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Arvind Fashions

On the verge of a turnaround; maintaining a Buy

With major headwinds for Arvind Fashions now past, we expect a revival in growth and better margins in its key Power brands. These account for 80%+ of its revenue and almost all its EBITDA. Hence, brighter prospects make us upbeat on the company. Ahead, it will concentrate on its six focus brands, optimise working capital via better inventory turns, and expand its network through franchisees. We expect more cash generation and better return ratios, and debt to shrink. Revenue would be 3.5% more each year (FY22-24) due to good revenue recovery. FY22e/FY23e/FY24e EBITDA are 7/18/7% higher, driven by sales growth and the higher Power-brand margins. We retain our Buy, with a revised TP of Rs470, on 11x FY24e EV/EBITDA.

Power brands to bounce back. Internal strategies (one-time MBO channel correction) and external factors (Covid-19) led to their performance declining in FY19-21. On its strategic steps—expansions (network [175+ stores] and category [kidswear, innerwear]), continued investments in omni-channel capabilities (25%+ growth in online channel) and benefits of the post-Covid'19 casualisation trend—we expect a 13% revenue CAGR over FY20-24. We expect their adj. EBITDA margin to return to high single digit by FY24, driven by more full-price sales, operating leverage and a leaner cost structure. Arrow's EBITDA margin will take longer than others due to the greater reliance on MBOs. With the Power brands margin rebound, and exiting the loss-suffering brands, we expect overall profit to turn around significantly over FY23-24.

Stronger balance sheet, better working capital. With fund raising and strategic investment in FY21, debt was reduced by Rs4bn y/y to Rs9.4bn. In H1 FY22 it further shrank to Rs8.4bn, and we expect it to come down to Rs6bn by end-FY22. The company expects to reach 4x inventory turns by end-FY22 and to move toward 5x in the next 2-3 years. We expect net debt/equity of 0.1x by FY24 aided by better cashflows, optimised working capital and profitable revenue growth.

Valuation. We maintain our Buy with a revised TP of Rs470 (Rs427 earlier) based on 11x FY24e EV/EBITDA. **Risks:** Keen competition, lower revenue growth due to Covid-19.

Key financials (YE Mar)	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
Sales (Rs m)	36,136	22,012	29,240	39,477	45,347
Net profit (Rs m)	-4,007	-5,798	-1,634	1,927	2,819
EPS (Rs)	-62.4	-50.0	-3.6	13.3	20.1
P/E (x)	NA	NA	NA	22.4	14.9
EV / EBITDA (x)	11.6	-444.4	18.1	9.3	7.5
P/BV (x)	1.4	2.6	4.5	3.8	3.0
RoE (%)	-37.8	-77.3	-6.1	17.1	21.2
RoCE (%)	-8.2	-19.5	3.9	14.6	18.5
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt / equity (x)	1.8	1.6	0.6	0.3	0.1
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Research	Note: From	FY20, Ind-AS 116	changes included	1	

Rating: Buy
Target Price: Rs.470
Share Price: Rs.299

Key data	ARVINDFA IN						
52-week high / low		Rs3	64 / 123				
Sensex / Nifty		61235 / 18258					
3-m average volume			\$1.1m				
Market cap	F	s40bn / \$	535.1m				
Shares outstanding			132m				
Shareholding pattern (%)	Sept'21	Jun'21	Mar'21				
Promoters	37.0	40.4	40.4				
- of which, Pledged	-	-	-				
Free float	63.0	59.6	59.6				
- Foreign institutions	7.8	8.0	8.0				
- Domestic institutions	10.9	8.7	11.6				
- Public	44.3	43.0	40.0				
Estimates revision (%)	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e				
Sales	3.5	3.5	3.5				
EBITDA	6.5	18.3	7.4				
EPS	NA	55.2	14.4				



Source: Bloomberg

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Quick Glance - Financials and Valuations

