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Escorts Kubota

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Subdued quarter; Medium-term prospects remain robust

Q3 EBITDA declined by 28% YoY to Rs1.9bn, 10% below our estimates, due to lower gross margin. Management expects margins to normalize over the next few quarters, owing to better net pricing, commodity deflation, and cost savings. Revenue grew by 16% to Rs22.6bn, broadly in-line with our estimates. Factoring in the lower-margin assumptions, we have reduced our FY23-25E EPS by 1-4%. Following the revision, we expect robust revenue/EPS CAGRs of 26%/41% over FY23-25E. Escorts remains one of our top sector picks, underpinned by robust medium-term prospects, backed by: 1) enhanced market presence in the domestic agri machinery market, with expansion of the product portfolio, especially in wet-land tractors and farm implements; 2) improved market positioning in construction equipment (CE) on widening of the product portfolio; 3) increased exports by leveraging Kubota's global distribution network; and 4) commencement of component exports to meet Kubota's global requirements. We reaffirm BUY with a TP of Rs2,500/share (Rs2,430 earlier), based on 25x FY25E core EPS (Dec-24E earlier) and cash at Rs352/share (0.80x book).

Q3 EBITDA below estimates: Revenue grew by 16% YoY to Rs22.6bn (est.: Rs22.3bn), broadly in line with estimates. EBITDA declined by 28% YoY to Rs1.9bn, 10% lower than estimates due to lower gross margin. EBITDA margin contracted by 510bps YoY (+30bps QoQ) to 8.4% (est.: 9.5%). Gross margin contracted by 430bps YoY (-210bps QoQ) due to unabsorbed commodity inflation, price rationalization, and adverse mix. Other income grew by 128% to Rs913mn. Overall, adjusted PAT declined by 8% to Rs1.86bn (est.: Rs1.82bn), broadly in line with estimates. PAT was in line, despite EBITDA miss, owing to higher other income. Segmental performance: 1) The agri segment's revenue grew by 13% to Rs17.1bn, led by volume growth of 11% and realization growth of 3%. EBIT margin contracted by 750bps YoY (flat QoQ) to 8.3%. 2) CE revenue grew by 11% to Rs3.1bn, led by volume growth of 5% and realization growth of 6%. EBIT margin contracted by 20bps YoY (+490bps QoQ) to 2.2%. 3) Railways revenue grew by 43% to Rs2.5bn. EBIT margin contracted by 120bps YoY (-160bps QoQ) to 13.1%. What we liked: Improvement in domestic tractor market share to 10.6% in Q3FY23 vs. 10.5% in Q3FY22 and to 9.7% in Q2FY23. What we did not like: The agri segment's margins were below estimates due to unabsorbed commodity inflation and adverse mix. However, margins are expected to improve ahead of price increases and commodity deflation.

Earnings Call KTAs: 1) The domestic tractor industry's growth in FY23 is expected to be in double digits, supported by positive customer sentiments. The tractor industry's volumes in FY24 should receive the support of favorable policy actions, but growth would depend on rainfall season and spread. 2) Q3FY23 exports for the company declined by 8% YoY, while the industry witnessed a 14% decline. Escorts has derived ~35% of exports from sales through the Kubota global network. 3) CE volume momentum is expected to remain positive over the next two quarters on government thrust on infra projects. 4) Railways revenue growth is expected to be in double digits in FY24. Pending order book stands at Rs10bn+. 5) Q4 margins are expected to improve sequentially on price increases (taken in Nov-22) and commodity deflation (benefits of ~100bps QoQ). Margins are expected to normalize over the next few quarters. 6) TREM IV emission norms were implemented in Jan-23 for 50HP+ tractors and price increases stood at 10-15%. Implementation of these norms for 25HP+ tractors would lead to price increases of 8-13%. The implementation date could be Sep-24, but it is yet to be finalized.

