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### **MOTHERSO: Financials & Valuations**

INR million	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	774.6	861.7	911.8
EBITDA	56.9	77.4	91.1
Adj. PAT	14.1	26.7	35.7
EPS (Rs)	2.1	3.9	5.3
EPS Growth (%)	71.4	89.4	33.7
BV/Share (Rs)	31.9	34.6	38.3
Ratios			
Net D:E	0.3	0.2	0.0
RoE (%)	6.7	11.9	14.5
RoCE (%)	6.0	9.6	11.7
Payout (%)	30.0	30.0	30.0
Valuations			
P/E (x)	38.8	20.5	15.3
P/BV (x)	2.5	2.3	2.1
Div. Yield (%)	0.7	1.5	2.0
FCF Yield (%)	2.3	8.5	12.3

### Shareholding pattern (%)

FII Includes depository receipts

As On	Dec-22	Sep-22	Dec-21
Promoter	68.2	68.2	61.7
DII	12.0	10.6	13.9
FII	8.2	8.8	16.4
Others	11.6	12.5	8.0

CMP: INR81 TP: INR100 (+24%) Buy

# Above estimates; sustainable recovery underway

### Benefits of moderation in commodity/energy prices to reflect from 4Q

- MOTHERSO's 3QFY23 performance beat our estimates, driven by a consistent recovery in auto production in key markets. Easing supply-side issues and receding cost headwinds should drive strong growth and balance sheet deleverage for MOTHERSO.
- We cut our FY23E/FY24E EPS by 4.5%/3% to factor in higher depreciation and a lower profit share from associates. Maintain **BUY** with a TP of INR100 (premised on Dec'24 SOTP).

### SMRPBV revenue continues to rise, but inflationary pressures persist

- Consol. business performance: Consol. revenue grew 23% YoY to INR202.3b (vs est. INR189.8b). Consol. EBITDA grew 28% YoY to INR15.75b (vs est. INR14.8b) and consol. adj. PAT grew 100% YoY to INR4.55b (vs est. INR3.9b). 9MFY23 revenues/EBITDA/PAT grew 19%/10%/33%. It is yet to see material benefits of softening commodity and energy prices.
- Wiring harness business revenue grew 24% YoY to INR65.2b (vs est. INR63b). EBITDA margins improved 150bp YoY (+40bp QoQ) to 8.6% (in line), benefitting from a INR610m favorable outcome of tax litigation. QoQ revenue growth was driven by strong CV volumes in North America and Europe. Fluctuations in the OEMs' production schedule led to operational inefficiencies and high operating costs, curtailing margin expansion.
- Modules & Polymer business revenue grew 18% YoY to INR109.45b (vs est. INR101.5b) and EBITDA margins declined 110bp YoY (+40bp QoQ) to 6.6% (vs est. 6.8%). Strong QoQ revenue growth was driven by volume recovery in Europe, partly offset by muted growth in other regions. Inflationary pressures have started to recede with a softening in commodity prices and energy costs, which would reflect from 4Q.
- Vision system revenue grew 29% YoY to INR45.4b (vs est. INR41.9b) and EBITDA margins expanded 80bp YoY (+85bp QoQ) to 10% (vs est. 9.5%). QoQ revenue growth was driven by PV volume growth in Europe & Korea. China was weak due to Covid-related challenges. The product mix also supported growth. Op. leverage aided EBITDA margin expansion.
- Other business grew 4.4x to ~INR16.3b (vs est. INR17.2b) and EBITDA margins expanded 760bp YoY (+140bp QoQ) to 11.4% (vs est. 10%).
- Net debt (ex. lease liab) declined QoQ to INR84.42b (vs INR85.46b), partly offset by an adverse FX translation impact of INR3.5b. Over 60% of debt is at a fixed rate of interest.

### Highlights from the management commentary

- The availability of semi-conductors has started to improve, though challenges still remain. The Global Supply Chain Pressure Index is now inching closer to pre-Covid levels.
- China auto volumes are significantly below normal levels; however, with the lifting of Covid-related restrictions, volume recovery should start soon.

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- While energy prices have softened in EU, commodity prices remain volatile and there is a sharp rise in minimum wages across geographies. As per the management, a large part of inflationary pressure is already reflected in numbers, and benefits should start reflecting from 4Q.
- Working capital remains elevated; however, it is expected to normalize by the end of 4QFY23.