Fig 1 – Income statement (Rs m)						
Year-end: Mar	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	
Net revenues (Rs m)	36,136	22,012	29,240	39,477	45,347	
Growth (%)	-22.2	-39.1	32.8	35.0	14.9	
Direct costs	19,923	12,870	16,082	20,923	23,943	
SG&A	13,635	9,212	10,332	13,133	14,916	
EBITDA	2,578	-70	2,826	5,421	6,488	
EBITDA margins (%)	7.1	-0.3	9.7	13.7	14.3	
Depreciation	4,207	3,027	2,249	2,392	2,480	
Other income	598	1,283	449	449	449	
Interest Exp	2,736	2,249	1,475	1,125	915	
PBT	-3,766	-4,063	-448	2,354	3,542	
Effective tax rate (%)	-	-9	-5	25	25	
+ Associates / (Minorities)	-16	162	162	162	162	
Net income	-4,007	-5,798	-1,634	1,927	2,819	
Adjusted income	-3,599	-4,933	-470	1,765	2,657	
WANS	58	99	132	132	132	
FDEPS (Rs / sh)	-62.4	-50.0	-3.6	13.3	20.1	
FDEPS growth (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	
Gross margins (%)	44.9	41.5	45.0	47.0	47.2	
Note: From FY20, Ind-AS 116 char	nges included	d				
Fig 3 – Cash-flow state	ment (R	s m)				
Year-end: Mar	FY2	0 FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	
PBT (adj. for int.exp / other inc	.) -2,09	9 -3,208	3 1,026	3,478	4,457	
+ Non-cash items	4,05	5 1,322	2,249	2,392	2,480	
Oper. prof. before WC	1,95	6 -1,887	3,275	5,870	6,937	
- Incr. / (decr.) in WC	-21	3 -985	5 191	705	1,042	
Others incl. taxes	11	2 -112	2 22	588	886	
Operating cash-flow	2,05	7 -789	3,063	4,577	5,010	
- Capex (tang. + intang.)	1,29	8 418	588	602	800	
Free cash-flow	75	9 -1,207	2,475	3,976	4,210	
Acquisitions				-	-	
- Div. (incl. buyback & taxes)				-	-	
+ Equity raised	9	3 4,993	4,018	-	-	
+ Debt raised	4,18	1 -2,990	-3,500	-1,500	-1,500	
- Fin investments				-	-	
- Misc. (CFI + CFF)	5,00	6 853	3 2,729	2,329	2,169	
Net cash-flow		4 -57		147	541	
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Re	search Note	e: From FY2	0, Ind-AS 1	16 changes	included	

Fig 2 – Balance sheet (Rs m)							
Year-end: Mar	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e		
Share capital	235	424	529	529	529		
Net worth	5,973	5,220	8,768	10,533	13,189		
Debt	12,438	9,430	5,930	4,430	2,930		
Minority interest	877	694	694	694	694		
DTL / (Assets) *	4,839	4,200	2,200	2,950	3,450		
Capital employed	24,127	19,544	17,592	18,607	20,264		
Net tangible assets**	10,326	8,638	6,231	6,394	6,468		
Net intangible assets	904	698	698	698	698		
Goodwill	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112		
CWIP (tang. & intang.)	14	4	4	4	4		
Investments (strategic)	-	-	-	-	-		
Investments (financial)	-	-	-	-	-		
Current assets (ex cash)	25,157	20,256	21,237	23,847	26,278		
Cash	116	189	453	600	1,141		
Current liabilities	13,503	11,353	12,144	14,048	15,438		
Working capital	11,654	8,903	9,094	9,798	10,840		
Capital deployed	24,127	19,544	17,592	18,607	20,264		

Note: From FY20, Ind-AS 116 changes included * includes lease liabilities ** includes RoU

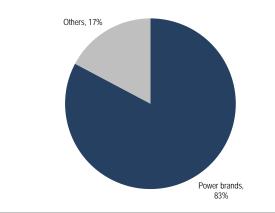
Fig 4 – Ratio analysis

Year-end: Mar	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
P/E (x)	NA	NA	NA	22.4	14.9
EV / EBITDA (x)	11.6	-444.4	18.1	9.3	7.5
EV / Sales (x)	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
P/B (x)	1.4	2.6	4.5	3.8	3.0
RoE (%)	-37.8	-77.3	-6.1	17.1	21.2
RoCE (%) - after tax	-8.2	-19.5	3.9	14.6	18.5
ROIC (%) - after tax	-3.7	-9.3	1.7	6.0	7.5
DPS (Rs / sh)	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt / equity (x)	1.8	1.6	0.6	0.3	0.1
Receivables (days)	79	104	75	73	70
Inventory (days)	132	134	115	85	80
Payables (days)	134	155	120	100	95
CFO: PAT %	-57.2	16.0	-651.6	259.3	188.6
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Resea	rch Note: F	rom FY20	Ind-AS 11	6 changes	included

