# India Equity Research | Consumer Durables February 12, 2023 Result Update

# Voltas

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# Need to steady the ship

- Voltas reported sales growth of ~12% YoY for the quarter, on the back of strong execution in the projects business (17% YoY growth) and 12% YoY growth in the Cooling products segment in a seasonally-weak quarter. Sales was ahead of Consensus' estimates.
- EBITDAM at 3.8% for the quarter was below Consensus and our estimates of ~7%, due to loss (of Rs410mn) in the EMPS segment. This was mainly due to delayed certification, along with new projects not crossing margin-recognition. Further, in one of its overseas projects, Voltas' main contractor unilaterally encashed the underlying bank guarantee which resulted in additional loss reported as exceptional. EBIT margin for the UCP segment at 7.4% was largely in line with the 1HFY23 margin.
- We cut our FY24E/FY25E EPS by 7.5%/6%, respectively, as we factor in the lower margin levels. Our Mar-24E TP now stands at Rs872/share. We maintain HOLD on the stock. We believe the company needs to stabilize and up its performance in both, the UCP and EMPS segments in coming quarters, for a re-rating. While the order book in EMPS remains strong, profitable execution is key. Similarly, losing market share in the RAC market has had a twin adverse impact lower-than-market growth; margin below that in the recent past.
- EMPS margin continues to drag down overall margin levels: In the last few quarters, the company's EMPS segment has reported low margin or a loss. Delayed collection in some projects in the last few quarters has resulted in higher provisioning. Adding to the woes, the current quarter saw additional provisioning in one of the projects in Qatar, as the main contractor encashed the bank guarantee. Voltas has initiated legal action and issued a 'Request for Arbitration', for recovering amounts due from the contractor.
- Sales growth and order booking, the key positives: Execution pace in the projects segment resulted in 17% YoY sales growth for the quarter. Order book at the end of the quarter stood at Rs75bn, which is near pre-Covid levels and comprises of ~Rs45bn/Rs30bn of domestic/overseas orders. Key sectors to have bagged domestic orders are water, HVAC, rural electrification and urban infrastructure.
- UCP margin, market share upholding for last few quarters, albeit down YoY: Voltas indicated that its YTD market share stands at 22.5% (down ~400bps from last year) in the AC market, granting it the leadership position. Air-cooler market share stands at 9.2%; the segment margin has hovered at 7.3-7.7% since the last 3 quarters vs 10-14% earlier.
- We maintain HOLD with TP of Rs872/share: Our Mar-24E TP stands at Rs872/share. We believe the improvement in performance of the UCP and EMPS segments is critical for the company, looking ahead.

# **Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)**

(Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	75,558	79,345	95,504	1,16,869	1,35,765
EBITDA	6,414	6,815	5,883	8,357	10,254
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.5	8.6	6.2	7.2	7.6
APAT	5,251	5,041	4,299	6,026	7,714
EPS (Rs)	15.9	15.2	13.0	18.2	23.3
EPS (% chg)	(8.2)	(4.0)	(14.7)	40.2	28.0
ROE (%)	11.3	9.6	7.6	9.9	11.6
P/E (x)	53.5	55.8	65.4	46.7	36.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	38.8	37.5	43.6	30.6	24.7
P/BV (x)	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.0



СМР	Target Price
Rs 850 as of (February 10, 2023)	Rs 872 (▼) 12 months
Rating	Upside
HOLD (∎)	2.6 %