### Valuation & view

The stock trades at reasonable valuations at 20.5x/15.3x FY24E/FY25E consolidated EPS. With high operating leverage, reasonable financial gearing and no risk of EVs, MOTHERSO is our preferred pick in the auto component industry. We reiterate our Buy rating with a TP of INR100 (Dec-24 based SOTP).

Quarterly performance (Consol.) (INR m)											
Y/E March		FY	22			FY2	23E		FY22	FY23E	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	_		<b>3Q</b>
Net Sales	1,64,080	1,44,150	1,64,350	1,71,610	1,76,147	1,82,608	2,02,262	2,13,630	6,44,200	7,74,647	1,89,838
YoY Change (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	26.7	23.1	24.5	10.6	20.2	15.5
RM Cost (% of sales)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	58.8	58.7	57.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.7
Staff Cost (% of sales)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	22.5	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0
Other Exp (% of sales)	91.7	92.5	92.5	92.9	10.8	11.2	12.5	92.3	92.4	92.7	92.2
Total Expenditure	1,50,410	1,33,330	1,52,030	1,59,390	1,65,379	1,68,577	1,86,509	1,97,248	5,95,170	7,17,713	1,75,066
EBITDA	13,670	10,820	12,320	12,220	10,768	14,031	15,753	16,382	49,030	56,934	14,772
Margins (%)	8.3	7.5	7.5	7.1	6.1	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.8
Depreciation	7,780	7,640	7,600	7,370	7,324	7,487	8,150	8,216	30,390	31,178	7,650
Interest	1,208	1,313	1,294	1,612	1,694	1,837	1,494	1,775	5,115	6,800	1,800
Other income	1,548	871	1,227	1,412	978	940	1,221	860	4,957	4,000	500
PBT after EO Expense	6,225	2,738	4,653	4,175	2,729	4,663	7,320	7,251	18,002	21,963	5,822
Tax Rate (%)	173.4	350.5	212.8	228.1	34.0	30.3	29.6	30.5	58.1	30.6	33.0
Min. Int & Share of profit	70	-630	80	190	389	485	609	17	-290	1,500	32
Reported PAT	3,140	1,410	2,270	1,220	1,412	2,464	4,539	5,019	8,040	13,435	3,868
Adj PAT	3,142	1,410	2,270	1,412	1,412	3,133	4,546	5,019	8,234	14,110	3,868
YoY Change (%)	-142.4	-51.7	-65.6	-74.0	-55.1	122.2	100.3	255.4	-22.2	71.4	70.4

Key Performance Indicators											(INR m)
Y/E March		FY	22			FY	23		FY22	FY23E	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE	-		3QE
Business Wise Revenues (INR m)											
Wiring harness	54,680	52,590	52,560	59,570	60,960	63,940	65,170	69,127	2,19,400	2,59,197	63,234
Modules & Polymer products	91,270	76,790	92,600	92,540	94,130	97,440	1,09,450	1,13,294	3,53,200	4,14,314	1,01,554
Vision systems	32,990	29,820	35,280	36,390	34,820	39,360	45,430	46,638	1,34,480	1,66,248	41,870
Others	3,280	3,640	3,710	14,970	16,170	17,530	16,260	17,221	25,600	67,181	17,179
Less: Inter-segment	3,330	3,120	3,400	5,220	5,400	5,410	6,560	5,303	15,070	22,673	5,500
Less: Revenues of Associates/JVs	10,390	9,540	9,770	2,640	24,530	30,250	27,490	27,349	56,100	1,09,619	28,500
Net Revenues	1,68,500	1,50,180	1,70,980	1,95,610	1,76,150	1,82,610	2,02,260	2,13,627	6,61,510	7,74,647	1,89,838
<b>Business Wise EBITDA Margins (%)</b>											
Wiring harness	8.7	9.7	7.1	9.3	7.9	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.7	8.4	8.6
Modules & Polymer products	7.6	6.6	7.7	5.8	5.1	6.2	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.1	6.8
Vision systems	11.5	8.3	9.2	9.3	8.4	9.1	10.0	10.8	9.6	9.7	9.5
Others	6.1	9.6	3.8	10.8	10.9	10.0	11.4	10.9	9.0	10.8	10.0
Consol EBITDA Margins (%)	8.7	8.0	8.1	6.6	6.5	7.9	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.7	8.0

