Action Construction Equipment (ACTCON)

Target: ₹ 385 (22%) Target Period: 12 months

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About the stock: Action Construction Equipment (ACE) is an Indian construction equipment and material handling company.

- ACE has eight manufacturing and one R&D site in Faridabad, Haryana
- The company has a capacity of 12000 construction equipment and 9000 tractors annually
- ACE's product portfolio is divided into four main categories viz. agricultural equipment, construction equipment, road construction equipment and earth-moving machinery

Q2FY23 Results: ACE reported good Q2FY23 results.

- Revenue for the quarter was at ₹ 491.8 crore, up 36% YoY, down 1% QoQ
- Absolute EBIDTA was at ₹ 45 crore, up 11% QoQ & 29% YoY
- PAT was at ₹ 33.9 crore vs. ₹ 23 crore in Q2FY22 & ₹ 45.3 crore in Q2FY23

What should investors do? ACE continues to tread on its growth path. The management has upgraded revenue guided for 25% growth across segments.

• We continue to remain positive and retain our **BUY** rating on the stock

Target Price and Valuation: We value ACE at ₹ 385 i.e. 20x PE (FY24E).

Key triggers for future price performance:

- Cranes segment is doing well. Contract from Government of Ghana and strong traction from the defence sector
- Upcoming government & private capex are providing fillip to the sector

Alternate Stock Idea: We also like SKF in our capital goods coverage.

- It is one of the leading bearing manufacturers known for its deep groove ball bearings and has a presence across the industrial and auto sector
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 5215 i.e. 40x P/E on FY24E EPS



Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalization	3,751
Total Debt (FY22) (₹ crore)	8
Cash and Inv (FY22) (₹ crore)	185
EV (FY22) (₹ crore)	3,634
52 week H/L (₹) (BSE)	242 /175
Equity capital (₹ crore)	11.9
Face value (₹)	2

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	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22							
Promoters	66.8%	66.8%	66.8%	66.8%							
FII	3.3%	4.8%	4.7%	4.9%							
DII	3.9%	3.5%	4.2%	4.6%							
Others	26.1%	24.9%	24.5%	23.8%							



Recent event & key risks

- Capex plans & infra activities
- Key Risk: (i) Delay in acquisition (ii) Inability to achieve meaningful growth in CE & agri segments

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Key Financial Summary	
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(Year-end March)	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	5 Year CAGR (FY17-FY22)	FY23E	FY24E	2 Year CAGR (FY22-FY24E)
Revenue	1,343.2	1,156.2	1,227.0	1,629.6	15.6	2,052.7	2,518.3	24.3
EBITDA	98.5	91.6	119.4	151.4	33.3	250.4	319.8	45.3
EBITDA margin (%)	7.3	7.9	9.7	9.3		12.2	12.7	
Net Profit	56.1	52.5	80.2	105.0	49.6	180.1	228.8	47.6
EPS (₹)	4.9	4.6	7.1	8.8		15.1	19.2	
P/E (x)	51.7	56.7	44.6	35.7		20.8	16.4	
EV/EBITDA (x)	29.7	33.1	29.9	24.0		14.3	11.0	
RoCE (%)	25.3	19.3	26.9	23.0		25.6	26.7	
RoE (%)	12.8	11.9	15.3	13.9		18.3	18.9	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

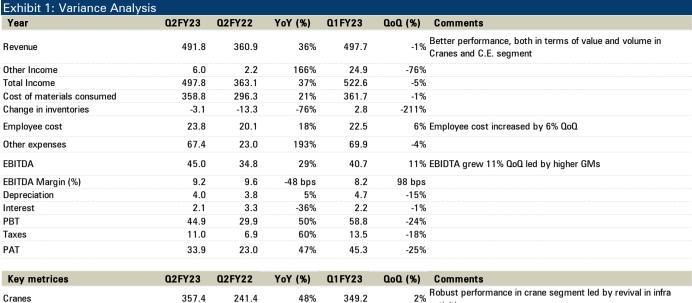
Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

Q2FY23 Results: Strong performance, agri segment laggard...