# Change in Estimates (Rs)

Change in E	stima	tes (RS)								
EPS Chg FY2	23E/F	Y24E (%	ы́) (	24)/(7.5)						
Target Price	chang	e (%)		(12.8)						
Target Period	l (No.	of mont	hs)	12						
Previous Rec	0			HOLD						
Emkay vs Consensus										
EPS Estimates (Rs)										
		FY	23E	FY24E						
Emkay			13.0	18.2						
Consensus			15.7	22.1						
Mean Conser	nsus T	P (12M	)	Rs 972						
Stock Details	5									
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Face Value (Rs)1										
Shares outsta	anding	ı (mn)		331						
52 Week H/L 1,348 / 737										
M Cap (Rs bn/USD bn) 281 / 3.41										
Daily Avg Vol	ume (	no of)	1	1,22,436						
Daily Avg Tur	nover	(USD n	nn)	11.1						
Shareholding	g Patt	ern Deo	c '22							
Promoters				30.3%						
FIIs				21.6%						
DIIs				31.7%						
Public and Ot	hers			16.4%						
Price Perform	nanco	e								
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M						
Absolute	3	3	(13)	(31)						
Rel. to Nifty	3	4	(14)	(32)						
Relative price trend										
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# Exhibit 1: Summary of quarterly financials

(Rs mn)	Q3FY20	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	3-year CAGR
Net Sales	14,925.1	17,936	26,666	27,680	17,684	20,056	11.8	13.4	10.4%
Raw Material	10655	13,097	20,588	21,993	13,375	15,232	16.3	13.9	13%
as % of sales	71.4	73.0	77.2	79.5	75.6	75.9			
Employee Cost	1733.6	1,562	1,600	1,505	1,748	1,742	11.5	(0.3)	0%
as % of sales	11.6	8.7	6.0	5.4	9.9	8.7			
Other operating expenses	1561	1,720	1,868	2,413	1,552	2,319	34.8	49.4	14%
as % of sales	10.5	9.6	7.0	8.7	8.8	11.6			
Total Expenditure	13950	16,380	24,056	25,910	16,675	19,292	17.8	15.7	11%
EBITDA	975	1,556	2,610	1,770	1,008	764	(50.9)	(24.3)	-8%
Depreciation	80.2	97	95	85	97	111	13.9	13.9	11%
EBIT	895	1,459	2,516	1,685	911	653	(55.2)	(28.3)	-10%
Other Income	543	288	372	268	644	307	6.6	(52.4)	-17%
Interest	57	36	125	40	67	64	77.6	(4.6)	4%
Share of Profit and loss from associate	-187	(320)	(289)	(310)	(289)	(326)	1.9	12.8	20%
Exceptional Items	0	-	-	-	(1,064)	(1,374)			
РВТ	1193	1,391	2,474	1,603	134	(805)	(157.9)	(698.7)	-188%
Tax	314	425	647	508	195	300	(29.4)	54.2	-1%
PAT	879	966	1,827	1,095	(60)	(1,105)	(214.4)	1,729.3	-208%
(%)							(bps)	(bps)	
Gross margin	28.6	27.0	22.8	20.5	24.4	24.1	(292)	(31)	

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Gross margin	28.6	27.0	22.8	20.5	24.4	24.1	(292)	(31)	
EBITDA margin	6.5	8.7	9.8	6.4	5.7	3.8	(487)	(189)	
EBIT margin	6.0	8.1	9.4	6.1	5.2	3.3	(488)	(190)	
EBT margin	8.0	7.8	9.3	5.8	0.8	(4.0)	(1,177)	(477)	
PAT margin	5.9	5.4	6.9	4.0	(0.3)	(5.5)	(1,089)	(517)	
Effective Tax rate	26.3	30.6	26.1	31.7	144.9	(37.3)	(6,789)	(18,226)	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Exhibit 2: Quarterly segmental financials