Note: Segmental EBITD margins include part of other income; E: MOFSL Estimates

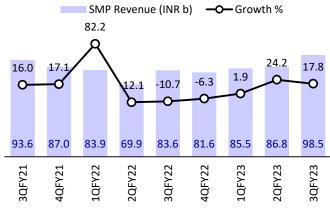


### Highlights from the management commentary

- The availability of semi-conductor has started to improve, though challenges still remain. The Global Supply Chain Pressure Index is now inching closer to pre-Covid levels at 1.18 in 3QFY23 (v/s 1.4 in Sep'22, 4.22 in Dec'21 and 2.88 in Jun'21).
- Global automotive production in 3QFY23 remained stable QoQ, as volume recovery in Europe was offset by the Covid-led decline in China. Global production for light vehicles was up 2% YoY/flat QoQ (EU +4% YoY/+15% QoQ) and for CVs, it was down 6% YoY/up 5% QoQ (EU +0% YoY/+18% QoQ). China auto volumes are significantly below normal levels; however, with the lifting of Covid-related restrictions, volume recovery should start soon.
- While energy prices have softened in EU, commodity prices remain volatile and there is sharp rise in minimum wages across geographies. It is continuously engaging with its customers for sharing inflationary cost structures. As per the management, a large part of inflationary pressure is already reflected in numbers, and benefits should start reflecting from 4Q.
- The Lighting & Electronics business has won a lighting solutions order from a leading Indian OEM for its EV program. The HVAC business has developed HVAC solutions for the new generation Hydrogen fuel cell bus. Also, it has entered into battery cooling solutions for buses and CVs.
- Working capital remains elevated; however, it is expected to normalize by the end of 4QFY23.
- Capex is expected to be at INR22.5b-25b for FY23 (vs 9MFY23 INR14.5b). Capex for 3QFY23 increased QoQ to INR6.19b due to new programs from customers.

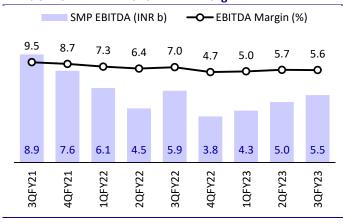
## **Key exhibits**

Exhibit 1: Trends in SMP revenue and growth



Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 2: SMP EBITDA and EBITDA margin** 



Source: Company, MOFSL

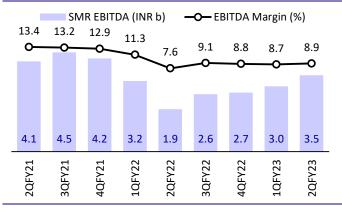
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**Exhibit 3: SMR revenue and growth trends** 

#### SM87Revenue (INR b) — Growth % 53.1 51.6 20.7 13.4 10.0 -7.0 17.1 -15.3 28.3 25.2 28.7 30.3 43.5 33.9 32.6 34.1 38.6 3QFY21 4QFY21 1QFY22 **2QFY23** 3QFY23 3QFY22

Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 4: SMR EBITDA and EBITDA margin** 



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 5: Trend in Capex (INR b)

Consol Capex (INR b) 5.4 7.0 3.6 4.8 6.2 1QFY23 3QFY22 4QFY22 3QFY23 2QFY23

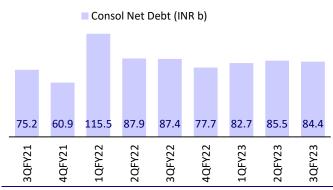


Exhibit 6: Trend in Net Debt (excl. lease liabilities, INR b)

Source: Company, MOFSL

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### Valuation and view

- On the right side of global Auto megatrends: The global Auto industry is on the cusp of disruption, led by megatrends in the form of: a) EVs, b) connect cars, c) autonomous cars, d) shared mobility, e) stricter emission norms, and f) platform and vendor consolidation. These trends have the potential to disrupt the Auto supply chain and challenge incumbents. With its diverse product base and market presence, MOTHERSO is set to leverage these trends to drive its next wave of growth.
- Cyclical recovery in all key businesses: All of MOTHERSO's key businesses are on the brink of a cyclical recovery, with India PVs, global PVs, and the US and the EU CVs well placed for a revival from 2HFY23. The company enjoys strong positioning in its respective product categories (either rank one or two), and hence will benefit from this cyclical recovery. This will drive operating leverage, mainly in its overseas businesses.
- SMRPBV fully prepared for growth: Growth in the order book lends us comfort in building a faster recovery for SMRPBV. As of Sep'22, its order book stood at EUR18.2b (with 37% of orders accruing from BEVs). SMP offers revenue visibility, with orders on hand and ready capacity to execute those orders. We expect a ~7% revenue CAGR to EUR5b for SMP over FY23E-25E, and EBITDA margin to expand by 2.4pp to ~8% by FY25, driven by improving efficiencies of new plants, cost absorption, and operating leverage. SMR remains the numero uno manufacturer of PV mirrors globally and has gained share across markets

