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Q2FY23 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Pre	vious
	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E
Rating	E	BUY	ı	BUY
Target Price	:	200		200
Sales (Rs. m)	3,64,911	4,22,722	3,57,106	4,04,157
% Chng.	2.2	4.6		
EBITDA (Rs. n	n) 35,032	43,963	35,353	43,245
% Chng.	(0.9)	1.7		
EPS (Rs.)	6.9	9.3	7.0	9.1
% Chng.	(1.5)	2.0		

Key Financials - Standalone

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Sales (Rs. bn)	217	299	365	423
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	10	22	35	44
Margin (%)	4.6	7.2	9.6	10.4
PAT (Rs. bn)	0	9	20	27
EPS (Rs.)	0.1	2.9	6.9	9.3
Gr. (%)	(105.7)	4,899.2	136.7	33.5
DPS (Rs.)	0.0	1.7	4.2	5.6
Yield (%)	0.0	1.2	2.8	3.8
RoE (%)	0.2	11.5	25.2	30.1
RoCE (%)	2.2	13.3	24.8	31.4
EV/Sales (x)	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	44.8	20.7	12.5	9.7
PE (x)	2,516.9	50.3	21.3	15.9
P/BV (x)	5.9	5.6	5.1	4.5

Key Data	ASOK.BO AL IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.169 / Rs.93
Sensex / Nifty	61,795 / 18,350
Market Cap	Rs.434bn/ \$ 5,368m
Shares Outstanding	2,936m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.2079.96m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	51.54
Foreign	13.45
Domestic Institution	21.94
Public & Others	13.07
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(0.9)	27.0	0.9
Relative	(8.4)	11.2	(2.1)

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Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs148 | TP: Rs200

Operating leverage to benefit margins

Quick Pointers:

- AL's domestic MHCV market share improved to ~32% vs 27% of FY22 end.
- Benefit of softening commodity costs likely to flow into margins in 2H along with retention of price hikes (~4-4.5% in F23-YTD).

Ashok Leyland's (AL) 2QFY23 EBITDAM at 6.4% came in-line with our estimates, led by operating leverage kicking-in (volumes +14% QoQ). GM (+130bps QoQ) expansion would have been more, but for higher inventory situation (especially in bigger vehicles). Steel prices stand down at Rs 10/kg (was up Rs 5/kg in 1Q), hence benefit of commodity cost softening will likely flow into margins in 2H along with retention of price hikes (~4-4.5% in F23-YTD). AL's domestic MHCV share improved to ~32% vs 27% at the end of FY22 (peak of 34.2% in FY18). We expect market share expansion to continue on the back of network expansion and new product launches. Demand scenario remains robust for CV industry along with bus segment coming back.

Going ahead, we believe AL will continue to regain its lost share on the back model launches and revival in bus segment. Additionally, price retention due to demand and softening of commodity prices will lead to margin expansion (we build in EBITDA margin expansion of 300bps over FY23-25E). Our revenue estimates increase by 2.2/4.6% for FY24/25 as we factor in robust demand scenario and consistent price hikes. Maintain 'BUY' with a target price of Rs 200 at 14x Sep-24E EV/EBITDA and ~Rs 12 for HLF.

2QFY23 financial performance: AL's volumes at 45.3k units grew 14% QoQ. However, realization growth was flat. Revenue came in at Rs 82.6bn vs PLe: Rs 83.3bn. EBITDA margin at 6.5% (+210 bps QoQ) came in-line with our estimates. GM expanded 130bps QoQ, despite higher inventory. Steel prices witnessed an increase of Rs 5/kg in 1Q, however is down Rs 10/kg in 2Q, hence benefit from commodity cost softening will flow in from 2H. APAT at Rs 1.93bn (Rs 583mn QOQ) was lower than expected, led by higher tax rates (36.1% vs 28.1/36.8% YoY/QoQ).

