



## Mahindra & Mahindra

#### Staying ahead in the race

**Automobiles** Sharekhan code: M&M **Company Update** 

#### Summary

- We maintain a Buy on Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) with a revised PT of Rs. 872, factoring higher multiples and higher value of subsidiaries.
- We expect M&M to benefit from leadership position in tractor segment, strengthening position in LCV segment and steady market share in UV segment.
- Concrete steps to achieve 18% RoE from all businesses, by exiting loss-making subsidiaries and focusing on core businesses make a case for re-rating stock.
- M&M attractively valued with P/E multiple of 17.7x and EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.4x its FY2023E estimates; it trades at a discount to long-term average multiples.

We expect M&M to benefit from its leadership position in the tractor space (40% share), strengthening position in LCV segment and a steady market share in UV segment. For tractors, the farm sector is expected to remain buoyant, driven by good monsoon and higher crop output. The tractor business has high ROCEs that will help M&M improve overall return ratios. M&M also leads in the LCV space with an over 45% market share and a greater than 65% share in the 2-3.5T LCV category. We expect M&M to further consolidate market share in the overall LCV segment. The demand in the sector is likely to be driven by higher demand for short distance movement of goods. In the UV market, we expect M&M's growth to be driven by new launches in a highly competitive markets. M&M's collaboration with Ford Motors in the utility vehicles space would see the company launch products in the B and C segments of SUVs, which would further strengthen its position in the UV segment. Moreover, M&M would gain from a rise in LCV demand as it has a strong market share in this space. Concrete steps to achieve 18% ROE, by exiting loss-making subsidiaries and focusing on core businesses will improve overall performance going ahead. We expect M&M's standalone earnings to grow at 28.8% y-o-y in FY22E and 15.4% y-o-y in FY23E, driven by 15.5% CAGR during FY2021-FY2023E in revenues and 60 bps increase in operating profit margin.

#### Our Call

Valuation - Maintain Buy with a revised PT of Rs. 872: We expect M&M to benefit from its leadership position in tractor segment, strengthening its position in the LCV segment and defending its market share in a highly competitive UV segment. Going ahead, M&M's strategy revolves around tighter capital allocation, exiting loss-making subsidiaries and focusing on emerging businesses. The company has started to take concrete steps to achieve an 18% RoE from all its businesses makes a strong case for re-rating of stock. Our SOTP-based valuation provides a price target of Rs. 872 for M&M. The stock is attractively valued with P/E multiple of 17.7x and EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.4x its FY2023E estimates, and is at a discount to its long-term average multiples. We recommend a Buy on the stock.

#### Key Risks

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A second wave of COVID-19 can lead to slow down in the economic activities and thus can impact earnings of the company. Also, A steep rise in metal prices can impact profitability.

Valuation (M&M+MVML)					Rs cr
Particulars	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue (Rs cr)	52,848	44,866	43,312	51,957	57,840
Growth (%)	11.1	(15.1)	(3.5)	20.0	11.3
EBITDA (Rs cr)	7,530	6,351	6,298	7,796	8,711
EBITDA margin (%)	14.2	14.2	14.5	15.0	15.1
PAT (Rs cr)	5,424	3,551	3,553	4,577	5,283
Growth (%)	29.5	(34.5)	0.1	28.8	15.4
FD EPS (Rs)	43.6	28.6	28.6	36.8	42.5
P/E (x)	17.3	26.4	26.4	20.5	17.7
P/B (x)	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2
EV/EBIDTA (x)	11.5	14.0	14.1	11.0	9.4
ROE (%)	15.5	10.2	9.6	11.4	12.2
ROCE (%)	18.1	14.0	11.9	13.8	14.7

Source: Company; Sharekhan estimates

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CMP: Rs. 75	54				

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Company details	
Market cap:	Rs. 93,842 cr
52-week high/low:	Rs. 764 / 246
NSE volume: (No of shares)	65.5 lakh
BSE code:	500520
NSE code:	M&M

Downgrade

Price Target: Rs. 872

↑ Upgrade ↔ Maintain

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BSE code:	500520
NSE code:	M&M
Free float: (No of shares)	100.8 cr

Shareholding (%)	
Promoters	19.9
FII	34.2
DII	24.6

Others

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Price perforr	nance			
(%)	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	23.1	24.0	60.2	47.0
Relative to Sensex	13.1	3.8	26.1	33.1
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Beneficiary of better traction in farm sector: We believe M&M will benefit from buoyant demand from the farm sector, driven by good monsoon and higher crop production. In the past Rabi season crop registered a significant 7% rise, reflected in higher tractor sales. We expect Tractor industry to grow in double-digit in FY2021. Higher ground water reservoir levels coupled with robust farmer cash flows would mean tractor demand would remain buoyant in FY2022 as well. M&M is the market leader in tractors with over 40% market share. The tractor segment contributes 34% for of the standalone revenues and over 50% of profits. The tractor have high ROCEs, that will benefit M&M in improve overall return ratios, given buoyant demand in the tractor segment. In the tractor segment, M&M launched 'XP Plus' range of tractors in both Bhoomiputra and Sarpanch range of tractors. Also, M&M mentioned in the that international subsidiaries in the farm equipment segment have turned profitable after a long time, which is a positive development.