- Revenue for the quarter came in at ₹ 491.8 crore, up 36% YoY and down 1.1% QoQ. Segmental performance was as follows. Crane segment revenue came in at ₹ 357.4 crore vs. ₹ 349.2 crore in Q1FY23. EBIT margins for the quarter were at 12.8%. Construction equipment segment revenue came in at ₹ 54.2 crore vs. ₹ 52 crore in Q1FY23. EBIT margins for the quarter were at 6.6%. Material handling segment revenue came in at ₹ 35.6 crore vs. ₹ 37.9 crore in Q1FY23 with EBIT margins of 10.4%. Agri segment revenue came in at ₹ 44.7 crore vs. ₹ 58.6 crore in Q1FY23
- Gross margins increased ~93 bps QoQ. EBIDTA margins came in at 9.2% vs. 8.2% QoQ, Improving EBITDA margins are due to higher GMs. Absolute EBIDTA came in at ₹ 45 crore, up11% QoQ
- Employee cost was at ₹ 23.8 crore, up 6% QoQ. Other expenses were at ₹ 67.4 crore, down 4% QoQ
- Ensuing PAT came in at ₹ 33.9 crore vs. ₹ 45.3 crore in Q1FY23 and ₹ 23 crore in Q2FY22. Q1FY23 PAT was cushioned by other income of ₹ 24.9 crore

Q2FY23 Earnings Conference Call highlights

- Revenue guidance for FY23: Cranes segment 25% growth, material handling 15% growth, agri segment 15-20% growth and construction equipment 30-35% growth. Total growth is expected to be in the range of 25% with sustainable EBITDA margins for FY23, EBITDA margins to further improve on in FY24E on account of operating leverage and cooling of raw material prices and expected to reach 11.5-12.5% in FY24E.
- In H1FY23, there was pressure on EBITDA margins due to high inflation, macroeconomic environment and rising cost of material prices but lately raw material prices have either cooled off or remained range bound due to which better EBITDA margins can be seen in H2FY23.
- The company is planning another price hike in the first week of the next calendar year i.e. January 1, 2023.
- Customers who were reluctant to buy new machines finally moved back to the market after a cool-off in raw material prices.
- Working capital is on the higher side due to higher inventories. It is expected to return to normal by Q3FY23 end.
- The company has done a capex of ₹ 35 crore for 40 tonnes cranes capacity, which will improve to 200 cranes per year. Revenues are expected to be in the range of ₹ 350-400 crore.
- Construction equipment did not perform well in the last quarter due to BS4 norms due to which the industry also de-grew 30% in H1FY23. Agri segment is expected to see a good performance in subsequent quarters.
- One of the acquisitions is struck on valuation. Other backward integration
 will take some time. The Ghana project is also on the right track. Recurring
 revenues are expected to start from next quarter.
- The company has received an export order, revenues of which will start reflecting in Q3FY23.
- Capacity utilisation for cranes 70%, material handling 65%, construction equipment 35% and agri 40%. Capacity utilisation is expected to increase 10-15% in all segments by FY23 end.
- Capex plans for FY23 are at ₹ 45-50 crore.



Key metrices	Q2FY23	Q2FY22	YoY (%)	Q1FY23	QoQ (%) Comments
Cranes	357.4	241.4	48%	349.2	Robust performance in crane segment led by revival in infra activities
EBIT Margin %	12.8%	11.3%		10.9%	
EBIT	45.7	27.2	68%	38.2	20%
Construction Equipment	54.2	39.9	36%	52.0	4% Improved EBIT margins due to recent price hike
EBIT Margin %	6.6%	5.2%		4.3%	
EBIT	3.6	2.1	73%	2.3	59%
Material Handling	35.6	37.5	-5%	37.9	-6% Material handling to perform better in coming quarters
EBIT Margin %	10.4%	12.0%		11.1%	
EBIT	3.7	4.5	-18%	4.2	-12%
Agri Equipment	44.7	42.1	6%	58.6	-24% Agri segment poised to perform after moosoon season
EBIT Margin %	9.6%	8.0%		2.4%	
EBIT	4.3	3.4	28%	1.4	202%