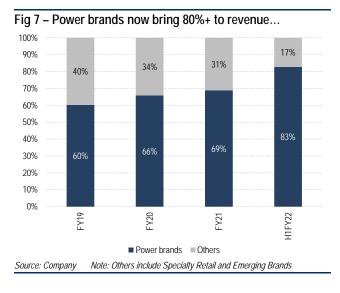




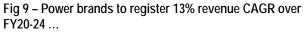
Fig 6 – Revenue mix (H1 FY22)

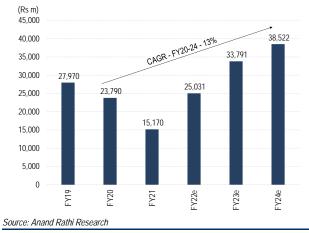


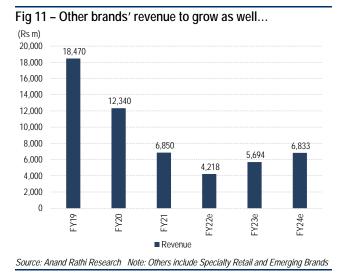
Note: Others include Specialty Retail and Emerging Brands Source: Company

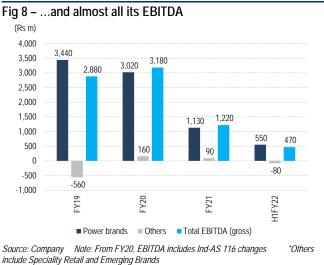


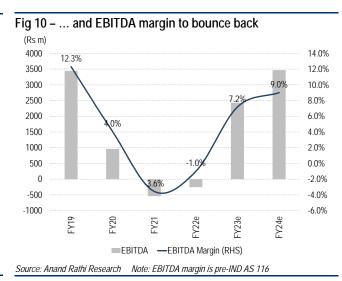
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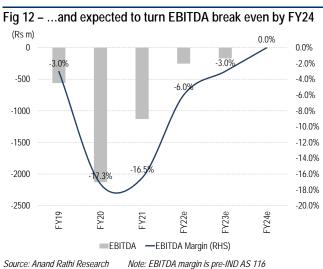


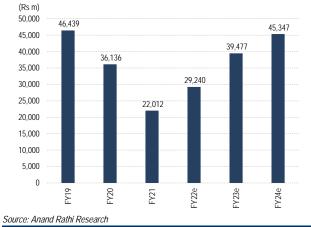


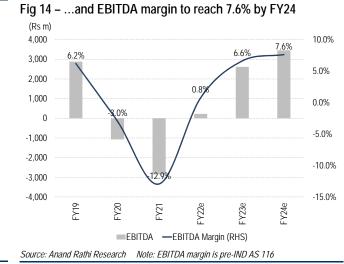


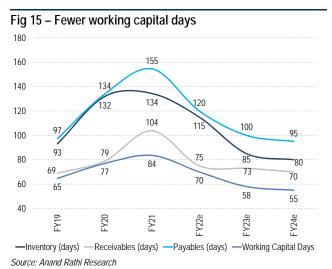


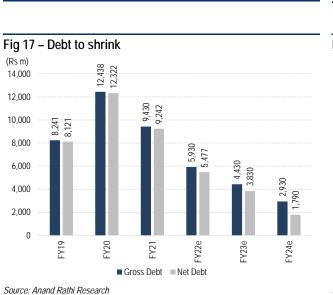












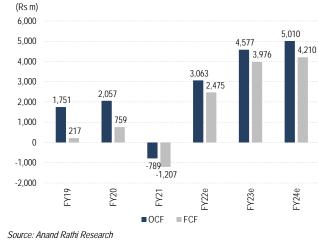
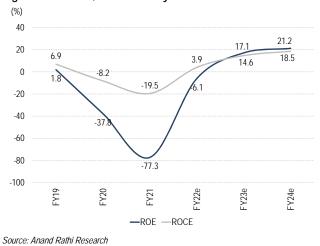
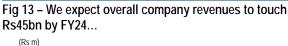


Fig 16 – OCF and FCF generation to pick up





Change in estimates

Baking in the stronger sales growth from new stores opened and stronger sales recovery, we raise our FY22e/FY23e/FY24e revenue 3.5% each year. We expect ~Rs45bn revenue by FY24, driven by the store openings (175+ to be added every year), strong omni-channel capabilities (online channel to grow 25%+), category expansion (innerwear, kids' wear, footwear, etc.), and strategic investment by Flipkart (accelerating online growth).