Key takeaways: (1) Demand outlook: Volumes for buses have started to kick-off and will benefit AL, as it remains market leader in this segment. Freight rates have held-up coupled with healthy freight availability supporting fleet operator viability. Though volumes for Dost and Bada Dost are limited due to chip supply issues, these products hold immense export potential. AL plans to launch electric version of these models in mid-2023, considering strong demand requirement for last mile deliveries. (2) Market share gain continues: AL's domestic MHCV market share has improved to ~32% vs 27% at the end of FY22. We believe this is not only led by CV upcycle, but also by its AVTR range of products which provides better cost of ownership. Market share gains is also supported by intelligent network expansion (especially in the North and East). (3) Margin improvement going ahead: Benefit of softening commodity costs is likely to flow into margins by Q3. Additionally, retention of price hikes remains a big positive. Company had taken a 1.8-1.9% increase in Q1 and another 1% in 2Q. Recently, it has announced an increase of additional 1.5%. (4) Export markets: Company is facing certain challenges caused by the global recessionary scenario, however, for AL middle-eastern markets are performing well. It has extended its network throughout African continent over last 6-9 months and appointed 15 new distributors.



Exhibit 1: Q2FY23 Result Overview (Rs m)

Y/e March	2QFY23	2QFY22	YoY gr. (%)	1QFY23	QoQ gr. (%)	1HFY23	1HFY22	YoY gr. (%)
Net Revenues	82,660	44,579	85.4	72,229	14.4	1,54,888	74,088	109.1
Raw Materials	64,466	34,185	88.6	57,281	12.5	1,21,746	56,058	117.2
% of Net Sales	78.0	76.7		79.3		78.6	75.7	
Personnel	5,271	4,003	31.7	4,454	18.3	9,725	8,246	17.9
% of Net Sales	6.4	9.0		6.2		6.3	11.1	
Manufacturing & Other Exp	7,550	5,043	49.7	7,291	3.5	14,841	9,839	50.8
% of Net Sales	9.1	11.3		10.1		9.6	13.3	
Total Expenditure	77,286	43,232	78.8	69,026	12.0	1,46,312	74,143	97.3
EBITDA	5,373	1,347	298.9	3,203	67.8	8,576	(54)	NA
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.5	3.0		4.4		5.5	-0.1	
Depreciation	1,768	1,843	(4.1)	1,824	(3.1)	3,592	3,678	(2.3)
EBIT	3,605	(496)	NA	1,379	161.5	4,984	(3,732)	NA
Interest Expenses	771	871	(11.5)	689	11.9	1,459	1,578	(7.5)
Non-operating income	200	209	(4.5)	256	(22.0)	456	343	32.9
Extraordinary items	82	2		130		212	(15)	
PBT	3,117	(1,155)	NA	1,077	189.6	4,194	(4,981)	NA
Tax-Total	1,124	(325)	NA	396	183.9	1,520	(1,328)	NA
Tax Rate (%) - Total	36.1	28.1		36.8		36.2	26.7	
Reported PAT	1,993	(830)	NA	681	192.9	2,674	(3,653)	NA
Adj. PAT	1,931	(832)	NA	583	231.3	2,514	(3,642)	NA
PAT Margin (%)	2.3	-1.9		0.8		1.6	-4.9	

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	1QFY23	1QFY22	Yo Y gr. (%)	4QFY22	QoQ gr. (%)	1QFY23	1QFY22	YoY gr. (%)
Sales Volume (nos)	45,295	27,543	64.5	39,651	14.2	84,946	45,530	86.6
Net Realisation/Vehicle	18,24,914	16,18,506	12.8	18,21,606	0.2	18,23,370	16,27,244	12.1
Material cost / vehicle	14,23,243	12,41,165	14.7	14,44,617	(1.5)	14,33,220	12,31,230	16.4
Gross Profit / vehicle	4,01,671	3,77,341	6.4	3,76,989	6.5	3,90,150	3,96,014	(1.5)
Employee cost /vehicle	1,16,359	1,45,336	(19.9)	1,12,333	3.6	1,14,480	1,81,114	(36.8)
Other expenses / vehicle	1,66,681	1,83,103	(9.0)	1,83,882	(9.4)	1,74,710	2,16,088	(19.1)
EBITDA/vehicle	1,18,631	48,902	142.6	80,775	46.9	1,00,961	(1,188)	(8,596.7)
Net Profit/vehicle	44,003	(30,138)	NA	17,162	156.4	31,474	(80,233)	NA

