	63.3	546	68.5	23
NPM (%)	46.7	35.3	1131	34.0	1265
Tax Rate (%)	25.2	34.1	(890)	23.3	188
EBIT Margin (%)	44.7	48.6	(387)	36.8	790

Rs 426
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#### Valuation (x)

	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
P/E	13.0	10.6	9.8
EV/EBITDA	6.4	5.1	4.5
ROE (%)	21.6	24.3	24.2
RoACE (%)	21.7	23.9	23.7

# Estimates (Rs mn)

	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	31,949	37,597	40,211
EBITDA	20,967	25,298	27,078
PAT	12,894	15,871	17,182
EPS (Rs.)	32.7	40.3	43.6

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# Other key takeaways

#### Subscription – savings grace

- Management expects to maintain FY20 PBT in FY21. This will be driven by IPL as uncertainty recedes, higher other income, subscription revenues and lower amortization costs.
- Sun management believes the subscription revenues to improve further in Q2 as DTH segment was impacted in Q1 due to non-availability of recharges especially in TN. It remains confident that there is substantial headroom to improve prices and thus drive growth.
- Subscription revenue growth to be in double-digit both in FY21 and FY22. This is irrespective of outcome on NTO 2.0. Matter is likely to be heard by HC on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. Both Zee and Sun has witnessed healthy subscription revenue growth in FY20. Disappointment from NTO 2.0 could be a potential dampener. Both the managements have stated that nowhere in the world the pricing of content is regulated which in turn impacts the creativity or buying of rights entitlements in case of sporting events.

# Advertising - recovering fast

- Overall TV advertising has bounced back well. Ads on newspaper is also coming whereas Radio will be the last to revive.
- Sun hasn't reduced the advertising rates but lowered volumes which it is hopeful of gradual recovery with increase in its viewership share in trailing 6-9 months, on-set of festive season and revival in economic activity.

#### Regional mix of revenues

For industry, Tamilnadu is 45% of south Ad market, 25-30% is Telugu, Kannada 15-16% and Kerala 10% advertising revenues. SUTV's revenue break-up would also be similar to industry.

#### Update on original content

- Original programming is at 80-90% of the pre-covid levels. Non-fiction shows have not started due to certain restrictions. In prime-time original programming is at 100% and non-prime time it is 4 out of 6 slots.
- Prime-time is entirely commissioned basis with original content belonging to Sun. Only 2-3 slots are on slot sale basis.

#### Spend on movie acquisitions

 Sun guides ~Rs 3-4bn investments on broadcast satellite rights for movies and ~Rs 1-2.5bn investments on home movie productions.

### **Healthy cash-flows**

 Sun's C&CE as of Jun'20 stood at Rs 30bn (19% of Mcap) vs. Rs 28bn as of Mar'20.





Exhibit 1: Quarterly P&L (Television business) - Standalone

Rs Mn	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Revenue	8,360	7,739	8,150	7,352	6,061	(27.5)	(17.6)
Cost of revenues	1,414	1,551	1,106	922	671	(52.6)	(27.3)
Employee expenses	735	748	710	731	731	(0.5)	(0.0)
SG&A expenses	437	753	531	663	495	13.3	(25.4)
Toal Operating cost	2,585	3,052	2,346	2,317	1,896	(26.7)	(18.1)
EBITDA	5,774	4,687	5,804	5,035	4,165	(27.9)	(17.3)
D&A	1,585	1,444	1,436	2,328	1,455	(8.2)	(37.5)
EBIT	5,250	3,243	4,367	2,707	2,710	(48.4)	0.1
Interest expenses	21	20	19	19	18	(14.9)	(4.8)
Other income	562	721	636	570	1,086	93.3	90.4
PBT	5,791	3,945	4,985	3,259	3,779	(34.7)	16.0
Tax	1,972	280	1,250	759	951	(51.8)	25.3
PAT	3,819	3,665	3,735	2,500	2,828	(25.9)	13.1
AEPS (Rs)	9.7	9.3	9.5	6.3	7.2	(25.9)	13.1

Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 2: Margin Profile

% of revenue	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	YoY (bps)	QoQ (bps)
Cost of revenues	16.9	20.0	13.6	12.5	11.1	(585)	(148)
Employee expenses	8.8	9.7	8.7	9.9	12.1	327	211
SG&A expenses	5.2	9.7	6.5	9.0	8.2	294	(86)
Operating cost	30.9	39.4	28.8	31.5	31.3	36	(23)
EBITDA	69.1	60.6	71.2	68.5	68.7	(36)	23
D&A	19.0	18.7	17.6	31.7	24.0	504	(767)
EBIT	62.8	41.9	53.6	36.8	44.7	(1,808)	790
Interest expenses	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	4	4
Other income	6.7	9.3	7.8	7.8	17.9	1,120	1,016
PBT	69.3	51.0	61.2	44.3	62.3	(693)	1,802
Tax	23.6	3.6	15.3	10.3	15.7	(791)	537
PAT	45.7	47.4	45.8	34.0	46.7	98	1,265

Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 3: Revenue break-up (Television business)

	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	% chg YoY	% chg QoQ
Advertising	3,782	3,450	3,460	2,953	1,260	(66.7)	(57.3)
Analogue	1,690	1,680	2,050	1,930	2,260	33.7	17.1
DTH	2,060	2,076	2,070	2,050	2,160	4.9	5.4
Domestic subscription	3,750	3,756	4,120	3,980	4,420	17.9	11.1
International	408	410	410	410	380	(6.9)	(7.3)
Subscription rev	4,158	4,166	4,530	4,390	4,800	15.4	9.3
Others (incl Sun Pictures)	420	123	160	9	1	(99.8)	(88.4)
Total revenue	8,360	7,739	8,150	7,352	6,061	(27.5)	(17.6)

Source: DART, Company





Exhibit 4: Key assumptions table

	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Television										
Advertising	11,947	12,512	13,286	12,724	13,962	14,922	13,645	9,672	12,824	13,914
Subscription Domestic	6,437	7,385	8,171	9,450	11,390	13,213	15,606	17,935	18,944	20,160
- DTH	4,480	5,262	5,865	6,570	7,500	8,523	8,256	8,891	9,414	10,020
- Cable	1,957	2,123	2,306	2,880	3,890	4,690	7,350	9,044	9,530	10,141
Subscription International	1,253	1,370	1,411	1,540	1,680	1,770	1,638	1,623	1,572	1,451
Subscription Total	7,691	8,755	9,582	10,990	13,070	14,983	17,244	19,558	20,516	21,612
Others	280	28	121	428	182	2,289	711	320	375	416
Total Revenue	19,917	21,296	22,989	24,142	27,215	32,194	31,600	29,550	33,715	35,941
