

Retail Equity Research (South India Focus)

Ashok Leyland Ltd

Automobile-Commercial

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Accumulate

12Months Investment Period

Rating as per Mid Cap

CMP Rs.114 TARGET Rs.127 RETURN 11% 1

(Closing: 17-03-2022)

KEY CHANGES: TARGET
RATING
EARNINGS

Long term growth visibility intact

Ashok Leyland (AL) is the second-largest Commercial Vehicle (CV) manufacturer in India. It has a strong presence in the truck segment with a market share of 29% as of FY21.

- Q3FY22 revenue grew by 24% QoQ due to pick up in the LCV demand and strong growth registering in the M&HCV segment.
- However, the margin came lower on account of steep rise in raw material cost. We expect the price to show some respite at current level owing to softening commodity price.
- We believe the economic activities to recover gradually at current level and expect meaningful pick up in H2FY22 due to seasonality, improvement in core economic indicators and easing restrictions.
- AL is likely to gain market share owing to new models in ICV (Intermediate CV) & CNG trucks and LCV brand Bada Dost.
- Positively, AL is carrying robust capex plan in Electric vehicle under the UK Subsidiary 'Switch' and to use India as export hub.
- We rollover our valuation to FY24E and value AL at 11x EV/EBITDA and recommend Accumulate rating at CMP.

Truck Volume to gain attraction...

Q3FY22 revenue grew by 24% QoQ due to double digit pick up in the CV segment. The CV volume grew by 24% QoQ (2%YoY). We expect the demand to improve going forward owing to pick up in the construction activity, improvement in retail sales & E-commerce activity. Respite in the steel price at current level and better cost management & price hike taken will expand the margin. During Q3, AL's market share in the truck segment came at 26% from 22% sequentially due to reduction in discounting. For the Quarter, the Heavy truck segment grew by 42% QoQ (16%YoY) in volume and LCV segment grew by 5% QoQ. The Bus segment to recover in the near term and registered a growth of 34% QoQ. The average Bus volume in the industry came to 1/4 from an annual production of 40000. AL is really poised to gain market share in this segment with its new models in Avatar (ICV, Modular platform) and CNG models in Q4.

Medium to long term triggers to remain

We expect the Govt. reform action to support growth in the medium to long term. In addition the company strategic initiative to consolidate all the electric mobility under the UK subsidiary 'Switch' (earlier 'Optare') will augur well for the company . On a medium term the entire electric vehicle business will move to switch , which will also develop EV specific platforms in buses and electric light commercial vehicles. The company is reducing its dependence on the cyclical truck business by increasing the revenue share on export, Defense and power solution. The export segment grew by 25%YoY. In addition, the near term respite in steel price has brought positive sentiments in the industry.

Expansion in the LCV business.

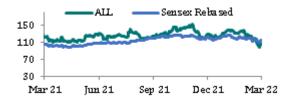
The company has been successful in gaining market share with products like Dost and its variants like Bada Dost, Avatar and Partner models giving a tough time to its competitors. In addition, the company's has embarked a modular platform strategy to reduce the parts per vehicle. This could result in better economies of scale, production planning and improved supply chain management to reduce cost of the vehicle. AL is gaining its market share in the LCV and the growth trend in the segment to continue as the Industry opportunity of LCV is 5 times higher than the HCV, and for this the company is poised to expand its market in North, North east and the SAARC region.

Valuations

To offset the inflated steel price , AL has taken 6% price hike in the last 9 months. and not expecting any further decline in the margin owing to softening commodity price. the volume numbers are currently at its low, and gradually recovering owing to improvement in core economic indicators and strong export. We rollover our valuation to FY24E and value AL at 11x EV/EBITDA and recommend Accumulate rating with a target price of Rs.127 at CMP.