Financial Snapshot (Standalone)

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	69,293	71,527	81,361	113,300	130,053
EBITDA	11,292	9,513	7,274	11,670	15,086
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.3	13.3	8.9	10.3	11.6
APAT	8,741	7,656	6,270	9,521	11,345
EPS (Rs)	86.4	58.0	56.7	85.1	101.4
EPS (% chg)	56.0	(32.9)	(2.2)	50.0	19.2
ROE (%)	19.8	11.6	7.8	11.2	12.2
P/E (x)	22.9	34.2	34.9	23.3	19.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.1	22.4	23.1	14.8	11.3
P/BV (x)	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.3



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СМР	Target Price
Rs 1,983 as of (February 8, 2023)	Rs 2,500 (▲) 12 months
Rating	Upside
BUY (∎)	26.1 %

Change in Estimates

Change in Estimates							
EPS Chg FY23E	/FY24E	(%) (3.7)/ (2.5)				
Target Price cha	inge (%)		2.9				
Target Period (M	lonths)		12				
Previous Reco			BUY				
Emkay vs Cons	ensus						
EP	S Estima	ites					
	F	Y23E	FY24E				
Emkay		56.7	85.1				
Consensus		56.5	86.5				
Mean Consensu	s TP (12	M)	Rs 2,053				
Stock Details							
Bloomberg Code)	ESC	ORTS IN				
Face Value (Rs)			10				
Shares outstand	ing (mn)		132				
52 Week H/L			59 / 1,307				
M Cap (Rs bn/U	SD bn)	2	262 / 3.17				
Daily Avg Volum	e (nos.)		413,717				
Daily Avg Turno	ver (US\$	mn)	10.8				
Shareholding P	attern D	ec '22					
Promoters			72.9%				
FIIs			4.0%				
DIIs			8.5%				
Public and Othe	rs		14.7%				
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Source: Bloomberg							

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Exhibit 1: Key revenue assumptions; Expect revenue CAGR of 26% over FY23-25E

Volume (units)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	CAGR % FY23-25E
Tractors	106,742	94,228	102,015	133,508	143,046	18
YoY %	24.1	(11.7)	8.3	30.9	7.3	
Construction Equipment	3,913	4,117	4,446	5,370	6,029	16
YoY %	(3.2)	5.2	8.0	20.8	12.3	
Revenue (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	
Agri Machinery Products	56,673	55,210	62,022	89,751	98,511	26
Growth (%)	27.7	(2.6)	12.3	44.7	9.8	
Railway Equipment	4,790	6,362	7,953	9,384	10,323	14
Growth (%)	0.4	32.8	25.0	18.0	10.0	
Construction Equipment	7,761	9,853	11,386	14,164	16,220	19
Growth (%)	(7.6)	27.0	15.6	24.4	14.5	
Component Exports					5,000	
Growth (%)						
Less: Other items	-70	-102	0	0	0	
Revenue	69,293	71,527	81,361	113,300	130,053	26
Growth (%)	20.3	3.2	13.7	39.3	14.8	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Changes in estimates

Rs mn	FY23E				FY	24E		FY25E				
	Earlier	Revised	% Change	% YoY	Earlier	Revised	% Change	% YoY	Earlier	Revised	% Change	% YoY
Volumes	99,552	102,015	2.5	8.3	132,161	133,508	1.0	30.9	141,691	143,046	1.0	7.1
Net Sales	80,219	81,361	1.4	13.7	112,922	113,300	0.3	39.3	129,753	130,053	0.2	14.8
EBITDA	7,701	7,274	(5.5)	(23.5)	11,970	11,670	(2.5)	60.4	15,181	15,086	(0.6)	29.3
Margin (%)	9.6	8.9	(66) bps	(436) bps	10.6	10.3	(30) bps	136 bps	11.7	11.6	(10) bps	130 bps
APAT	6,510	6,270	(3.7)	(18.1)	9,761	9,521	(2.5)	51.9	11,417	11,345	(0.6)	19.2
Adj. EPS (Rs)	58.9	56.7	(3.7)	(2.2)	87.2	85.1	(2.5)	50.0	102.0	101.4	(0.6)	19.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: Actual vs. Estimates (Q3FY23)

(Rs mn)	Actual	Esti	imates	% Va	riation	Comment
(KS IIII)	Actual	Emkay	Consensus	Emkay	Consensus	Comment
Total Revenue	22,637	22,335	22,336	1.4	1.3	Broadly in line with estimates
EBITDA	1,903	2,126	2,307	(10.5)	(17.5)	Below estimates due to lower gross margin
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.4	9.5	10.3	(111) bps	(192) bps	
Adjusted net profit	1,864	1,823	1,957	2.2	(4.7)	Broadly in line with estimates

Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 4: Quarterly performance

Rs mn	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	FY23 YTD	FY22 YTD	YoY(%)
Revenue	19,715	18,696	20,149	18,835	22,637	14.8	20.2	61,620	53,273	15.7
Expenditure	16,929	16,181	18,133	17,308	20,733	22.5	19.8	56,174	45,833	22.6
As a % of sales	85.9	86.5	90.0	91.9	91.6			91.2	86.0	
Consumption of RM	13,748	13,107	14,546	13,638	16,871	22.7	23.7	45,055	36,221	24.4
As a % of sales	69.7	70.1	72.2	72.4	74.5			73.1	68.0	
Employee Cost	1,323	1,192	1,369	1,489	1,527	15.4	2.6	4,384	4,090	7.2
As a % of sales	6.7	6.4	6.8	7.9	6.7			7.1	7.7	
Other expenditure	1,857	1,881	2,217	2,182	2,336	25.8	7.1	6,735	5,522	22.0
As a % of sales	9.4	10.1	11.0	11.6	10.3			10.9	10.4	
EBITDA	2,786	2,515	2,016	1,527	1,903	(31.7)	24.7	5,446	7,440	(26.8)
EBITDA margin (%)	14.1	13.5	10.0	8.1	8.4			8.8	14.0	
Depreciation	325	330	364	365	376	15.5	3.0	1,104	968	14.1
EBIT	2,461	2,185	1,652	1,162	1,528	(37.9)	31.5	4,342	6,473	(32.9)
Other Income	260	538	354	776	913	251.6	17.7	2,043	1,150	77.7
Interest	33	29	26	23	26	(18.8)	15.8	75	98	(23.4)
PBT	2,688	2,695	1,981	1,915	2,414	(10.2)	26.1	6,309	7,524	(16.1)
Total Tax	673	673	506	494	550	(18.3)	11.4	1,550	1,890	(18.0)
Adjusted PAT	2,015	2,022	1,475	1,421	1,864	(7.5)	31.2	4,760	5,634	(15.5)
Extraordinary items Loss/(Gain)	0	0	0	545	0			545	0	
Reported PAT	2,015	2,022	1,475	877	1,864	(7.5)	112.6	4,215	5,634	(25.2)
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	18.2	18.3	13.3	12.9	16.9	(7.5)	31.2	43.1	51.0	(15.5)

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Key Financials (Standalone)

Income Statement

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	69,293	71,527	81,361	113,300	130,053
Expenditure	58,001	62,014	74,087	101,630	114,967
EBITDA	11,292	9,513	7,274	11,670	15,086
Depreciation	1,157	1,298	1,479	2,235	2,604
EBIT	10,135	8,216	5,795	9,435	12,483
Other Income	1,546	2,130	2,636	2,695	2,704
Interest expenses	110	127	127	229	160
РВТ	11,571	10,219	8,304	11,902	15,027
Тах	2,831	2,563	2,035	2,380	3,682
Extraordinary Items	0	0	(545)	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Income	8,741	7,656	5,725	9,521	11,345
Adjusted PAT	8,741	7,656	6,270	9,521	11,345

Balance Sheet

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity share capital	1,348	1,319	1,105	1,119	1,119
Reserves & surplus	52,568	77,462	80,337	87,954	96,576
Net worth	53,916	78,782	81,442	89,073	97,695
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Loan Funds	0	0	0	1,820	0
Net deferred tax liability	230	379	371	359	344
Total Liabilities	54,146	79,161	81,813	91,251	98,039
Net block	17,132	17,496	19,145	26,239	30,635
Investment	23,748	52,161	54,536	55,036	56,536
Current Assets	30,192	23,093	24,193	36,189	40,139
Cash & bank balance	13,165	2,585	865	1,222	1,070
Other Current Assets	2,222	3,066	3,488	4,857	5,575
Current liabilities & Provision	17,887	14,557	16,401	27,002	30,061
Net current assets	12,305	8,537	7,792	9,187	10,078
Misc. exp	317	90	90	90	90
Total Assets	54,146	79,161	81,813	91,251	98,039

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep)	10,026	8,089	5,668	9,206	12,323
Other Non-Cash items	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in working cap	2,610	(6,538)	(1,049)	(2,148)	(1,960)
Operating Cashflow	9,645	(1,719)	3,695	8,074	9,528
Capital expenditure	(1,166)	(1,593)	(2,500)	(10,577)	(7,000)
Free Cash Flow	8,479	(3,312)	1,195	(2,503)	2,528
Investments	(10,632)	(28,413)	(2,375)	(500)	(1,500)
Other Investing Cash Flow	451	888	0	0	0
Investing Cashflow	(9,801)	(26,987)	(2,239)	(8,381)	(5,796)
Equity Capital Raised	10,576	(29)	(214)	14	0
Loans Taken / (Repaid)	(112)	0	0	1,820	(1,820)
Dividend paid (incl. tax)	(245)	(924)	(940)	(1,904)	(2,723)
Other Financing Cash Flow	0	19,205	(1,893)	964	819
Financing Cashflow	10,137	18,126	(3,175)	665	(3,884)
Net chg. in cash	9,980	(10,581)	(1,720)	357	(152)
Opening cash position	3,185	13,165	2,585	865	1,222
Closing cash position	13,165	2,585	865	1,222	1,070

