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### **Shriram Transport Finance**

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## A fresh round of capital raise on the cards

CMP Target Price
Rs 1,487
as of (June 7, 2021) Rs 1,680 (■)
12 months

Rating Upside

- Shriram Transport Finance (SHTF) has informed the exchanges about fresh issuance of capital through equity shares and warrants worth Rs5bn by way of a preferential allotment to existing Promoter Shriram Capital. The Floor Price of the equity shares and warrants is determined as Rs1,440 per equity share and per warrant, which is approx. 4% discount to CMP.
- The company had obtained board approval for raising up to Rs25bn in capital last year. Of this, Rs15bn was raised through rights issuances in FY21. SHTF has obtained fresh approval for the issuance of up to Rs40bn during current financial year. As per the management, raising capital up to Rs40bn will be sufficient for the company's near- to midterm growth and liquidity requirements.
- Our discussion with management indicates that Rs15bn raised last year is also part of the total capital requirement of Rs40bn. Thus, with Rs15bn raised last year and Rs5bn infused by Promoters now, the company may further raise capital up to Rs20bn from the open market (mostly through the QIP route).
- SHTF already holds decent capital adequacy at ~22.5% with Tier-1 at ~19.9%. Though current capital infusion by the promoters won't move the needle much (~25bps), another issuance up to Rs20bn will strengthen capital adequacy by roughly ~150-180bps. This will aid asset growth and will also lead to comfortable liquidity.
- The second Covid wave is expected to disrupt CV demand while also resulting in a surge in defaults. SHTF has higher exposure to relatively low-income customers who are more vulnerable to lockdowns caused by Covid. However, the company has reported relatively superior asset-quality profile, and any volatility in asset quality would be better managed after the above-mentioned fresh issuance of equity.
- Our preference for SHTF in these uncertain times is underpinned by its unique customer base with a moat, along with strong underlying demand for used vehicles during current slowdown.
- We are not incorporating the current issuance to our estimates as it has only nominal impact on growth and profitability. We will wait for more clarity over further capital raise. Maintain Buy and OW in EAP, with a TP of Rs1,680, corresponding to ~1.6x FY23E P/Adj. Book.

Please see our sector model portfolio (Emkay Alpha Portfolio): BFSI-NBFCs

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Ratings	Expected Return within the next 12-18 months.	
BUY	Over 15%	
HOLD	Between -5% to 15%	
SELL	Below -5%	

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