EBITDA	14,998	16,594	17,528	17,679	19,839	23,446	21,300	20,595	24,053	25,663
EBIT	10,465	10,719	12,678	13,769	15,444	16,979	14,507	14,525	17,427	18,706
IPL										
Revenue	1,051	1,140	963	1,440	1,433	4,439	2,444	1,814	2,722	2,994
EBITDA	(364)	(445)	(569)	(318)	(227)	2,198	1,060	373	845	987
Radio										
Revenue	1,268	1,518	784	875	982	1,193	1,371	584	1,160	1,277
EBITDA	463	624	368	337	425	423	394	(1)	401	428
EBIT	213	345	252	243	320	261	186	(225)	160	171
Consolidated										
Revenue	22,236	23,954	24,736	26,457	29,630	37,825	35,415	31,949	37,597	40,211
EBITDA	15,097	16,772	17,327	17,698	20,037	26,066	22,755	20,967	25,298	27,078
EBIT	10,314	10,619	12,360	13,694	15,538	19,438	15,753	14,673	18,432	19,864
APAT	7,568	7,961	9,223	10,307	11,355	14,336	13,855	12,894	15,871	17,182
AEPS (Rs)	19.2	20.2	23.4	26.2	28.8	36.4	35.2	32.7	40.3	43.6
Change YoY (%)										
Television										
Advertising		4.7	6.2	(4.2)	9.7	6.9	(8.6)	(29.1)	32.6	8.5
Subscription Domestic		14.7	10.6	15.7	20.5	16.0	18.1	14.9	5.6	6.4
- DTH		17.5	11.5	12.0	14.2	13.6	(3.1)	7.7	5.9	6.4
- Cable		8.5	8.6	24.9	35.1	20.6	56.7	23.0	5.4	6.4
Subscription International		9.3	3.0	9.1	9.1	5.4	(7.5)	(0.9)	(3.2)	(7.7)
Subscription Total		13.8	9.4	14.7	18.9	14.6	15.1	13.4	4.9	5.3
Others		(90.0)	330.7	254.4	(57.5)	1,157.6	(68.9)	(55.0)	17.1	10.8
Total Revenue		6.9	8.0	5.0	12.7	18.3	(1.8)	(6.5)	14.1	6.6
EBITDA		10.6	5.6	0.9	12.2	18.2	(9.1)	(3.3)	16.8	6.7
EBIT		2.4	18.3	8.6	12.2	9.9	(14.6)	0.1	20.0	7.3
IPL										
Revenue		8.5	(15.6)	49.6	(0.5)	209.7	(44.9)	(25.8)	50.0	10.0
EBITDA		22.3	27.9	(44.1)	(28.6)	Nmf	(51.8)	(64.8)	126.4	16.9
Radio										
Revenue		19.6	(48.3)	11.5	12.3	21.4	14.9	(57.4)	98.6	10.0
EBITDA		34.8	(40.9)	(8.5)	26.1	(0.6)	(6.7)	(100.2)	Nmf	6.7
EBIT		61.6	(27.1)	(3.5)	31.9	(18.4)	(29.0)	(221.4)	(171.0)	6.9
Consolidated										
Revenue		7.7	3.3	7.0	12.0	27.7	(6.4)	(9.8)	17.7	7.0
EBITDA		11.1	3.3	2.1	13.2	30.1	(12.7)	(7.9)	20.7	7.0
EBIT		3.0	16.4	10.8	13.5	25.1	(19.0)	(6.9)	25.6	7.8
APAT		5.2	15.9	11.7	10.2	26.3	(3.4)	(6.9)	23.1	8.3
AEPS (Rs)		5.2	15.9	11.7	10.2	26.3	(3.4)	(6.9)	23.1	8.3