(Rs mn)	Q3FY20	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%) 3-	year CAGR
EMPS	8,081	5,538	6,918	4,547	5,540	6,484	17.1	17.0	-7.1
Engineering Products & Services	826	1,247	1,235	1,243	1,374	1,179	(5.4)	(14.2)	12.6
UCP	6,005	10,936	18,184	21,622	10,477	12,160	11.2	16.1	26.5
Less: Intersegment	42	0	0	0	0	0			
Income from operations	14,871	17,721	26,337	27,412	17,391	19,823	11.9	14.0	10.1
PBIT									
EMPS	374.2	363	476	(125)	143	(461)	(227.0)	(421.4)	-207.2
Engineering Products & Services	231.0	400	408	509	480	460	14.9	(4.3)	25.8
UCP	606.8	1,017	1,919	1,662	765	895	(12.1)	17.0	13.8
Total PBIT	1,212	1,780	2,803	2,046	1,388	893	(49.8)	(35.7)	-9.7
Less: Unallocable expense	-38.5	353	204	403	122	260	(26.5)	112.5	-288.9
Operating Income	1251	1,427	2,599	1,643	1,266	634	(55.6)	(50.0)	-20.3
Less: Interest Expense	57	36	125	40	67	64	77.6	(4.6)	3.9
Exceptional	0	0	0	0	-1,064	-1,374		29.1	
PBT	1,193	1,391	2,474	1,603	134	-805	(157.9)	(698.7)	-187.7
PBIT margin (%)							(bps)	(bps)	
EMPS	4.6	6.6	6.9	(2.7)	2.6	(7.1)	(1,366)	(970)	
Engineering Products & Services	28.0	32.1	33.0	40.9	35.0	39.0	690	403	
UCP	10.1	9.3	10.6	7.7	7.3	7.4	(194)	6	
Total PBIT	8.2	10.0	10.6	7.5	8.0	4.5	(554)	(348)	

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# Exhibit 3: Key assumptions (Segmental financials prior to FY21 are not comparable due to segment re-classification)

Revenue (Rs mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EMPS	28,452	36,191	32,461	28,786	24,705	24,338	35,662	43,121
YoY change	7%	27%	-10%	-11%	-14%	-1%	47%	21%
Order Inflow	35,862	35,331	60,581	24,134	11,955	41,843	43,935	47,449
YoY change	28%	-1%	71%	-60%	-50%	250%	5%	8%
Order Book	44,223	49,760	77,880	73,228	53,600	71,105	79,377	83,705
YoY change	20%	13%	57%	-6%	-27%	33%	12%	5%
Engineering Products & Services	3,099	3,117	3,317	3,595	4,887	5,473	6,020	6,622
YoY change	-7%	1%	6%	8%	36%	12%	10%	10%
UCP	32,026	31,556	40,737	42,185	48,819	64,748	74,030	84,677
YoY change	7%	-1%	29%	4%	16%	33%	14.3%	14.4%
Total Revenue	63,577	70,863	76,515	74,566	78,411	94,558	1,15,712	1,34,421
YoY change	6%	11%	8%	-3%	5%	21%	22%	16%
PBIT (Rs mn)								
EMPS	1,854	2,773	1,704	270	1,258	-122	1,426	1,725
- Margin	6.5%	7.7%	5.2%	0.9%	5.1%	-0.5%	4.0%	4.0%
Engineering Products & Services	992	1,051	993	1,143	1,579	1,916	1,926	2,119
- Margin	32%	34%	30%	32%	32%	35%	32%	32%
UCP	4,749	3,254	5,121	5,837	5,134	5,180	6,293	8,044
- Margin	14.8%	10.3%	12.6%	13.8%	10.5%	8.0%	8.5%	9.5%
Total PBIT	7,595	7,077	7,817	7,250	7,971	6,974	9,646	11,888
- Margin	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%	7%	8%	9%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### **Exhibit 4: Change in estimates**

(Rs mn)	FY23E			FY24E			FY25E		
	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change
EMPS	23,970	24,338	1.5%	28,345	35,662	25.8%	34,489	43,121	25.0%
Engineering Products & Services	5,473	5,473	0.0%	6,020	6,020	0.0%	6,622	6,622	0.0%
UCP	63,663	64,748	1.7%	74,475	74,030	-0.6%	83,927	84,677	0.9%
Total Revenue	93,106	94,558	1.6%	1,08,841	1,15,712	6.3%	1,25,038	1,34,421	7.5%
EBITDA	7,285	5,883	-19.2%	8,942	8,357	-6.5%	10,774	10,254	-4.8%
EBITDA margin (%)	7.8	6.2	-160 bps	8.2	7.2	-99 bps	8.6	7.6	-99 bps
PAT	4,254	3,235	-24.0%	6,513	6,026	-7.5%	8,204	7,714	-6.0%
EPS (Rs)	12.9	9.8	-24.0%	19.7	18.2	-7.5%	24.8	23.3	-6.0%

