CESC

Company Update



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T&D loss remains key for profitability of distribution franchisees

In the past few years, CESC has secured the distribution franchisees (DF) for four states - namely Bikaner, Bharatpur, Kota, and Malegaon. However, these still remain a drag on the company's performance due to various reasons including Covid.

- In FY22, Kota incurred loss of Rs410mn and Malegaon suffered loss of Rs575mn. While Malegaon circle is yet to complete three years, Kota has been reporting loss for the past six years.
- We highlight that Kota witnessed a ~17% decline in its sales in FY21 due to Covid. Although FY22 reported 11% growth, sales in FY22 at Rs8bn still remained below FY20 levels (Rs8.7bn). It is important to note that FY22 T&D loss levels were brought down to 19.2% from 20.4% in FY20, indicating better operational efficiency. During Q1FY23, Kota circle witnessed 17.5% demand growth, and various media articles of Q2 suggest uptick in demand as students have returned to India's coaching capital.
- We believe improvement in the performance of Kota circle, Noida Power, and Dhariwal IPP will lead to decent earnings growth in FY22, which was missing in the past two years. We maintain our BUY rating with March'23 TP of Rs108.
- A look into the performance of DFs in FY22 and Q1FY23: 1) Bharatpur: Sales growth remained muted at 4%, with PAT of Rs22mn. This circle has reported breakeven since FY19. In this circle, T&D loss has come down from 32% to ~13% in the past six years. Since FY20, T&D loss has remained at 12-14%; hence, unless significant improvement in demand is seen, substantial uptick in PAT will not be reported. 2) Bikaner: Sales growth in this circle also remained muted at 2%, with PAT of Rs89mn. This circle has reported breakeven since FY20. In this circle, T&D loss has come down from 28% to ~14% in the past six years. Since FY20, T&D loss has remained at 14-15%. 3) Kota: Sales growth in FY22 stood at 11%, but it was largely due to a 17% decline in FY21. Sales at Rs8bn in FY22 still remain below Rs8.7bn seen in FY20. While sales in FY22 were below FY20 levels, things seem to be turning around on the operational front. T&D loss levels declined to 19.2% in FY22, as against 20.4%/21.8% in FY20/FY21. During Q1FY23, sales growth stood at 17.5%; hence, we believe, there will be significant improvement in performance of Kota circle in the next 18 months. Loss levels in FY22 stood at Rs410mn. 4) Malegaon: Loss stood at Rs575mn. T&D loss levels have remained high at 35-39% during FY21-FY22. We believe improvement in this circle will take some more time.
- Valuation and outlook: CESC will likely see double-digit earnings growth in FY23 with 210MW medium-term PPA of Dhariwal (Q1FY23 PAT of Rs750mn vs. Rs250mn YoY), expectation of lower loss in Kota, and demand growth in Noida. We maintain BUY with March'23 TP of Rs108. Risks include: Higher T&D loss levels and lower demand growth.

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Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	1,16,320	1,25,440	1,27,762	1,33,045	1,38,637
EBITDA	35,910	36,540	37,805	38,244	39,017
EBITDA Margin (%)	30.9	29.1	29.6	28.7	28.1
APAT	13,310	13,590	15,048	15,676	16,410
EPS (Rs)	10.0	10.2	11.3	11.8	12.3
EPS (% chg)	5.0	2.1	10.7	4.2	4.7
ROE (%)	13.8	13.4	13.9	13.4	13.0
P/E (x)	7.9	7.8	7.0	6.7	6.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.2	4.8
P/BV (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8

CMP Target Price as of (September 25, 2022)

Rs 108 (I)

Rating BUY (■) **Upside** 36.2 %

Change in Estimates	
EPS Chg FY23E/FY24E (%)	-/
Target Price change (%)	-
Target Period (Months)	12
Previous Reco	BUY
Emkay vs Consensus	