**Share in LCV space to further strengthen:** M&M is also the market leader in LCVs with over 45% market share overall and greater than 65% share in the 2-3.5T LCV category. We expect M&M to further consolidate its market share in the segment. The demand in the sector is likely to be driven by higher demand for short distance movement of goods.

New launches in automotive segment to defend its market in highly competitive markets: In the automotive segment, M&M launched 'Thar' SUV. The company stated that it has received encouraging response, having garnered 20,000 bookings in one month of its launch in October 2020. That has attracted a whole new set of buyers with about 55% of bookings from first-time buyers. Moreover, about 44% of bookings were for the automatic variant. The company has lined up model upgrades and new launches over the next 18 months. We could expect upgrades in Thar, XUV500, Scorpio and e-XUV 300. This will help M&M to defend its market share, given the intense competition in the segment.

**Latest quarterly results surprised; EBITDA margin held high:** In Q2FY2021, M&M's operating performance was better than the consensus, driven by higher margins in both automotive and tractor business. Overall revenue grew by 6% y-o-y, driven by a 30% volume growth in tractors despite a decline of 23% in the automobile segment. Margins beat our estimates of 14.5%. Automotive EBIT margin improved by 70 bps y-o-y to 6.5%, while tractor EBIT margins were at an all-time high of 24.4%, improving by 510 bps y-o-y. Operating leverage due to strong topline growth and cost-control measures led to better margins for tractors.

**Company guidance:** M&M expects the tractor industry to grow in low double-digit in FY21. The industry has grown by 12% in YTD FY2021 (April 2020 to October 2020). The management expects the trend of double-digit growth to sustain and has raised FY2021 guidance from mid-single digit growth earlier to 12%. With good farmer cashflows and high water reservoir levels (reservoir capacity stands at 86% of live capacity at the end of September 2020 as compared to 10-year LPA of 75%), M&M expects tractor demand to be buoyant in FY2022 as well.

The automotive segment is also witnessing improvement in demand, with volume drop narrowing to 23% y-o-y in Q2FY2021 as compared to 78% y-o-y in Q1FY2021. With successful new launches (Thar SUV, which has strong backlog) and sub-optimal inventory, we expect automotive demand to continue to improve. We expect a strong recovery in FY2022, driven by normalisation of economic activity and continued new launches.

#### Capital allocation and investments

M&M remains committed on firm capital allocation and its path towards achieving 18% ROE and has announced its exit from the loss-making aircraft business in Australia (Gipps Aerospace). M&M has earlier announced no further investment in loss-making Ssangyong, exit from overseas tractor assembly business (Genze), and non-participation in large postal bid in USA (MANA). This would further substantially reduce losses in overseas subsidiaries and act as a key re-rating trigger for M&M.



#### Steps taken towards 18% ROE



Source: Company Data; Sharekhan Research

In another step, M&M is exiting two of its loss-making subsidiaries - Mahindra First Choice Services Ltd (MFCSL) and Auto Digitech Pvt. Ltd. (ADPL), in a share swap transaction. Mahindra Holdings Ltd (MHL), a subsidiary of M&M and holding company of MFCSL & ADPL, is selling its stake in MFCSL & ADPL to TVS Automobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for a consideration of Rs. 35 crore (Rs. 21.5 crore for MFCSL and Rs. 13.5 crore for ADPL). MFCSL has annual revenue of "Rs. 106 crore and a negative net worth of Rs. 53 crore.

M&M sees huge potential in its ten jewel companies

Clean Energy		F20 Revenue	F20 PAT	
	Susten Group	2,231	20	
Rural & Fin Service	s		,	
	Rural Housing Finance	1,528	149	
	Agri Sector	1,277	(51)	
Infra & Technology	Powerol	1,517	102	
	Accelo Group	1,361	26	
	Bristlecone Group	701	40	
Mobility	Aftermarket Group	491	(39)	
700	Classic Legends	411	(6)	
	Electric	279	(55)	
623	Shared mobility Group	506	(14)	
	Total	10,302	172	

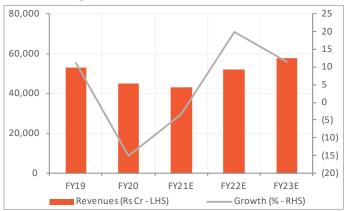
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**Strong broad-based recovery; expect double-digit growth in FY22:** We expect M&M's standalone earnings to grow at 28.8% y-o-y in FY22E and 15.4% y-o-y in FY23E, driven by 15.5% CAGR during FY2021-FY2023E in revenues and a 60 bps increase in operating profit margin.