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 2: Change in estimates													
	FY20	FY21	FY22		FY23E			FY24E					
(₹ Crore)	Actual	Actual	Actual	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change				
Revenue	1,156.2	1,227.0	1,629.6	2,013	2,052.7	2.0	2,468.3	2,518.3	2.0				
EBITDA	91.6	119.0	151.4	231	250.4	8.2	303.6	319.8	5.3				
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.9	9.7	9.3	11.5	12.2	70 bps	12.3	12.7	40 bps				
PAT	52.0	80.0	105.0	166	180.1	8.5	216.8	228.8	5.5				
EPS (₹)	4.6	7.1	8.8	13.9	15.1	8.5	18.2	19.2	5.5				

Source: ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

Exhibit 3: Profit and loss statement ₹ cro									
(Year-ended-March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E					
Revenue	1,227	1,629.6	2,052.7	2,518.3					
Total Raw Material Costs	962	1307	1591	1939					
Employee Expenses	72	85	105	128					
Other expenses	74	86	107	131					
Total Operating Expenditure	1,108	1,478	1,802	2,198					
EBITDA	119	151	250	320					
EBITDA Margins	9.7%	9.3%	12.2%	12.7%					
EBITDA Growth %		26.9%	65.4%	27.7%					
Other Income	15	15	8	10					
Interest	12	14	1	1					
PBDT	3	1	8	10					
Depreciation	14	15	15	20					
PBT before Excep item	108	137	243	309					
Total Tax	28	32	63	80					
PAT before MI	80	105	180	229					
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0					
PAT	80	105	180	229					
% Growth	52.8	31.0	71.5	27.0					
EPS	7.1	8.8	15.1	19.2					

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 4: Cash flow statemen	t		₹	crore
(Year-ended-March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Profit after Tax	80	105	180	229
Add: Depreciation	14	15	15	20
Interest	12	14	1	1
(Inc)/decrease in CA	(59)	(71)	(270)	(128)
(Inc)/decrease in CL and prov	42	42	143	48
CF from Operations	106	104	78	180
(Inc)/decrease in Fixed Assets	(18)	(69)	(83)	(83)
Others	5	(83)	14	16
CF from Investing	(12)	(153)	(68)	(67)
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	-	136	-	-
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	(23)	(43)	-	-
Dividend paid & dividend tax	(6)	(7)	(14)	(18)
Others	(25)	12	(29)	(29)
CF from Financing	(54)	98	(44)	(48)
Net Cash flow	40	49	(34)	65
Opening Cash/Cash Equivalent	10	50	99	65
Closing Cash/ Cash Equivalent	50	99	65	131

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 5: Balance Sheet				₹ crore
(Year-ended-March)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Capital	23	24	24	24
Reserve and Surplus	501	730	959	1184
Total Shareholders funds	523	754	983	1207
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0
Other Non Current Liabilities	18	17	12	12
Total Debt	51	8	8	8
Sources of Funds	593	779	1,003	1,228
Gross Block	488	536	630	713
Acc: Depreciation	135	151	165	185
Net Block	416	437	458	498
Capital WIP	13	34	23	23
Total Fixed Assets	429	472	480	520
Non Current Assets	36	106	113	119
Inventory	266	343	422	517
Debtors	225	189	366	379
Loans and Advances	0	0	0	0
Other Current Assets	38	68	82	101
Cash & Equivalent	37	14	65	131
Investments	25	110	120	120
Total Current Assets	591	725	1055	1249
Current Liabilities	463	503	646	694
Net Current Assets	128	222	409	554
Application of Funds	593	779	1,003	1,228

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: Key ratios				
	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per Share Data				
EPS	7.1	8.8	15.1	19.2
BV	46.1	63.3	82.5	101.4
Dividend per share	0.5	0.6	1.2	1.5
Dvidend payout ratio	7.1	6.8	8.0	8.0
Operating Ratios				
EBITDA Margin	9.7	9.3	12.2	12.7
PAT Margin	6.5	6.4	8.8	9.1
Return Ratios				
RoE	15.3	13.9	18.3	18.9
RoCE	26.9	23.0	25.6	26.7
RoIC	28.0	26.8	31.4	33.5
Valuation Ratios				
EV / EBITDA	29.9	24.0	14.3	11.0
P/E	44.6	35.7	20.8	16.4
EV / Net Sales	2.9	2.2	1.7	1.4
Market Cap / Sales	2.9	2.3	1.8	1.5
Price to Book Value	6.8	5.0	3.8	3.1
Turnover Ratios				
Asset turnover	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1
Debtors Turnover Ratio	5.5	8.6	5.6	6.6
Creditors Turnover Ratio	3.7	4.5	4.3	4.7
Solvency Ratios				
Debt / Equity	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
Quick Ratio	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