Company Data			
Market Cap (cr)			Rs.32,291
Enterprise Value (cr)			Rs.35,223
Outstanding Shares (cr)			294
Free Float			48.9%
Dividend Yield			0.4%
52 week high			Rs.153
52 week low			Rs.93
6m average volume (cr)			1.7
Beta			1.4
Face value			1
Shareholding (%)	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22
Shareholding (%) Promoters	Q1FY22 51.5	Q2FY22 51.5	Q3FY22 51.5
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over or under performance to benchmark index



Standalone(cr)	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	20,930	29,013	35,919
Growth (%)	36.8	38.6	23.8
EBITDA	774	2,408	3,448
EBITDA Margin(%)	3.7	8.3	9.6
PAT Adj.	-176	1,101	1,954
Growth (%)	-53.3	-726.5	77.5
Adj.EPS	-0.6	3.8	6.7
Growth (%)	-53.3	-726.5	77.5
P/E	-183.2	29.2	16.5
P/B	12.8	12.6	7.2
EV/EBITDA	45.5	13.8	9.2
ROE (%)	-5.6	45.7	71.5
D/E	0.3	0.2	0.2

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Quarterly Financials (Standalone)

Profit & Loss

Rs cr)	Q3FY22	Q3FY21	YoY Growth %	Q2FY22	QoQ Growth %
Sales	5535	4814	15.0	4458	24.2
EBITDA	224	254	-11.8	135	66.2
EBITDA margins	4.0	5.3	-123	3.0	102
Depreciation	190	194	-2.5	184	2.9
EBIT	34	59	-42.3	-50	-169.1
Interest	66.8	65.6	1.8	87.1	-23.3
Other Income	18	34	-48.2	20.9	-15.7
Exceptional Items	42	-46	0	0	0
PBT	27	-18	-248.3	-115.5	-123.4
Tax	21	1	1785.0	-115.5	-118.4
Share of profit from Associate	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	6	-19	-129.8	-83.0	-107.0
Adjustments	-42	46	0	0	0
Adj PAT	-36	27	-236.0	-83.2	-56.5
No. of Shares	293.6	293.6	0	293.6	0
EPS (Rs)	-0.12	0.1	-236.0	-0.3	-56.5

Change in Estimates

	Old est	imates	New es	timates	Chai	ıge %
Year / Rs cr	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	20,212	29,796	20,930	29,013	3.6	-2.6
EBITDA	1088	2682	774	2408	-28.8	-10.2
Margins (%)	5.4	9	3.7	8.3	-170	-70
Adj. PAT	-16	1257	-176	1101	-	-12.4
EPS	-0.1	4.3	-0.6	3.8	-	-12.5





Standalone Financials

PROFIT & LOSS

Y.E March (RsCr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	17467	15301	20930	29013	35919
% change	-39.9	-12.4	36.8	38.6	23.8
EBITDA	1174	535	774	2408	3448
% change	-62.6	-54.4	44.7	211.0	43.2
Depreciation	671	822	756	775	795
EBIT	502	-287	19	1633	2653
Interest	109	307	295	327	278
Other Income	123	120	84	174	251
PBT	393	-594	-276	1306	2376
% change	-85.6	-235.0	-73.8	-1262.6	77.5
Tax	122	-98	-17	379	673
Tax Rate (%)	34.0%	20.2%	13.0%	25.6%	25.6%
Reported PAT	238	-388	-111	1101	1954
Adj.	156	12	-65	0	0
Adj. PAT	394	-376	-176	1101	1954
% change	-80.7	-195.6	-53.3	-726.5	77.5
No. of shares (cr)	294	293	293	293	293
Adj EPS (Rs)	1.3	-1.3	-0.6	3.8	6.7
% change	-80.7	-195.9	-53.3	-726.5	77.5
DPS (Rs)	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.1	4.1