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- through continuous innovation. We expect revenue for SMR to recover at a 5% CAGR over FY23-25 and EBITDA margin to expand by 160bp to 11.5% by FY25, led by absorption of cost inflation and operating leverage.
- MSUMI's Wiring Harness business is likely to grow faster than the PV industry, led by an increase in content (due to the ongoing premiumization and electrification). It is estimated to clock an 18% CAGR over FY23-25. EBITDA margin is likely to expand by 3.9pp to 12.3% over the same period, led by the product mix and operating leverage, driving a PAT CAGR of 41%.
- PKC cyclical downturn ahead: After benefitting from strong growth for Class 8 Trucks in the US, we expect a stable FY24, but expect a cyclical downturn in its biggest market (~45% of revenue) in FY25. PKC is highly focused on the world's largest Truck market (China), where it has three JVs targeting different customers. It entered the Rolling Stock business (~USD2b opportunity) in CY15. The company already has global partnerships with Bombardier since CY16, and is working with other OEMs to develop a global supply chain for electrical systems in rolling stocks. We expect a 3% revenue CAGR over FY23-25, and expect its margin to improve to 7.5% (v/s 4.2% in FY23E), led by a ramp-up in new programs, cost absorption, and operating leverage.
- Valuation and view: We cut our FY23E/FY24E EPS by 4.5%/3% to factor in higher depreciation and lower share of profit from associates. Our positive view on MOTHERSO remains intact, based on an industry recovery, execution of a strong order book for SMRPBV, receding cost inflation, and capacities in place for growth. MOTHERSO will benefit substantially from the easing of supply-side issues and receding cost headwinds, thereby driving strong growth and help deleverage the balance sheet. The stock trades at 20.5x/15.3x FY24E/FY25E consolidated EPS. We maintain our **Buy** rating with a TP of ~INR100 (premised on Dec'24 SoTP).

**Exhibit 7: Revised forecast (consolidated)** 

(INR M)		FY23E			FY24E	
	Rev	Old	Chg (%)	Rev	Old	Chg (%)
Net Sales	7,74,647	7,48,599	3.5	8,61,727	8,26,727	4.2
EBITDA	56,934	56,800	0.2	77,425	75,733	2.2
EBITDA (%)	7.3	7.6	-20bp	9.0	9.2	-20bp
Adj. PAT	14,110	14,780	-4.5	26,720	27,529	-2.9
EPS (INR)	2.1	2.2	-4.5	3.9	4.1	-2.9

Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 8: SOTP-based Target Price of INR100 (Dec-24E) for SAMIL

	Target PE (x)	FY24E	FY25E
Standalone	25	22	26
SMRPBV	15	30	42
PKC	15	5	8
Others	20	14	17
New businesses	15	0	0
MSWIL @ 20% HoldCo Discount	35	11	13
TP (INR/Sh)		82	106
Dec-24 TP		100	