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Profitability (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA Margin	16.3	13.3	8.9	10.3	11.6
EBIT Margin	14.6	11.5	7.1	8.3	9.6
Effective Tax Rate	24.5	25.1	24.5	20.0	24.5
Net Margin	12.6	10.7	7.7	8.4	8.7
ROCE	19.6	11.6	7.9	10.5	12.0
ROE	19.8	11.6	7.8	11.2	12.2
RolC	43.8	31.0	17.7	25.0	25.5
Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	86.4	58.0	56.7	85.1	101.4
CEPS	97.9	67.9	70.1	105.1	124.7
BVPS	530.0	596.4	736.2	795.4	872.4
DPS	7.5	7.0	8.5	17.0	24.3
Valuations (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PER	22.9	34.2	34.9	23.3	19.5
P/CEPS	20.3	29.2	28.3	18.9	15.9
P/BV	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.3
EV / Sales	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.3
EV / EBITDA	15.1	22.4	23.1	14.8	11.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.2
Gearing Ratio (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Debt/ Equity	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.5)
Net Debt/EBIDTA	(2.6)	(5.1)	(7.0)	(4.2)	(3.4)
Working Cap Cycle (days)	(4.5)	30.4	31.1	25.7	25.3
Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	20.3	3.2	13.7	39.3	14.8
EBITDA	67.1	(15.8)	(23.5)	60.4	29.3
EBIT	77.4	(13.8)	(23.5)	62.8	32.3
PAT	80.0	(18.9)	(25.2)	66.3	19.2
Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23
Revenue	19,715	18,696	20,149	18,835	22,637
EBITDA	2,786	2,515	2,016	1,527	1,903
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.1	13.5	10.0	8.1	8.4
PAT	2,015	2,022	1,475	1,421	1,864
EPS (Rs) Source: Company, Emkay Research	18.2	18.3	13.3	12.9	16.9
Shareholding Pattern (%)	Dec-21	Mar-22	lun-22	Son-22	Dec-22
Promoters	28.1	28.1	Jun-22 72.9	Sep-22 72.9	72.9
Fils		3.6	4.2	4.7	
DIIs	15.5 8.3	3.6 0.4	4.2 6.2		4.0 8.5
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Public and Others	48.1	67.9	16.7	14.7	14.7

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Date	Closing Price	ТР	Period (months)	Rating	Analyst
05-Feb-23	2,077	2,430	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
13-Jan-23	2,118	2,430	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
06-Jan-23	2,165	2,430	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
19-Nov-22	2,031	2,500	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
04-Nov-22	1,991	2,450	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
09-Oct-22	2,134	2,500	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
02-Aug-22	1,633	2,140	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
10-Jul-22	1,562	2,140	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
15-May-22	1,550	2,140	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
11-May-22	1,586	2,170	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
06-Apr-22	1,889	2,070	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
24-Feb-22	1,795	2,220	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
09-Feb-22	1,856	2,220	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
20-Nov-21	1,803	2,140	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
30-Oct-21	1,569	1,600	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
06-Aug-21	1,200	1,275	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
02-Jul-21	1,203	1,240	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
18-Jun-21	1,170	1,240	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
01-Jun-21	1,163	1,240	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
30-May-21	1,162	1,240	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
15-May-21	1,164	1,240	12m	Hold	Raghunandhan NL
03-Jan-21	1,288	1,500	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
03-Nov-20	1,235	1,442	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
11-Oct-20	1,222	1,256	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
28-Aug-20	1,141	1,256	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
28-Jul-20	1,158	1,256	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
29-Jun-20	1,033	1,103	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
02-Jun-20	960	1,103	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
15-May-20	824	898	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
04-May-20	683	815	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
13-Apr-20	690	815	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
20-Mar-20	675	954	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL
27-Feb-20	818	1,000	12m	Buy	Raghunandhan NL

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