BALANCE SHEET

Y.E March (Rs Cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Cash	1472	535	1098	2312	3349
Accounts Receivable	1180	2816	2867	2385	2952
Inventories	1238	2142	2193	2337	2586
Other Cur. Assets	1503	1290	1606	1987	2165
Investments	3791	4270	4741	4884	5463
Gross Fixed Assets	8349	10028	10298	10858	11418
Net Fixed Assets	5443	5599	5226	5123	5001
CWIP	594	372	472	572	672
Intangible Assets	724	1424	1312	1200	1087
Def. Tax (Net)	-265	-171	-122	-116	-106
Other Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	15681	18279	19394	20684	23169
Current Liabilities	1926	1766	2484	3105	3759
Provisions	806	655	745	1272	1575
Debt Funds	3065	3716	5016	4316	3616
Other Liabilities	2624	5165	5483	6427	7902
Equity Capital	294	294	294	294	294
Reserves & Surplus	6968	6684	5371	5271	6023
Shareholder's Fund	7261	6977	5665	5564	6317
Total Liabilities	15681	18279	19394	20684	23169
BVPS	40	28	18	18	23

CASH FLOW

Y.E March (Rs Cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Net inc. + Depn.	1032	336	628	2256	3422
Non-cash adj.	15	-94	-48	-6	-11
Changes in W.C	-931	-201	739	1605	764
C.F. Operation	-6	139	1335	3476	3503
Capital exp.	-1521	-1456	-370	-660	-660
Change in inv.	-83	-375	-500	300	-200
Other invest.CF	0	0	0	0	0
C.F - Investment	-1604	-1831	-870	-360	-860
Issue of equity	0	0	0	0	0
Issue/repay debt	2666	651	1300	-700	-700
Dividends paid	-1205	-1202	-1202	-1202	-1202
Other finance.CF	0	0	0	0	0
C.F - Finance	1461	756	98	-1902	-1902
Chg. in cash	-149	-937	563	1214	741
Closing cash	1472	535	1098	2312	3053

RATIOS

Y.E March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Profitab & Return					
EBITDA margin (%)	6.7	3.5	3.7	8.3	9.6
EBIT margin (%)	2.9	-1.9	0.1	5.6	7.4
Net profit mgn.(%)	2.3	-2.5	-0.8	3.8	5.4
ROE (%)	6.7	-8.2	-5.6	45.7	71.5
ROCE (%)	2.7	-0.3	0.5	5.8	8.6
W.C & Liquidity					
Receivables (days)	38.5	47.7	49.6	33.0	27.1
Inventory (days)	57.9	54.1	49.4	38.8	34.3
Payables (days)	75.2	59.1	48.4	47.8	47.8
Current ratio (x)	2.4	3.3	2.8	2.4	2.4
Quick ratio (x)	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.6
Turnover &Leverage					
Gross asset T.O (x)	2.5	1.9	2.4	3.2	3.7
Total asset T.O (x)	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6
Int. covge. ratio (x)	4.6	-0.9	0.1	5.0	9.6
Adj. debt/equity (x)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Valuation					
EV/Sales (x)	1.9	2.3	1.7	1.1	0.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	28.0	64.4	45.5	13.8	9.2
P/E (x)	82.0	-85.5	-183.2	29.2	16.5
P/BV (x)	3.2	6.2	12.8	12.6	7.2





Recommendation summary (Last 3 Years)



20 November 2018 Buy 125 21 February 2019 Buy 90 28 May 2019 Buy 112 03 August 2019 Hold 69 02 January 2020 Accumulate 90 19 March 2020 Accumulate 72 10 July 2020 Buy 59 10 November 2020 Accumulate 95
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10 November 2020 Accumulate 95
23 February 2021 Buy 138
29 June 2021 Buy 145
27 September 2021 Buy 147
06 December 2021 Buy 137
17 March 2022 Accumulate 127

Source: Bloomberg, Geojit Research.

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Ratings	Large caps	Midcaps	Small caps
Buy	Upside is above 10%	Upside is above 15%	Upside is above 20%
Accumulate	-	Upside is between 10% - 15%	Upside is between 10% - 20%
Hold	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0% - 10%
Reduce/sell	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%
Not rated/Neutral		-	

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