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Q1FY23 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Pre	vious				
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E				
Rating	ACCU	MULATE	UNDER	REVIEW				
Target Price	1	,194		-				
Sales (Rs. m)	1,11,359	1,18,090	1,00,800	1,05,504				
% Chng.	10.5	11.9						
EBITDA (Rs. m)) 6,737	7,451	6,149	6,626				
% Chng.	9.6	12.5						
EPS (Rs.)	76.4	85.3	67.5	71.2				
% Chnq.	13.3	19.7						

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Sales (Rs. m)	63,880	93,200	1,11,359	1,18,090
EBITDA (Rs. m)	4,191	5,479	6,737	7,451
Margin (%)	6.6	5.9	6.0	6.3
PAT (Rs. m)	1,605	2,566	2,926	3,263
EPS (Rs.)	41.9	67.1	76.4	85.3
Gr. (%)	19.6	59.9	14.0	11.5
DPS (Rs.)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoE (%)	12.5	16.4	17.0	17.6
RoCE (%)	21.2	25.1	28.0	28.4
EV/Sales (x)	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.1	7.8	6.4	5.8
PE (x)	26.8	16.8	14.7	13.2
P/BV (x)	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.2

Key Data	APAR.BO APR IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.1,145 / Rs.556
Sensex / Nifty	57,570 / 17,158
Market Cap	Rs.43bn/ \$ 542m
Shares Outstanding	38m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.370.19m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	60.64
Foreign	5.94
Domestic Institution	17.87
Public & Others	15.55
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	19.6	39.8	68.0
Relative	10.1	38.9	53.6

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Apar Industries (APR IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs1,124 | TP: Rs1,194

Premium products drives healthy performance

Quick Pointers:

- Better volumes growth in conductor's business led by exports and price pass through resulted in robust revenue growth in Q1FY23.
- Revenue contribution from high value products in conductor's segment increased to 47% in Q1FY23 vs 44% in Q1FY22.

Apar Industries (APR) reported a robust quarterly performance driven by strong volume growth, higher exports contribution, increasing contribution of premium products and price pass through. Conductor segment reported healthy volume growth of 63.8% YoY (on low base), while Specialty oil segment volume grew marginally by 0.8% YoY. While exports market likely to continues its strong momentum, domestic conventional conductor is likely to revive in FY23, post challenges faced during Covid years. Transformer Oil is expected to witness stable volume growth in medium term. Management guided for conductor volume to be ~1,30,000MT for FY23, with pickup in conventional conductors. Cables business (20.4% of revenue as on FY22) is likely to grow ~25-30% for FY23, driven by healthy demand for Elastomeric cables from Railways, defense & renewables and strong exports growth.

We believe APR's focus towards value added products and exports business likely to benefit in long run and aid profitability going forward. We revise upwards our EPS estimate by 13.3%/19.7% for FY23/24, factoring in increasing contribution from premium products, expanding international footprints, strong outlook for cables business and management focus on profitable growth. The stock is currently trading at PE of 14.7x/13.2x FY23/24E. Despite earnings revision, we assign 'Accumulate' rating on stock (earlier Under Review) with TP of Rs1,194, valuing it at PE of 14x FY24E, given the recent sharp rally in share price.

Healthy volume drives revenue growth: Consolidated sales grew 70.9% YoY to Rs30.9bn (PLe ~Rs23.9bn) led by growth across all segments. Conductors segment grew 127.8% led by higher volume, Cables grew 59.5% YoY driven by export growth and growth across sub-segments, Transformer & Speciality Oil grew 28.4%. Conductor volume reported a growth of 64% YoY and Specialty oil volume grew 0.8% YoY. EBITDA came in at Rs2.4bn (up83.8% YoY) (PLe ~Rs1.5bn), with EBITDA margins expanding by 54bps YoY to 7.7%, owing to better absorption of fixed overheads. PAT came in at Rs1.2bn, up 96.6% YoY (vs PLe ~Rs634mn), led by strong operational performance.

Increasing share of high value products: Revenue contribution from high value products such as HEC, Copper conductors, OPWG etc increased to 47% in Q1FY23 vs 44% in Q1FY22. Conductor segment reported an order inflow of ~Rs20.2bn up ~30% YoY. Order book as on Q1FY23 stands at Rs36.5bn, of which premium product accounts for 54%.