Margin (%)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Television										
EBITDA	75.3	77.9	76.2	73.2	72.9	72.8	67.4	69.7	71.3	71.4
EBIT	52.5	50.3	55.1	57.0	56.7	52.7	45.9	49.2	51.7	52.0
IPL										
EBITDA	(34.6)	(39.0)	(59.1)	(22.1)	(15.8)	49.5	43.4	20.6	31.0	33.0
Radio										
EBITDA	36.5	41.1	47.0	38.6	43.3	35.4	28.8	(0.1)	34.5	33.5
EBIT	16.8	22.7	32.1	27.7	32.6	21.9	13.5	(38.6)	13.8	13.4
Consolidated		_								
EBITDA	67.9	70.0	70.0	66.9	67.6	68.9	64.3	65.6	67.3	67.3
EBIT	46.4	44.3	50.0	51.8	52.4	51.4	44.5	45.9	49.0	49.4
APAT	34.0	33.2	37.3	39.0	38.3	37.9	39.1	40.4	42.2	42.7

Source: DART, Company

**Exhibit 5:** Target price sensitivity to PE multiple

EPS>	32.7	40.3	43.6
PE	FY21	FY22	FY23
8	262	322	349
10	327	403	436
12	393	483	523
14	458	564	610
16	524	644	698

Source: DART





(Rs Mn)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	35,415	31,949	37,597	40,211
Total Expense	12,660	10,982	12,298	13,133
COGS	5,947	4,331	4,682	4,959
Employees Cost	3,232	3,280	3,495	3,712
Other expenses	3,481	3,371	4,121	4,463
EBIDTA	22,755	20,967	25,298	27,078
Depreciation	7,002	6,294	6,866	7,214
EBIT	15,753	14,673	18,432	19,864
Interest	127	127	123	107
Other Income	2,612	3,271	3,151	3,396
Exc. / E.O. items	0	0	0	0
EBT	18,237	17,818	21,460	23,153
Tax	4,340	4,578	5,576	6,037
RPAT	13,855	12,894	15,871	17,182
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0
Profit/Loss share of associates	(42)	(346)	(13)	66
APAT	13,855	12,894	15,871	17,182
Balance Sheet	E1/20.5	EW24 E	5,4225	E)/00E
(Rs Mn)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Sources of Funds				
Equity Capital	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970
Minority Interest	48	52	56	60
Reserves & Surplus	55,271	60,285	66,306	71,668
Net Worth	57,241	62,255	68,277	73,639
Total Debt	0	0	0	C
Net Deferred Tax Liability	1,677	1,702	1,729	1,759
Total Capital Employed	58,965	64,008	70,061	75,457
Applications of Funds				
Net Block	15,822	14,571	13,737	12,611
CWIP	663	597	537	483
Investments	5,847	6,045	6,269	6,519
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	42,744	48,723	55,742	62,378
Inventories	0	2	2	C
Receivables	13,672	11,669	13,423	14,026
Cash and Bank Balances	7,032	13,794	17,897	22,711
Loans and Advances	0	0	0	,,
Other Current Assets	2,311	2,542	2,669	2,802
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Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	6,110	5,927	6,223	6,534
Payables	3,167	3,072	3,225	3,386
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Other Current Liabilities

Net Current Assets



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Total Assets
E – Estimates



Important Ratios				
Particulars	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
(A) Margins (%)				
Gross Profit Margin	83.2	86.4	87.5	87.7
EBIDTA Margin	64.3	65.6	67.3	67.3
EBIT Margin	44.5	45.9	49.0	49.4
Tax rate	23.8	25.7	26.0	26.1
Net Profit Margin	39.1	40.4	42.2	42.7
(B) As Percentage of Net Sales (%)				
COGS	16.8	13.6	12.5	12.3
Employee	9.1	10.3	9.3	9.2
Other	9.8	10.5	11.0	11.1
(C) Measure of Financial Status	3.0	10.5	11.0	11.1
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gross Debt / Equity Interest Coverage	123.6	115.9	150.1	0.0 186.0
Inventory days	0	113.9	130.1	180.0
Debtors days	141	133	130	127
Average Cost of Debt	141	133	130	12/
Payable days	33	35	31	31
Working Capital days	378	489	481	507
FA T/O	2.2	2.2	2.7	3.2
	2.2	2.2	2.7	3.2
(D) Measures of Investment				
AEPS (Rs)	35.2	32.7	40.3	43.6
CEPS (Rs)	52.9	48.7	57.7	61.9
DPS (Rs)	22.5	20.0	25.0	30.0
Dividend Payout (%)	64.0	61.1	62.1	68.8
BVPS (Rs)	145.3	158.0	173.3	186.9
RoANW (%)	24.6	21.6	24.3	24.2
RoACE (%)	24.3	21.7	23.9	23.7
RoAIC (%)	30.7	28.7	36.0	37.9
(E) Valuation Ratios				
CMP (Rs)	426	426	426	426
P/E	12.1	13.0	10.6	9.8
Mcap (Rs Mn)	167,977	167,977	167,977	167,977
MCap/ Sales	4.7	5.3	4.5	4.2
EV	141,216	133,467	128,329	122,426
EV/Sales	4.0	4.2	3.4	3.0
EV/EBITDA	6.2	6.4	5.1	4.5
P/BV	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	5.3	4.7	5.9	7.0
(F) Growth Rate (%)				
Revenue	(6.4)	(9.8)	17.7	7.0
EBITDA	(12.7)	(7.9)	20.7	7.0
EBIT	(19.0)	(6.9)	25.6	7.8
PBT	(15.9)	(2.3)	20.4	7.9
APAT	(3.4)	(6.9)	23.1	8.3
EPS	(3.4)	(6.9)	23.1	8.3
Cash Flow				
(Rs Mn)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
CFO	19,076	20,775	21,153	23,973
CFI	(7,301)	(5,146)	(6,165)	(6,251)
CFF	(11,879)	(7,880)	(9,850)	(11,820)
FCFF Opening Cock	11,251	15,799	15,180	17,939
Opening Cash	26,865	26,761	34,510	39,648
Closing Cash	26,761	34,510	39,648	45,550
E – Estimates				





## **DART RATING MATRIX**

**Total Return Expectation (12 Months)** 

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

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