More sales drive our FY22e EBITDA 6.5% higher. Our revised FY23e EBITDA is up a good ~18% as we bake in a stronger margin recovery in Power brands, leading to a higher gross margin overall (driven by more full-price sales) and a leaner cost structure (through optimising store and warehouse costs, and controlling overheads). We expect the company to deliver a pre-IND AS 116 EBITDA margin of 7.6% and post-IND AS 116 EBITDA margin of 14.3% by end-FY24.

Fig 19 – (Fig 19 – Change in estimates								
	Old			New			Change (%)		
	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
Revenue	28,260	38,154	43,820	29,240	39,477	45,347	3.5	3.5	3.5
EBITDA	2,654	4,584	6,042	2,826	5,421	6,488	6.5	18.3	7.4
PAT	(642)	1,137	2,322	(470)	1,765	2,657	NA	55.2	14.4
EPS	(4.8)	8.6	17.6	(3.6)	13.3	20.1	NA	55.2	14.4
Source: Anan	Source: Anand Rathi Research Note: From FY20, EBITDA includes Ind-AS 116 changes								

Fig 20 - Key financials						
(Rs m)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
Revenue	46,439	36,136	22,012	29,240	39,477	45,347
Growth y/y (%)	10.1	(22.2)	(39.1)	32.8	35.0	14.9
Gross Margin (%)	50.7	44.9	41.5	45.0	47.0	47.2
Other Expenses	20,670	13,635	9,212	10,332	13,133	14,916
As a % of revenue	44.5	37.7	41.8	35.3	33.3	32.9
Reported EBITDA	2,881	2,578	(70)	2,826	5,421	6,488
Rep. EBITDA margin (%)	6.2	7.1	(0.3)	9.7	13.7	14.3
Rental Expenses		3,650	2,778	2,600	2,808	3,033
As a % of revenue		10.1	12.6	8.9	7.1	6.7
Adjusted EBITDA	2,881	(1,072)	(2,848)	226	2,613	3,455
Adj. EBITDA margin (%)	6.2	(3.0)	(12.9)	0.8	6.6	7.6
Source: Anand Rathi Research						

Valuation

We maintain our Buy rating, with a revised TP of Rs470 (Rs427 earlier) based on 11x FY24e EV/EBITDA. After two years of re-working its brand portfolio, navigating Covid-19 and strengthening its balance sheet, we believe the company is at a turning point.

Fig 21 – Valuation sun	nmary	
(Rs m)		FY24e
EBITDA		6,488
Target multiple (x)		11.0
Enterprise value		71,366
Gross debt *		10,299
Cash balance		1,141
Market cap		62,208
No. of shares (m)		132.3
TP (Rs)		470
CMP (Rs)		299.0
Upside / (Downside) %		57.3%
Source: Anand Rathi Research.	Note: Estimates are adjusted for IND-AS 116,	* Debt includes lease liabilities

Fig 22 – Valuation	Fig 22 – Valuation parameters						
	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e		
P/E (x)	NA	NA	NA	22.4	14.9		
EV / EBITDA (x)	11.6	(444.4)	18.1	9.3	7.5		
EV / Sales (x)	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1		
RoE (%)	(37.8)	(77.3)	(6.1)	17.1	21.2		
RoCE (%)	(8.2)	(19.5)	3.9	14.6	18.5		
Source: Anand Rathi Rese	earch						

Risks

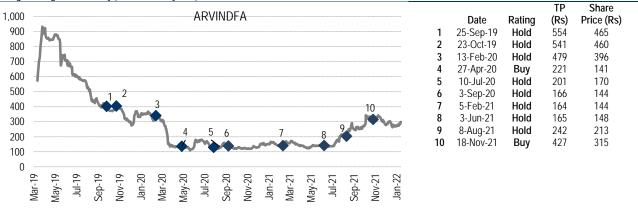
- **Keener competition.** On the entry of new foreign brands, keener competition in India is the key threat to Arvind Fashions.
- Lower consumption. Anaemic consumer sentiment and restrained discretionary spending could hack at its revenue growth.

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