Source: Company, PL



Financials

Income Statement (Rs m
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Income Statement (Rs m)	EVOC	FVOOF	EV04E	EVOCE
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenues	2,16,883	2,99,348	3,64,911	4,22,722
YoY gr. (%)	41.7	38.0	21.9	15.8
Cost of Goods Sold	1,67,611	2,30,797	2,74,778	3,14,082
Gross Profit	49,272	68,551	90,133	1,08,639
Margin (%)	22.7	22.9	24.7	25.7
Employee Cost	16,946	19,158	22,260	27,477
Other Expenses	22,381	27,839	32,842	37,200
EBITDA	9,945	21,553	35,032	43,963
YoY gr. (%)	85.8	116.7	62.5	25.5
Margin (%)	4.6	7.2	9.6	10.4
Depreciation and Amortization	7,528	7,319	8,832	9,729
EBIT	2,418	14,234	26,200	34,234
Margin (%)	1.1	4.8	7.2	8.1
Net Interest	3,011	2,719	1,990	1,493
Other Income	761	1,153	1,279	1,298
Profit Before Tax	5,276	12,881	25,489	34,040
Margin (%)	2.4	4.3	7.0	8.1
Total Tax	(142)	4,122	5,098	6,808
Effective tax rate (%)	(2.7)	32.0	20.0	20.0
Profit after tax	5,418	8,759	20,391	27,232
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	172	8,615	20,391	27,232
YoY gr. (%)	-	-	-	-
Margin (%)	0.1	2.9	5.6	6.4
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	5,246	144	-	-
Reported PAT	5,418	8,759	20,391	27,232
YoY gr. (%)	(272.7)	61.7	132.8	33.5
Margin (%)	2.5	2.9	5.6	6.4
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Equity Shares O/s (m)	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936
EPS (Rs)	0.1	2.9	6.9	9.3

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs	s m)			
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,10,853	1,21,495	1,34,495	1,47,495
Tangibles	1,10,853	1,21,495	1,34,495	1,47,495
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	49,343	56,662	65,493	75,222
Tangibles	49,343	56,662	65,493	75,222
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	61,510	64,833	69,001	72,273
Tangibles	61,510	64,833	69,001	72,273
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	1,943	1,301	1,301	1,301
Goodwill	4,499	4,499	4,499	4,499
Non-Current Investments	35,216	36,716	38,216	39,716
Net Deferred tax assets	(1,444)	(1,444)	(1,444)	(1,444)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	12,981	13,110	13,241	13,374
Inventories	20,752	22,144	26,993	31,270
Trade receivables	31,111	16,403	16,996	19,688
Cash & Bank Balance	10,470	2,740	4,692	9,076
Other Current Assets	24,858	27,343	30,078	33,086
Total Assets	2,03,338	1,89,089	2,05,018	2,24,282
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936
Other Equity	70,434	73,852	82,009	92,901
Total Networth	73,369	76,788	84,944	95,837
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	28,850	23,080	17,310	12,983
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	6,689	5,351	4,013	3,010
Trade payables	68,752	55,769	67,984	78,754
Other current liabilities	24,234	26,658	29,323	32,256
Total Equity & Liabilities	2,03,338	1,89,089	2,05,018	2,24,282

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT	5,276	12,881	25,489	34,040
Add. Depreciation	7,528	7,319	8,832	9,729
Add. Interest	3,011	2,719	1,990	1,493
Less Financial Other Income	761	1,153	1,279	1,298
Add. Other	(761)	(1,153)	(1,279)	(1,298)
Op. profit before WC changes	15,054	21,765	35,032	43,963
Net Changes-WC	12,070	271	6,703	3,726
Direct tax	(122)	(4,122)	(5,098)	(6,808)
Net cash from Op. activities	27,002	17,914	36,637	40,881
Capital expenditures	(1,257)	(10,000)	(13,000)	(13,000)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	(3,767)	(347)	(221)	(202)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(5,024)	(10,347)	(13,221)	(13,202)
Issue of share cap. / premium	(1,713)	(212)	-	(8,532)
Debt changes	(1,924)	(7,108)	(7,108)	(5,331)
Dividend paid	(109)	(5,128)	(12,235)	(7,807)
Interest paid	(3,011)	(2,719)	(1,990)	(1,493)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(6,757)	(15,167)	(21,333)	(23,163)
Net change in cash	15,221	(7,599)	2,083	4,516
Free Cash Flow	25,745	7,914	23,637	27,881