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#### Financials (M&M+MVML) in Charts

#### Revenue and growth trend



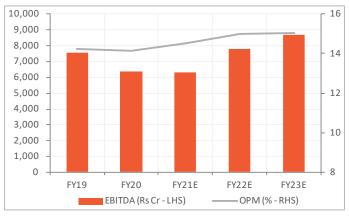
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#### Volume growth trend – Tractors & Automotive segment



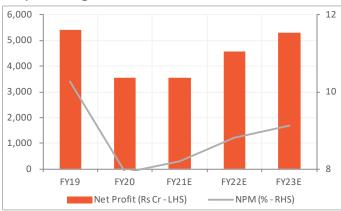
Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

#### **EBITDA** and **OPM** trend



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

#### Net profit and growth trend



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

#### **RoE trend**



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

#### **RoCE trend**



Source: Company, Sharekhan Research

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#### **Outlook and Valuation**

#### Sector Outlook - Demand picking up in automotive and industrial sector

The domestic tractor industry is the only segment reporting growth on a y-o-y basis in H1FY2021 as the agricultural sector has been relatively less impacted by COVID-19. Good monsoons and higher kharif sowing have boosted farm sentiments, with the tractor industry growing in double digits since June 2020. The tractor industry is expected to grow in double-digits in FY2021. The PV and LCV industry have reported positive growth from August onwards. We expect a strong recovery for PV and LCV from FY2022, driven by normalisation of economic activity and pentup demand.

#### ■ Company outlook - Strong earnings growth

M&M is the market leader in the tractors segment, commanding a 40% market share. The company is working on lightweight compact global tractor project (named K2), which would see the launch of four new platforms. K2 would witness launch of 38 models and would further strengthen the company's position in the tractor space. M&M has one of the highest exposures to the rural markets (~65% of volumes), which are expected to be less impacted by the on-going impact of COVID-19.

M&M's collaboration with Ford in utility vehicles would see the company launch products in the B and C segment of SUVs, which would strengthen its position in the utility vehicle segment. Moreover, with a strong 39% market share in LCV, M&M would gain from strong recovery in demand. Moreover, tighter capital-allocation strategy of no fund infusion in businesses with an unclear path to profitability would significantly improve the overall performance and act as a key re-rating trigger.

#### ■ Valuation - Maintain Buy with a revised PT of Rs. 1,060, providing an upside room of 15%

We expect M&M to benefit from its leadership position in tractor segment, strengthening its position in the LCV segment and defending its market share in a highly competitive UV segment. Going ahead, M&M's strategy revolves around tighter capital allocation, exiting loss-making subsidiaries and focusing on emerging businesses. The company has started to take concrete steps to achieve an 18% RoE from all its businesses makes a strong case for re-rating of stock. Our SOTP-based valuation provides a price target of Rs. 872 for M&M. The stock is attractively valued with P/E multiple of 17.7x and EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.4x its FY2023E estimates, and is at a discount to its long-term average multiples. We recommend a Buy on the stock.

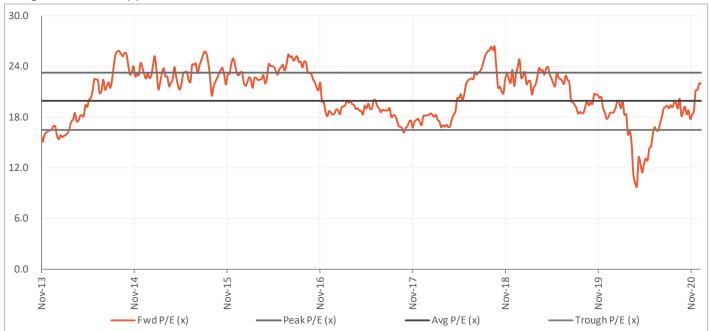
M&M's Sum-of-Part-Valuation provide PT of Rs. 872

Business	Valuation rationale	M&M's stake (%)	Value of M&M's stake (Rs crore)	
Core (MM+MMVL) business excl. dividend earnings from subsidiaries & associates	16x FY23E EPS	100.0	79,079	636
Value of listed subsidiaries & associates				
Tech Mahindra	Market Capitalisation	26.0	23,467	189
M&M Financial Services	Market Capitalisation	51.2	11,090	89
Mahindra Lifespaces	Market Capitalisation	51.5	892	7
Mahindra Holiday and Resorts	Market Capitalisation	67.3	1,877	15
SYMC	Market Capitalisation	74.7	2,846	23
Mahindra Logistics	Market Capitalisation	58.5	1,656	13
Swaraj Engines	Market Capitalisation	34.8	595	5
Mahindra CIE	Market Capitalisation	11.4	691	6
Value of listed subsidiaries & associates			41,829	336
Fair value of subsidiary cos @30% discount	Holding co. discount		29,280	236
Fair Vaue of M&M entity			1,08,359	872
CMP				754.0
Potential Upside/(dowmside)				15.6
ROCE (%)	14.0	11.9	13.8	14.7