Exhibit 7: ICICI Direct cover	age un	iverse	(Capi	tal Goo	ds)											
Company	CMP			M Cap	ı	EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		R	oCE (%)	F	RoE (%)	
	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
L&T (LARTOU)	1,978	2,355	Buy	277553	56.8	66.1	76.7	34.8	29.9	25.8	8.9	9.3	11.6	12.1	12.9	13.6
Siemens Ltd	2,926	3,660	Buy	104201	29.5	36.7	50.5	99.2	79.7	57.9	13.9	15.7	19.2	10.1	11.6	14.2
AIA Engineering (AIAENG)	2,629	3,011	Buy	24797	64.6	79.8	86.0	40.7	32.9	30.6	16.5	17.9	17.1	13.2	14.3	13.6
Thermax (THERMA)	2,347	2,405	Buy	27966	26.2	38.7	53.4	89.5	60.7	43.9	11.3	15.4	18.7	8.9	12.0	14.6
KEC International (KECIN)	410	515	Buy	10541	12.9	15.4	30.3	31.7	26.6	13.5	11.9	13.8	20.5	10.6	10.7	17.9
Greaves Cotton (GREAVE)	151	209	Buy	3491	0.7	3.5	3.6	213.3	42.8	42.2	2.5	9.4	10.7	1.3	6.7	7.7
Elgi Equipment (ELGEQU)	508	520	Hold	16099	7.2	9.4	11.4	71.0	54.1	44.5	19.0	21.4	22.0	19.8	21.3	21.1
Bharat Electronics (BHAELE)	107	135	Buy	78215	3.2	3.8	4.5	33.4	28.2	23.8	26.1	28.4	30.0	19.5	21.2	22.4
Cochin Shipyard (COCSHI)	583	445	Buy	7669	42.9	38.6	42.3	13.6	15.1	13.8	10.9	12.5	12.7	12.7	10.8	11.1
SKF (SKFIND)	4,800	5,215	Buy	23730	77.0	108.7	130.3	62.3	44.2	36.8	26.0	30.7	31.3	20.6	23.3	23.4
Timken India (TIMIND)	2,820	3,561	Buy	21212	43.5	61.3	71.2	64.8	46.0	39.6	25.3	36.2	42.0	19.7	27.9	32.2
NRB Bearing (NRBBEA)	150	220	Buy	1454	7.8	9.2	12.1	19.2	16.3	12.4	15.0	15.3	19.2	12.6	12.6	14.8
Action Construction (ACTCON)	316	365	Buy	3763	8.8	15.1	19.2	35.9	20.9	16.5	23.0	25.6	26.7	13.9	18.3	18.9
Data Patterns (DATPAT)	1325	1,555	Buy	6875	18.1	22.0	30.4	73.2	60.3	43.6	23.8	24.9	28.4	16.4	18.2	21.0
HAL (HINAER)	2,435	2,860	Buy	81424	151.9	130.9	143.1	16.0	18.6	17.0	27.4	30.6	30.8	26.3	23.2	23.4
ABB (ABB)	3,173	3,275	Buy	67239	25.5	38.9	43.7	124.6	81.6	72.6	45.0	49.2	64.9	11.2	13.0	17.6
Ador Welding (ADOWEL)	789	890	Buy	1073	33.2	37.5	49.3	23.8	21.0	16.0	19.9	23.8	26.8	13.6	17.1	19.3
Bharat Dynamics (BHADYN)	978	1,068	Buy	17925	27.3	33.0	42.7	28.9	23.9	18.5	24.6	24.7	27.9	17.3	17.7	20.0
Mazagon Dock (MAZDOC)	771	562	Buy	15550	30.3	31.2	40.1	26.1	25.3	19.7	20.0	18.1	20.9	16.1	14.6	16.6

Source: Bloomberg, ICICI Direct Research

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