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Exhibit 1: Healthy growth across all segments

Y/e March	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	YoY gr. (%)	QoQ gr. (%)	FY22	FY21	YoY gr. (%)
Revenue	18,096	22,691	22,288	30,125	30,932	70.9	2.7	93,200	63,880	45.9
Total Revenues	18,096	22,691	22,288	30,125	30,932	70.9	2.7	93,200	63,880	45.9
Expenditure	16,804	21,415	21,118	28,389	28,558	69.9	0.6	87,721	59,689	47.0
as % of sales	92.9	94.4	94.7	94.2	92.3			94.1	93.4	
Consumption of RM	13,653	17,711	17,271	23,443	23,374	71.2	(0.3)	72,078	48,001	50.2
as % of sales	75.4	78.1	77.5	77.8	75.6			78.2	75.1	
Employee Cost	434	411	443	437	483	11.1	10.4	1,725	1,604	7.6
as % of sales	2.4	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.6			1.9	2.5	
Other expenditure	2,717	3,293	3,404	4,509	4,702	73.1	4.3	13,918	10,084	38.0
as % of sales	15.0	14.5	15.3	15.0	15.2			15.1	15.8	
EBITDA	1,292	1,276	1,171	1,736	2,374	83.8	36.8	5,479	4,191	30.7
Depreciation	239	242	249	248	249	4.2	0.4	978	934	4.7
EBIT	1,053	1,034	922	1,487	2,125	101.9	42.9	4,500	3,257	38.2
Other Income	121	47	73	89	45	(63.1)	(49.4)	325	186	74.6
Interest	383	310	256	458	613	60.2	34.0	1,406	1,360	3.4
Extra ordinary items	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA	-	-	
PBT	791	771	739	1,118	1,556	96.7	39.2	3,419	2,083	64.2
Total Tax	168	202	190	293	332	97.3	13.3	853	478	78.5
PAT	623	569	549	826	1,225	96.6	48.3	2,566	1,605	59.9
(Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAT after JV	623	569	549	826	1,225	96.6	48.3	2,566	1,605	59.9
Adjusted PAT	623	569	549	826	1,225	96.6	48.3	2,566	1,605	59.9
Adjusted EPS	16.3	14.9	14.4	21.6	32.0	96.6	48.2	67.1	41.9	59.9
Margins (%)	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	bps	bps	FY22	FY21	Bps
EBIDTA	7.1	5.6	5.3	5.8	7.7	54	191	5.9	6.6	(68)
EBIT	5.8	4.6	4.1	4.9	6.9	105	193	4.8	5.1	(27)
EBT	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.7	5.0	66	132	3.7	3.3	41
PAT	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	4.0	52	122	2.8	2.5	24
Effective Tax rate	21.3	26.2	25.7	26.2	21.3	6	(486)	24.9	22.9	200

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Segmental Performance

Segmental Performance	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	YoY gr. (%)	QoQ gr. (%)	FY22	FY21	YoY gr. (%)
Conductor										
Volume (MT)	21,901	29,191	22,415	33,850	35,877	63.8	6.0	107,357	128,460	(16.4)
Revenue	6,800	10,800	9,390	15,034	15,480	127.6	3.0	42,039	29,080	44.6
EBITDA	350	510	440	592	850	142.9	43.5	1,950	1,000	95.0
EBITDA margin (%)	5.1	4.7	4.7	3.9	5.5	34	155	4.6	3.4	120
EBITDA (Rs/MT)	15,797	17,303	19,835	19,227	23,670	49.8	23.1	18,131	7,764	133.5
Speciality Oil & Lubricant										
Volume (KL)	114,478	113,981	116,109	117,021	115,359	0.8	(1.4)	461,589	399,214	15.6
Revenue	8,320	8,950	9,050	9,284	10,680	28.4	15.0	35,604	23,638	50.6
EBITDA	890	560	740	765	1,180	32.6	54.2	2,910	2,810	3.6
EBITDA margin (%)	10.7	6.3	8.2	8.2	11.0	3	34	8.2	11.9	(31)
EBITDA (Rs/KL)	7,814	4,942	6,401	6,033	10,238	31.0	69.7	6,298	7,043	(10.6)
Cables										
Revenue	4,000	4,250	4,860	6,827	6,380	59.5	(6.6)	19,937	12,695	57.0
EBITDA	260	180	160	225	520	100.0	130.8	1,060	600	76.7
EBITDA margin (%)	6.5	4.2	3.3	3.3	8.2	25.4	147.0	5.5	4.8	14.6