Source: Company; Sharekhan estimates

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### One-year forward P/E (x) band



Source: Company Data; Sharekhan Research

#### **About company**

M&M is the flagship company of Mahindra Group. M&M's core business houses the automotive and tractor segment. M&M is the only automotive company that is virtually present across all segments. The company is the market leader in light commercial vehicles and is a leading utility vehicle, and 3W player. M&M also manufactures MHCV and is present in the 2W space through its investment in Jawa. Apart from being a strong player in the automotive space, M&M is the market leader in the tractor segment, having market share of about 40%. Apart from the core business, M&M is also the promoter/holds controlling interest in companies that are engaged in diverse businesses under the Mahindra brand (IT services, NBFC, logistics, hospitality, real estate, and auto ancillary business).

#### Investment theme

With strong farm sentiments on account of higher rainfall, expected increase in kharif output, and increased government spending, M&M has raised FY2021 tractor industry's growth forecast from mid-single digit growth earlier to 12%. Higher ground water reservoir levels coupled with robust farmer cash flows would mean tractor demand would remain buoyant in FY2022 as well. Automotive volumes are also improving with the decline narrowing to 14% y-o-y in October 2020 as compared to 78% in Q1FY2021. With the success of new launches (Thar with strong bookings) and inventory filling (automotive inventory is lower than normal), automotive demand is expected to improve further. Moreover, tighter capital-allocation strategy with focus on 18% ROE continues, with M&M announcing exit from its loss-making aircraft business in Australia (Gipps Aerospace). M&M had earlier announced no further investment in loss-making Ssangyong, exit from overseas tractor assembly business (Genze), and non-participation in large postal bid in USA (MANA). This would further substantially reduce losses in overseas subsidiaries and act as key re-rating trigger for M&M.

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#### **Additional Data**

#### Key management personnel

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Anand Mahindra	Executive Chairman
Pawan Goenka	Managing Director
Anish Shah	Deputy Managing Director & Group CFO
Rajesh Jejurikar	Executive Director

Source: Company Website

#### Top 10 shareholders

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Sr. No.	Holder Name	Holding (%)
1	PRUDENTIAL MGMT & SERVICES	11.38
2	M & M BENEFIT TRUST	6.79
3	First State Investments	4.56
4	MAHINDRA & MAHIN EMP STK OP TRST	4.06
5	SBI Funds Management Pvt Ltd	2.61
6	BlackRock Inc	2.09
7	Vanguard Group Inc	1.71
8	ICICI Prudential Asset Management	1.60
9	Republic of Singapore	1.40
10	Franklin Resources Inc	1.20

Source: Bloomberg

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Right Sector	
Positive	Strong industry fundamentals (favorable demand-supply scenario, consistent industry growth), increasing investments, higher entry barrier, and favorable government policies
Neutral	Stagnancy in the industry growth due to macro factors and lower incremental investments by Government/private companies
Negative	Unable to recover from low in the stable economic environment, adverse government policies affecting the business fundamentals and global challenges (currency headwinds and unfavorable policies implemented by global industrial institutions) and any significant increase in commodity prices affecting profitability.
Right Quality	
Positive	Sector leader, Strong management bandwidth, Strong financial track-record, Healthy Balance sheet/cash flows, differentiated product/service portfolio and Good corporate governance.
Neutral	Macro slowdown affecting near term growth profile, Untoward events such as natural calamities resulting in near term uncertainty, Company specific events such as factory shutdown, lack of positive triggers/events in near term, raw material price movement turning unfavourable
Negative	Weakening growth trend led by led by external/internal factors, reshuffling of key management personal, questionable corporate governance, high commodity prices/weak realisation environment resulting in margin pressure and detoriating balance sheet
Right Valuation	
Positive	Strong earnings growth expectation and improving return ratios but valuations are trading at discount to industry leaders/historical average multiples, Expansion in valuation multiple due to expected outperformance amongst its peers and Industry up-cycle with conducive business environment.
Neutral	Trading at par to historical valuations and having limited scope of expansion in valuation multiples.
Negative	Trading at premium valuations but earnings outlook are weak; Emergence of roadblocks such as corporate governance issue, adverse government policies and bleak global macro environment etc warranting for lower than historical valuation multiple.

Source: Sharekhan Research



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