



TEJAS NETWORKS

FY18 revenue likely to decline; outlook strong

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Tejas Networks (Tejas) has informed stock exchanges that its FY18 revenue is likely to dip YoY versus earlier 5% growth guidance. The company attributed the guidance change to delays in receiving certain large orders. However, it highlighted that order pipeline remains healthy and the company is set for strong revenue and profitability spurt in FY19. Tejas has also bagged BSNL's INR3.4bn BharatNet project order, which will be a key contributor to FY19 revenue growth. We are confident that the company will recover lost revenue in FY19. Maintain 'BUY' with INR530 target price.

Revenue spill to impact FY18 revenue growth

Tejas has issued a revenue growth warning—FY18 revenue is likely to decline versus earlier guidance of 5% growth. We envisage the company's revenue to be lumpy due to large size of orders and customer concentration. In Q3FY18 results, the company had reduced its FY18 revenue growth guidance from 20% to 5%. Although management has clarified that the lost revenue will be recouped in FY19, the stock corrected ~9% since then. There have been earlier instances of revenue lumpiness—in FY15 revenue growth plunged to 0.6% only to bounce back to 59% in FY16. The revenue slip warning notwithstanding, management has maintained strong business outlook anchored by healthy order pipeline, which it envisages to drive strong FY19 revenue and profitability spurt. Tejas has also bagged BSNL's INR3.36bn order for expansion of BharatNet. This is expected to be executed in FY19 and will be a key growth driver.

Outlook and valuations: Robust prospects; maintain 'BUY'

We expect Tejas to sustain its growth momentum riding expanding product portfolio and expansion in emerging geographies. Moreover, the stock trades at attractive 16.0x FY20E EPS, considering strong revenue & earnings growth and high return ratios. We maintain 'BUY/Sector Outperformer' recommendation/rating with target price of INR530 (23x FY20E EPS).

Financials

(INR mn)

Year to March	FY17	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Net revenue	8,225	8,687	12,848	14,374
Rev. growth (%)	33.7	5.6	47.9	11.9
EBITDA	1,742	1,923	3,011	3,424
Adjusted Profit	937	925	1,839	2,153
Basic shares outstanding (mn)	67	90	90	91
Adjusted diluted EPS (INR)	13.9	10.0	19.8	23.0
EPS Growth (%)	225.0	(28.3)	97.9	16.5
Diluted P/E (x)	26.4	36.8	18.6	16.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.1	15.2	9.6	7.9
ROAE (%)	21.8	12.1	16.4	16.3

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Absolute Rating	BUY
Rating Relative to Sector	Outperform
Risk Rating Relative to Sector	Medium
Sector Relative to Market	Underweight

MARKET DATA (R: TEJS BO, B: TEJASNET IN)

CMP	: INR 368
Target Price	: INR 530
52-week range (INR)	: 472 / 257
Share in issue (mn)	: 90.7
M cap (INR bn/USD mn)	: 33/ 520
Avg. Daily Vol.BSE/NSE('000)	: 460.5

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Current	Q2FY18	Q1FY18
Promoters *	0.0	0.0	0.0
MF's, FI's & BK's	11.6	10.5	10.0
FII's	18.3	20.0	19.7
Others	70.1	69.5	70.3
* Promoters pledged shares (% of share in issue)	:		NIL

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	Stock	Nifty	EW Telecommunication Index
1 month	6.2	(3.5)	(5.7)
3 months	(4.6)	(2.9)	(17.7)
12months	NA	12.6	12.0

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