Source: Company, MOFSL

# **Financials and valuations**

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Total Income from Operations	5,82,250	6,44,200	7,74,647	8,61,727	9,11,754
Change (%)	-4.1	10.6	20.2	11.2	5.8
EBITDA	46,880	49,030	56,934	77,425	91,073
Margin (%)	8.1	7.6	7.3	9.0	10.0
Depreciation	30,260	30,390	31,178	31,878	32,578
EBIT	16,620	18,640	25,756	45,548	58,495
Interest Charges	·	5,115	6,800	6,630	6,299
PBT bef. EO Exp.	16,620	18,482	22,956	42,418	55,847
Tax Rate (%)	33.6	59.6	32.0	33.0	33.0
Minority Interest	440	-290	1,500	1,700	1,700
Reported PAT	10,590	8,040	13,435	26,720	35,717
Adjusted PAT	10,590	8,234	14,110	26,720	35,717
Change (%)	30.8	-22.2	71.4	89.4	33.7
Consolidated - Balance Sheet					(INR m)
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity Share Capital	4,518	4,518	6,776	6,776	6,776
Total Reserves	1,21,088	2,01,365	2,09,186	2,27,890	2,52,892
Net Worth	1,25,606	2,05,882	2,15,962	2,34,666	2,59,668
Minority Interest	40,233	17,763	19,563	21,763	24,263
Total Loans	1,07,580	1,27,609	1,12,609	1,04,109	97,609
Deferred Tax Liabilities	-10,224	-13,767	-13,767	-13,767	-13,767
Capital Employed	2,63,195	3,37,487	3,34,367	3,46,771	3,67,773
Net Fixed Assets	1,92,782	1,75,128	1,80,047	1,76,170	1,71,592
Goodwill	24,718	33,743	33,743	33,743	33,743
Capital WIP	8,769	13,097	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total Investments	2,581	7,212	7,212	7,212	7,212
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	1,78,716	1,94,908	2,20,562	2,53,181	2,90,586
Inventory	49,956	64,417	80,648	82,631	82,433
Account Receivables	56,931	65,731	84,893	89,714	87,429
Cash and Bank Balance	59,062	49,994	33,171	56,529	1,01,240
Loans and Advances	12,768	14,766	21,850	24,306	19,485
Curr. Liability & Prov.	2,07,430	2,11,447	2,39,043	2,55,381	2,67,205
Account Payables	1,11,407	1,24,775	1,39,748	1,56,518	1,75,300
Other Current Liabilities	89,575	81,567	92,348	91,136	83,730
Provisions	6,449	5,104	6,946	7,727	8,175
Net Current Assets	-28,714	-16,538	-18,481	-2,199	23,380
Other non-current asset	63,060	1,24,846	1,24,846	1,24,846	1,24,846
Appl. of Funds	2,63,195	3,37,487	3,34,367	3,46,771	3,67,773

# **Financials and valuations**

Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Basic (INR)					
EPS	1.6	1.2	2.1	3.9	5.3
BV/Share	18.5	30.4	31.9	34.6	38.3
DPS	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.6
Payout (%)	30.0	36.5	30.0	30.0	30.0
Valuation (x)					
P/E	51.7	66.5	38.8	20.5	15.3
P/BV	4.4	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1
EV/Sales	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
EV/EBITDA	8.2	8.8	10.4	7.2	5.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.5	2.0
FCF per share (Eco. Int. basis)	4.6	0.0	1.9	6.9	9.9
Return Ratios (%)					
RoE	8.9	5.0	6.7	11.9	14.5
RoCE (post-tax)	4.2	3.2	6.0	9.6	11.7
RoIC	5.6	3.3	6.3	10.8	14.8
Working Capital Ratios					
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.6
Asset Turnover (x)	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.5
Inventory (Days)	31	36	38	35	33
Debtor (Days)	36	37	40	38	35
Creditor (Days)	70	71	66	66	70
Leverage Ratio (x)					
Current Ratio	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
Interest Cover Ratio	NA	3.6	3.8	6.9	9.3
Net Debt/Equity	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0
Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement					(INR M)
Y/E March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	16,129	19,088	21,963	42,418	55,847
Depreciation	29,764	29,964	31,178	31,878	32,578
Interest & Finance Charges	4,544	4,346	6,800	6,630	6,299
Direct Taxes Paid	-5,600	-8,324	-7,028	-13,998	-18,429
(Inc)/Dec in WC	6,432	-20,797	-14,881	7,077	19,131
Others	-757	351	300	500	800
CF from Operating incl EO	50,512	24,627	38,331	74,505	96,224
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-19,325	-24,363	-25,481	-28,023	-28,898
Free Cash Flow	31,187	264	12,850	46,482	67,326
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-45	-123	0	0	0
Others	436	1,367	0	0	0
CF from Investments	-18,934	-23,119	-25,481	-28,023	-28,898
Issue of Shares	0	0	2,259	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-11,324	2,456	-15,000	-8,500	-6,500
Interest Paid	-4,141	-5,528	-6,800	-6,630	-6,299
Dividend Paid	-1,576	-6,457	-4,030	-8,016	-10,715
Others	-3,859	-2,570	0	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	-20,900	-12,099	-23,572	-23,146	-23,514
Inc/Dec of Cash	10,678	-10,591	-10,722	23,336	43,812
Opening Balance	48,688	59,367	48,775	38,054	61,390
Closing Balance	59,367	48,775	38,054	61,390	1,05,202

## NOTES

Explanation of Investment Rating					
Investment Rating	Expected return (over 12-month)				
BUY	>=15%				
SELL	<-10%				
NEUTRAL	< - 10 % to 15%				
UNDER REVIEW	Rating may undergo a change				
NOT RATED	We have forward looking estimates for the stock but we refrain from assigning recommendation				

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