EPS Estimates

	FY23E	FY24E
Emkay	11.3	11.8
Consensus	11.6	12.9
Mean Consensus TP (12	2M)	Rs 105
Stock Details		
Bloomberg Code		CESC IN
Face Value (Rs)		1
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,326
52 Week H/L		102 / 68
M Cap (Rs bn/USD bn)		105 / 1.30
Daily Avg Volume (nos.)		25,00,985
Daily Avg Turnover (USS	mn)	2.4

Shareholding Pattern Jun '22	
Promoters	52.1%
Fils	13.9%
DIIs	21.3%
Public and Others	12.6%

Price Performance							
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M			
Absolute	2	15	5	(8)			
Rel. to Nifty	3	3	5	(5)			

Relative price chart



Source: Bloomberg

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Key Financials (Consolidated)

Income Statement

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	1,16,320	1,25,440	1,27,762	1,33,045	1,38,637
Expenditure	80,410	88,900	89,957	94,801	99,620
EBITDA	35,910	36,540	37,805	38,244	39,017
Depreciation	8,670	8,850	9,038	9,268	9,500
EBIT	27,240	27,690	28,767	28,976	29,517
Other Income	2,420	2,760	3,000	3,120	3,245
Interest expenses	12,140	11,290	11,885	11,557	11,254
PBT	17,520	19,160	19,882	20,539	21,507
Tax	3,890	5,110	4,374	4,519	4,732
Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	(320)	(460)	(460)	(344)	(365)
Reported Net Income	13,310	13,590	15,048	15,676	16,410
Adjusted PAT	13,310	13,590	15,048	15,676	16,410

Balance Sheet

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity share capital	1,332	1,332	1,332	1,332	1,332
Reserves & surplus	97,400	1,02,640	1,11,384	1,20,648	1,30,039
Net worth	98,732	1,03,972	1,12,716	1,21,980	1,31,371
Minority Interest	3,970	4,340	4,800	5,144	5,509
Loan Funds	1,24,650	1,47,390	1,44,557	1,44,639	1,44,639
Net deferred tax liability	41,590	42,870	42,870	42,870	42,870
Total Liabilities	2,68,942	2,98,572	3,04,943	3,14,634	3,24,389
Net block	2,39,710	2,30,190	2,29,307	2,32,358	2,28,809
Investment	3,090	4,590	4,590	4,590	4,590
Current Assets	93,502	1,16,812	1,23,819	1,32,455	1,45,645
Cash & bank balance	18,580	32,500	38,830	46,288	58,244
Other Current Assets	42,522	51,432	51,590	51,750	51,914
Current liabilities & Provision	70,960	56,020	55,773	57,769	57,655
Net current assets	22,542	60,792	68,046	74,685	87,990
Misc. exp	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	2,68,942	2,98,572	3,04,943	3,14,634	3,24,389

Cash Flow

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep)	15,100	16,400	16,882	17,419	18,263
Other Non-Cash items	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in working cap	(13,454)	(23,050)	(924)	819	(1,349)
Operating Cashflow	27,990	8,007	32,439	34,438	33,043
Capital expenditure	(6,800)	980	(8,155)	(12,320)	(5,951)
Free Cash Flow	21,190	8,987	24,284	22,118	27,092
Investments	(1,290)	(1,500)	0	0	0
Other Investing Cash Flow	(9,160)	0	0	0	0
Investing Cashflow	(14,830)	2,240	(5,155)	(9,200)	(2,706)
Equity Capital Raised	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Taken / (Repaid)	2,834	22,740	(2,833)	82	0
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(5,940)	(6,030)	(6,304)	(6,412)	(7,020)
Other Financing Cash Flow	876	(1,747)	69	106	(106)
Financing Cashflow	(14,370)	3,674	(20,954)	(17,780)	(18,381)
Net chg in cash	(1,210)	13,920	6,330	7,458	11,956
Opening cash position	19,790	18,580	32,500	38,830	46,288
Closing cash position	18,580	32,500	38,830	46,288	58,244

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Key Ratios

Profitability (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA Margin	30.9	29.1	29.6	28.7	28.1
EBIT Margin	23.4	22.1	22.5	21.8	21.3
Effective Tax Rate	22.2	26.7	22.0	22.0	22.0
Net Margin	11.7	11.2	12.1	12.0	12.1
ROCE	11.2	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.3
ROE	13.8	13.4	13.9	13.4	13.0
RoIC	8.9	8.1	8.7	8.7	8.9

Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	10.0	10.2	11.3	11.8	12.3
CEPS	16.5	16.8	18.1	18.7	19.4
BVPS	74.1	78.0	84.6	91.6	98.6
DPS	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.3

Valuations (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PER	7.9	7.8	7.0	6.7	6.4
P/CEPS	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.0
P/BV	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
EV / Sales	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
EV / EBITDA	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.2	4.8
Dividend Yield (%)	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.6

Gearing Ratio (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Debt/ Equity	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6
Net Debt/EBIDTA	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.1
Working Cap Cycle (days)	12.4	82.3	83.5	77.9	78.3

Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	(4.3)	7.8	1.9	4.1	4.2
EBITDA	(4.9)	1.8	3.5	1.2	2.0
EBIT	(6.9)	1.7	3.9	0.7	1.9
PAT	5.0	2.1	10.7	4.2	4.7

Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23
Revenue	19,310	20,910	16,620	16,100	23,470
EBITDA	3,110	4,190	2,120	1,760	3,940
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.1	20.0	12.8	10.9	16.8
PAT	1,380	2,350	1,840	2,590	1,380
EPS (Rs)	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Shareholding Pattern (%)	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22
Promoters	49.9	52.1	52.1	52.1	52.1
Fils	13.4	13.0	13.5	13.8	13.9
DIIs	23.6	23.0	22.1	21.0	21.3
Public and Others	13.1	12.0	12.4	13.1	12.6

Source: Capitaline

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY TABLE

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Date	Closing Price	TP	Period (months)	Rating	Analyst
11-Sep-22	83	108	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Jun-22	71	108	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
09-Jun-22	78	108	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
15-May-22	79	108	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
22-Feb-22	76	101	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
13-Jan-22	92	101	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
22-Nov-21	84	101	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Jul-21	85	98	12m	Buy	Abhineet Anand

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY CHART



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research

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Emkay Alpha Portfolio - Eng. & Capital Goods, Infra, Power



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Sector

Engineering, Infra and Power

Analyst bio

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Company Name	BSE200 Weight	EAP Weight	OW/UW (%)	OW/UW (bps)	Weight based on Current NAV	published EAP
Engineering & Capital Goods, Infra, Power	3.71	3.71	0%	0	100.00	
Action Construction Equipments	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00	0
HG Infra Engineering	0.00	0.00	NA	0	0.00	0
Kalpataru Power	0.00	0.21	NA	21	5.70	0
KEC International	0.00	0.21	NA	21	5.65	0
Larsen & Toubro	2.15	1.51	-30%	-64	40.74	0
CESC	0.00	0.35	NA	35	9.54	0

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Source: Emkay Research

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EAP sector portfolio

■ High Conviction/Strong Over Weight ■ High Conviction/Strong Under Weight

Sector portfolio NAV

	Base				_	Latest
	1-Apr-19	23-Sep-21	24-Mar-22	23-Jun-22	23-Aug-22	22-Sep-22
EAP - Engineering & Capital Goods, Infra, Pow er	100.0	132.4	132.3	113.2	116.7	117.3
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	100.0	127.5	129.1	113.2	115.9	117.5

*Performance measurement base date 1st April 2019

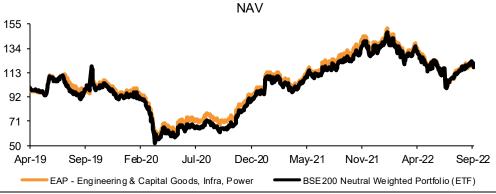
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Price Performance (%)

	1m	3m	6m	12m
EAP - Engineering & Capital Goods, Infra, Power	0.6%	3.6%	-11.3%	-11.4%
BSE200 Neutral Weighted Portfolio (ETF)	1.3%	3.8%	-9.0%	-7.9%

Source: Emkay Research

NAV chart



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