Source: Emkay Research

#### Exhibit 5: March 2024E SoTP-based valuation

(Rs mn)	Mar-25E PAT	Multiple (x)	Market Cap
EMPS	1,212	10	12,120
Engineering Products & Services	1,489	15	22,336
UCP	5,652	40	2,26,099
Total MCAP	8,353		2,60,554
Number of Shares			331
Target Price (s/share)			788
Value of VoltBek			80
Total Value			872

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# **Con-call Highlights**

- Unitary Cooling Products (UCP): Relatively better show in a seasonally-weaker quarter. There was decent demand for high tonnage and better star-rated products which points to strengthening of demand for premium products.
  - Management plans to maintain focus on the inverter sub-category. Inverter contribution in the split AC segment increased, from 65% to 85% in Q3FY23.
  - Market share: YTD market share in the AC market stood at 22.5%. Competitive intensity remains at the same level. <u>Company targets further strengthening its market</u> leadership position in the upcoming seasonally-strong quarter.
  - Pricing: Voltas has not taken any price hikes during 9MFY23, given the weak demand and competitive intensity. Further, the company has indicated that Q4 too is unlikely to witness any hike. There may be a chance of some price hike at the start of Q1FY24.
  - Channel inventory is building up and should be around 75-80 days.
  - Margins were impacted despite softening of commodity prices owing to INR depreciation. Management has indicated that prices of commodities are inching back up as at end-Q3, albeit staying at lower levels vs. what was witnessed in Q2. Although Management is hopeful of margin expansion on the back of operating leverage, margin expansion might not happen if commodity costs are not sustained at current levels.
- Electro-Mechanical Projects and Services (EMPS): Delay in certifications / certain projects not crossing the threshold of revenue recognition as per internal controls of the company has impacted this business's profitability in the current quarter.
  - <u>Margin</u>: This is the second consecutive quarter when a contract was cancelled unilaterally and BGs were encashed by the main contractor, resulting in losses to the company. Voltas is seeking legal remedies in such cases. Both the contracts are from the ME market.
    - The company has entered the Saudi Arabia market, with its first project in Q3
  - Over Rs22.1bn worth of fresh orders was added across both, domestic and international markets. The carry-forward order book for domestic projects now stands at Rs45.4bn, entailing orders across the water, HVAC, rural electrification, and urban infra-activity categories. The international order book, as of end-Q3FY23, is worth Rs30bn. *Total carry-forward order book of the segment stands at Rs75.4bn.*
- Voltbek: Management has reiterated its target, of achieving breakeven by FY24-25, and indicated that, cumulatively, 3mn units have been sold since inception. Management was, however, did not sound confident about achieving the 10% market-share target by FY24-25.

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# Key Financials (Consolidated)

# **Income Statement**

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	75,558	79,345	95,504	1,16,869	1,35,765
Expenditure	69,144	72,529	89,621	1,08,513	1,25,511
EBITDA	6,414	6,815	5,883	8,357	10,254
Depreciation	339	373	430	511	601
EBIT	6,075	6,443	5,453	7,846	9,653
Other Income	1,889	1,892	1,951	2,023	2,197
Interest expenses	262	259	230	282	327
РВТ	7,702	8,076	7,174	9,587	11,522
Тах	1,804	1,913	1,680	2,636	3,169
Extraordinary Items	0	0	(1,064)	0	0
Minority Int./Income from Assoc.	(646)	(1,122)	(1,195)	(925)	(640)
Reported Net Income	5,251	5,041	3,235	6,026	7,714
Adjusted PAT	5,251	5,041	4,299	6,026	7,714

# Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity share capital	331	331	331	331	331
Reserves & surplus	49,603	54,665	58,032	63,106	69,204
Net worth	49,934	54,996	58,362	63,436	69,534
Minority Interest	361	381	381	381	381
Loan Funds	2,606	3,608	2,878	3,522	4,092
Net deferred tax liability	(558)	(317)	(317)	(317)	(317)
Total Liabilities	52,343	58,668	61,305	67,023	73,690
Net block	3,391	3,304	4,329	5,272	6,126
Investment	30,464	36,154	36,154	36,154	36,154
Current Assets	52,120	56,973	62,293	75,542	88,852
Cash & bank balance	4,588	5,717	5,116	7,367	10,950
Other Current Assets	10,769	7,656	7,547	7,561	7,574
Current liabilities & Provision	33,721	38,355	42,064	50,539	58,034
Net current assets	18,400	18,618	20,229	25,004	30,818
Misc. exp	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	52,343	58,668	61,305	67,023	73,690

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT (Ex-Other income) (NI+Dep)	5,813	6,184	5,223	7,564	9,326
Other Non-Cash items	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in working cap	846	1,152	(2,212)	(2,523)	(2,231)
Operating Cashflow	5,561	5,826	926	3,197	4,854
Capital expenditure	(205)	(790)	(1,455)	(1,455)	(1,455)
Free Cash Flow	5,356	5,037	(529)	1,743	3,400
Investments	(7,031)	(5,690)	0	0	0
Other Investing Cash Flow	2,789	941	0	0	0
Investing Cashflow	(2,559)	(3,646)	497	569	742
Equity Capital Raised	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Taken / (Repaid)	428	1,002	(730)	644	569
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(1,324)	(1,661)	(1,063)	(1,877)	(2,255)
Other Financing Cash Flow	(341)	(134)	0	0	0
Financing Cashflow	(1,498)	(1,051)	(2,024)	(1,515)	(2,013)
Net chg in cash	1,504	1,129	(601)	2,251	3,583
Opening cash position	3,084	4,588	5,717	5,116	7,367
Closing cash position	4,588	5,717	5,116	7,367	10,950

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Profitability (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA Margin	8.5	8.6	6.2	7.2	7.6
EBIT Margin	8.0	8.1	5.7	6.7	7.1
Effective Tax Rate	23.4	23.7	23.4	27.5	27.5
Net Margin	7.8	7.8	5.8	5.9	6.2
ROCE	16.4	15.0	12.3	15.4	16.8
ROE	11.3	9.6	7.6	9.9	11.6
RoIC	26.5	29.4	23.4	26.9	28.6
Per Share Data (Rs)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS	15.9	15.2	13.0	18.2	23.3
CEPS	16.9	16.4	14.3	19.8	25.1
BVPS	150.9	166.3	176.4	191.8	210.2
DPS	4.0	5.0	3.2	5.7	6.8
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Valuations (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PER	53.5	55.8	65.4	46.7	36.4
P/CEPS	60.8	62.8	71.9	52.0	40.9
P/BV	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.0
EV / Sales	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.9
EV / EBITDA	38.8	37.5	43.6	30.6	24.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8
Gearing Ratio (x)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Debt/ Equity	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4
Net Debt/EBIDTA	(5.1)	(3.8)	(4.1)	(3.0)	(2.7
Working Cap Cycle (days)	66.7	59.3	57.8	55.1	53.4
Growth (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	(1.3)	5.0	20.4	22.4	16.2
EBITDA	(6.6)	6.3	(13.7)	42.0	22.7
EBIT	(7.2)	6.1	(15.4)	43.9	23.0
PAT	0.8	(4.0)	(35.8)	86.3	28.0
Quarterly (Rs mn)	Q3FY22	Q4FY22	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23
Revenue	17,936	26,666	27,680	17,684	20,056
EBITDA	1,556	2,610	1,770	1,004	20,030
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.7	2,010 <b>9.8</b>	6.4	5.7	3.8
PAT	966	1,827	1,095	(60)	(1,105
EPS (Rs)	900 <b>2.9</b>	5.5	3.3		
Source: Company, Emkay Research	2.9	5.5	3.3	(0.2)	(3.3
Shareholding Pattern (%)	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22
		30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3
Promoters	30.3	50.5		00.0	
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