Source: Company, PL



Conference Call Highlights

- Q1FY23, revenue growth was driven by strong volume growth, price pass through and robust exports business growth.
- Exports revenue grew 76% YoY driven by 248% increase in cable export. Export accounted for 42% in Q1FY23 vs 41% in Q1FY22 of total revenue.
- Freight cost have started falling and most of hit from freight cost has been absorb.
- Domestic conventional conductor volumes are likely to improve in FY23, on low base as it was impacted due to Covid-19 for last two years
- Capex: FY23 capex to be ~Rs1.5bn of which ~66% will be towards cables segment.
- Guidance: Management guided for conductor volume to be ~1,30,000MT for FY23 and cable business to grow ~30% for FY23. Conductor EBITDA/ton to be ~Rs17,500ton, while for Oil EBITDA/KL to be ~6000/KI.
- Conductors: Volume grew 64% YoY to 35,877 MT. Revenue grew 128% YoY, owing to strong volume growth, price pass through and strong exports growth (up 120% YoY). High value products contribution increased to 47% in Q1FY23 vs 44% in Q1FY22. EBITDA per MT was at highest level at Rs21,933/MT due to better product mix.
- Speciality Oil: Revenue grew 28% YoY, driven by higher base oil price. Volume grew marginally by 0.8% YoY to 1,15,359 KL. EBITDA post forex adjustment came in strongly at INR 9,712 per KL. Lubricant revenue grew 36% YoY, driven by 26% volume growth.
 - Industrial volume up 31% YoY, Automotive volume up 24% YoY across the board due to lower base last year.
 - Base oil volume are expected to be impacted as customer are struggling to pass on price increase, while transformer oil is expected to report better volume going forward.
- Cables: Revenue grew 60% YoY, led by strong growth across sub-segment, except OFC which were impacted due to slowdown in telecom industry. Exports contributed 43% of sales in Q1FY23 vs 19% in Q1FY22. EBITDA post forex adjustment improved to 7.6% in Q1FY23 vs 6.2% in Q1FY22, owing to better product mix. Management expect volume growth momentum to continue going forward.
 - XLPE cables revenue grew 60% YoY owing to significant increase in exports. Elastomeric cables grew 84% YoY from increased business in renewable energy installations, railways & defence.
 - Management targets for revenue of Rs2bn from Anushakti wires vs Rs1bn in FY22.



Financials

Income Statement (Rs m

Income Statement (Rs m)	EV24	EVOC	EV22E	EVOAF
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Revenues	63,880	93,200	1,11,359	1,18,090
YoY gr. (%)	(14.0)	45.9	19.5	6.0
Cost of Goods Sold	48,001	72,078	85,635	90,693
Gross Profit	15,879	21,122	25,724	27,397
Margin (%)	24.9	22.7	23.1	23.2
Employee Cost	1,604	1,725	2,116	2,303
Other Expenses	10,084	13,918	16,871	17,643
EBITDA	4,191	5,479	6,737	7,451
YoY gr. (%)	(9.9)	30.7	23.0	10.6
Margin (%)	6.6	5.9	6.0	6.3
Depreciation and Amortization	934	978	1,130	1,266
EBIT	3,257	4,500	5,607	6,186
Margin (%)	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.2
Net Interest	1,360	1,406	1,963	2,225
Other Income	186	325	267	402
Profit Before Tax	2,083	3,419	3,911	4,362
Margin (%)	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.7
Total Tax	478	853	986	1,099
Effective tax rate (%)	22.9	24.9	25.2	25.2
Profit after tax	1,605	2,566	2,926	3,263
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	1,605	2,566	2,926	3,263
YoY gr. (%)	19.6	59.9	14.0	11.5
Margin (%)	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.8
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	1,605	2,566	2,926	3,263
YoY gr. (%)	18.8	59.9	14.0	11.5
Margin (%)	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.8
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	1,605	2,566	2,926	3,263
Equity Shares O/s (m)	38	38	38	38
EPS (Rs)	41.9	67.1	76.4	85.3

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs	m)			
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	12,300	13,201	13,784	14,384
Tangibles	12,282	13,184	13,784	14,384
Intangibles	18	16	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	3,521	4,387	5,517	6,783
Tangibles	3,521	4,387	5,517	6,783
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	8,779	8,814	8,267	7,602
Tangibles	8,761	8,798	8,267	7,602
Intangibles	18	16	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	287	383	383	383
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	4	5	5	5
Net Deferred tax assets	(202)	(523)	(523)	(523)
Other Non-Current Assets	514	1,173	668	709
Current Assets				
Investments	600	300	300	300
Inventories	15,627	21,387	23,492	25,236
Trade receivables	18,690	25,424	27,763	28,795
Cash & Bank Balance	2,218	2,666	2,358	3,037
Other Current Assets	3,199	5,841	6,125	6,967
Total Assets	50,087	66,075	69,696	73,387
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	383	383	383	383
Other Equity	13,709	16,770	16,971	19,418
Total Networth	14,092	17,152	17,353	19,800
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	1,916	1,954	2,979	3,429
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	215	575	-	-
Trade payables	30,381	41,225	43,933	44,648
Other current liabilities	3,281	4,646	4,908	4,987
Total Equity & Liabilities	50,087	66,075	69,696	73,387