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23
Net Revenue	55,352	87,443	72,229	82,660
YoY gr. (%)	15.0	24.9	144.8	85.4
Raw Material Expenses	43,131	68,422	57,281	64,466
Gross Profit	12,221	19,021	14,948	18,194
Margin (%)	22.1	21.8	20.7	22.0
EBITDA	2,239	7,760	3,203	5,373
YoY gr. (%)	(11.8)	45.3	(328.6)	298.9
Margin (%)	4.0	8.9	4.4	6.5
Depreciation / Depletion	1,897	1,954	1,824	1,768
EBIT	342	5,807	1,379	3,605
Margin (%)	0.6	6.6	1.9	4.4
Net Interest	668	765	689	771
Other Income	176	242	256	200
Profit before Tax	271	9,986	1,077	3,117
Margin (%)	0.5	11.4	1.5	3.8
Total Tax	213	973	396	1,124
Effective tax rate (%)	78.7	9.7	36.8	36.1
Profit after Tax	58	9,014	681	1,993
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	(32)	4,769	598	1,940
YoY gr. (%)	(110.8)	124.5	(121.3)	(333.3)
Margin (%)	(0.1)	5.5	0.8	2.3
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	420	4,703	130	82
Reported PAT	58	9,014	681	1,993
YoY gr. (%)	(129.8)	273.7	(124.1)	(340.1)
Margin (%)	0.1	10.3	0.9	2.4
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936
EPS (Rs)	-	1.6	0.2	0.7

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	0.1	2.9	6.9	9.3
CEPS	2.6	5.4	10.0	12.6
BVPS	25.0	26.2	28.9	32.6
FCF	8.8	2.7	8.1	9.5
DPS	0.0	1.7	4.2	5.6
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	2.2	13.3	24.8	31.4
ROIC	2.9	10.6	23.9	31.6
RoE	0.2	11.5	25.2	30.1
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.2	0.2	0.0	(0.1)
Net Working Capital (Days)	(58)	(45)	(45)	(44)
Valuation(x)				
PER	2,516.9	50.3	21.3	15.9
P/B	5.9	5.6	5.1	4.5
P/CEPS	56.3	27.2	14.8	11.7
EV/EBITDA	44.8	20.7	12.5	9.7
EV/Sales	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	1.2	2.8	3.8

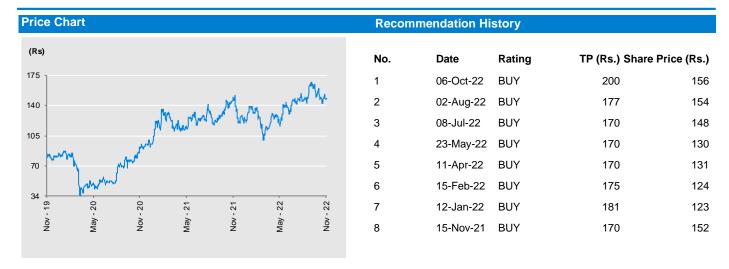
Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
MHCV volumes (in units)	73,885	1,04,978	1,26,712	1,46,883
LCV volumes (in units)	54,441	64,770	77,893	88,629
Total volumes (in units)	1,28,326	1,69,748	2,04,605	2,35,513
Average realisation (Rs/unit)	16,90,093	17,63,481	17,83,491	17,94,898

Source: Company Data, PL Research





Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Ashok Leyland	BUY	200	156
2	Bajaj Auto	Hold	3,865	3,571
3	Bharat Forge	BUY	875	707
4	CEAT	Accumulate	1,775	1,617
5	Eicher Motors	BUY	4,190	3,701
6	Endurance Technologies	BUY	1,600	1,394
7	Exide Industries	UR	-	157
8	Hero Motocorp	BUY	3,175	2,598
9	InterGlobe Aviation	Accumulate	2,015	1,798
10	Mahindra & Mahindra	BUY	1,500	1,262
11	Maruti Suzuki	BUY	10,230	9,493
12	Tata Motors	BUY	520	433
13	TVS Motors	BUY	1,275	1,114

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 : > 15%

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 : 5% to 15%

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 : +5% to -5%

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 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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