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
PBT	2,083	3,419	3,911	4,362
Add. Depreciation	935	979	1,130	1,266
Add. Interest	1,002	608	1,963	2,225
Less Financial Other Income	186	325	267	402
Add. Other	(52)	480	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	3,967	5,486	7,004	7,853
Net Changes-WC	(291)	(2,140)	(1,505)	(2,884)
Direct tax	441	908	986	1,099
Net cash from Op. activities	3,235	2,438	4,513	3,870
Capital expenditures	(551)	(1,293)	(584)	(600)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	(554)	386	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(1,105)	(906)	(584)	(600)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	(514)	(226)	450	450
Dividend paid	(1)	(364)	(673)	(816)
Interest paid	(1,103)	(474)	(1,963)	(2,225)
Others	(53)	-	(2,052)	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(1,672)	(1,064)	(4,238)	(2,591)
Net change in cash	458	468	(308)	679
Free Cash Flow	2,677	1,133	3,930	3,270

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

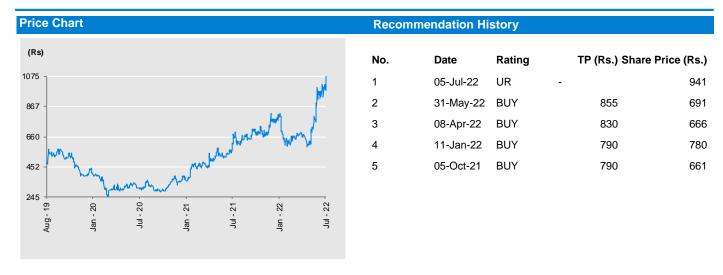
Y/e Mar	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23
Net Revenue	22,691	22,288	30,125	30,932
YoY gr. (%)	52.7	30.0	58.6	70.9
Raw Material Expenses	17,711	17,271	23,443	23,374
Gross Profit	4,980	5,017	6,682	7,558
Margin (%)	21.9	22.5	22.2	24.4
EBITDA	1,276	1,171	1,736	2,374
YoY gr. (%)	9.2	(27.2)	66.2	83.8
Margin (%)	5.6	5.3	5.8	7.7
Depreciation / Depletion	242	249	248	249
EBIT	1,034	922	1,487	2,125
Margin (%)	4.6	4.1	4.9	6.9
Net Interest	310	256	458	613
Other Income	47	73	89	45
Profit before Tax	771	739	1,118	1,556
Margin (%)	3.4	3.3	3.7	5.0
Total Tax	202	190	293	332
Effective tax rate (%)	26.2	25.7	26.2	21.3
Profit after Tax	569	549	826	1,225
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	1	1	-
Adjusted PAT	569	550	826	1,225
YoY gr. (%)	6.3	(33.3)	73.5	96.6
Margin (%)	2.5	2.5	2.7	4.0
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	569	550	826	1,225
YoY gr. (%)	6.3	(33.3)	73.5	96.6
Margin (%)	2.5	2.5	2.7	4.0
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	569	550	826	1,225
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	38	38	38	38
EPS (Rs)	14.9	14.4	21.6	32.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics						
Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E		
Per Share(Rs)						
EPS	41.9	67.1	76.4	85.3		
CEPS	66.4	92.6	106.0	118.3		
BVPS	368.2	448.2	453.4	517.4		
FCF	70.0	29.6	102.7	85.4		
DPS	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
Return Ratio(%)						
RoCE	21.2	25.1	28.0	28.4		
ROIC	20.0	22.5	24.2	25.1		
RoE	12.5	16.4	17.0	17.6		
Balance Sheet						
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	-		
Net Working Capital (Days)	22	22	24	29		
Valuation(x)						
PER	26.8	16.8	14.7	13.2		
P/B	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.2		
P/CEPS	16.9	12.1	10.6	9.5		
EV/EBITDA	10.1	7.8	6.4	5.8		
EV/Sales	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4		
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

Source: Company Data, PL Research





Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	CompanyName	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ABB India	Hold	2,293	2,362
2	Apar Industries	UR	-	941
3	Bharat Electronics	BUY	295	269
4	BHEL	Sell	36	46
5	Cummins India	Accumulate	1,087	1,052
6	Engineers India	BUY	89	60
7	GE T&D India	Hold	102	101
8	Kalpataru Power Transmission	BUY	421	357
9	KEC International	Accumulate	451	397
10	Larsen & Toubro	BUY	2,030	1,751
11	Siemens	Accumulate	2,602	2,522
12	Thermax	Accumulate	2,181	2,049
13	Triveni Turbine	BUY	240	154
14	Voltamp Transformers	UR	-	2,972

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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