

# **Voltas**

**Estimate change** TP change **Rating change** 

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#### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E MARCH	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	116.9	128.5	141.9
EBITDA	6.4	8.7	11.0
Adj. PAT	4.9	6.9	9.2
EBITA Margin (%)	5.5	6.8	7.8
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	14.8	20.9	27.7
EPS Gr. (%)	29.1	41.3	32.5
BV/Sh. (INR)	175.3	191.8	214.3
Ratios			
Net D:E	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
RoE (%)	8.4	10.9	12.9
RoCE (%)	9.9	11.5	12.9
Payout (%)	30.0	25.0	25.0
Valuations			
P/E (x)	58.7	41.6	31.4
P/BV (x)	5.0	4.5	4.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	44.7	32.7	25.4
Div Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.8
FCF Yield (%)	0.6	1.2	2.4

#### Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-23	Jun-23	Sep-22
Promoter	30.3	30.3	30.3
DII	36.0	33.9	29.7
FII	17.8	19.1	24.4
Others	15.8	16.8	15.7

FII Includes depository receipts

# TP: INR1,000 (+22%) Losses in EMPS hurt; UCP delivers in-line performance

### RAC market share at 19.2% YTD with Aug'23 exit-share at 19.5%

**CMP: INR819** 

- Voltas (VOLT)'s 2QFY24 performance was below our estimate, primarily due to the ongoing losses in the EMPS segment. This was attributed to a provision made for delayed collections in overseas projects. EBITDA/Adj. PAT missed our estimates by 31%/56%, despite revenue coming in 15% above our estimate.
- Management believes that there are signs of increased demand in the upcoming festive season. VOLT's YTD market share in RAC stood at 19.2% with Aug'23 exit-share at 19.5%. VOLT follows a conservative policy, and provisions for international projects may continue for the next few quarters.
- We cut our EPS estimates by 7%/5% for FY24/FY25, considering lower margin in the EMPS segment. We reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a TP of INR1,000 (based on 38x Sep'25E EPS).

### Margin improves YoY with moderating commodity prices

- VOLT's consolidated revenue was up 30% YoY to INR23b in 2QFY24. However, EBITDA declined 30% YoY to INR703m due to losses in the EMPS segment. EBITDA margin came in at 3.1% (est. 5.1%). Adj. PAT dipped 63% YoY to INR367m (56% below our estimates). Depreciation/interest cost was up 20%/70% YoY, whereas 'other income' grew 10% YoY.
- Segmental highlights: a) UCP: revenue was up 15% YoY to INR12b and EBIT was up 21% YoY to INR928m. EBIT margin expanded 40bp to 7.7%; b) EMPS: revenue was up 67% YoY to INR9.2b. The company reported an EBIT loss of INR490m (vs. EBIT of INR143m in 2QFY23) due to a provision of INR860m for delayed collections in the overseas projects; and c) PES: revenue declined 2% YoY to INR1.3b; however, EBIT was up 12% YoY to INR539m. EBIT margin expanded 5pp YoY to 40% during the quarter.
- In 1HFY24, VOLT's revenue rose 25% YoY to INR56.5b; however, EBITDA fell 8% YoY to INR2.6b. OPM contracted 160bp YoY to 4.5%. UCP segment revenue rose 16% YoY to INR37b, and the EBIT margin improved 50bp to 8.1%. OCF in 1HFY24 was INR2.3b vs. a negative OCF of INR3.4b in 1HFY23.

#### Key highlights from the management commentary

- The strong demand for appliances during the Onam festival in Kerala, after three years of muted demand, gives hope for improved demand in the upcoming festive season. This led to higher primary billing for trade partners that is reflected in the overall volume growth of the RAC segment.
- VoltBeko crossed 4m units since the launch of commercial sales, and becoming the fastest brand to achieve this milestone. The overall volume growth was 40% YoY, against a muted growth for the industry during the
- Capex is pegged at INR5-6b, covering both capacity expansions for RAC and commercial refrigerator along with PLI investment the company opted for.

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#### Valuation and view

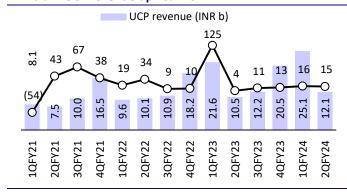
■ We expect VOLT's EBITDA/adjusted profit to report a CAGR of 25%/34% over FY23-26, supported by a recovery in margins for both the EMPS and RAC segments, along with reduced losses for Voltbek. RoE should be at 10.9%/ 12.9% in FY25/FY26E vs. 6.9% in FY23 (average of 12.3% over FY13-23).

■ We maintain our BUY rating on VOLT with a TP of INR1,000 premised on 38x Sep'25E EPS (similar to the last 10 years' one-year forward average P/E multiple, before losses of Voltbek) and INR38/share for Voltbek.

Quarterly performance												(INR m)
		FY	23			FY	24		FY23	FY24E	MOFSL	Var.
Y/E March	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE	-		2QE	
Sales	27,680	17,684	20,056	29,568	33,599	22,928	24,321	36,019	94,988	1,16,866	19,937	15
Change (%)	55.1	4.7	11.8	10.9	21.4	29.7	21.3	21.8	19.7	23.0	12.7	
Adj EBITDA	1,770	1,008	764	2,182	1,854	703	1,129	2,715	5,724	6,401	1,012	(31)
Change (%)	30.4	(21.9)	(50.9)	(16.4)	4.7	(30.3)	47.9	24.5	-16.0	11.8	0.3	
Adj EBITDA margin (%)	6.4	5.7	3.8	7.4	5.5	3.1	4.6	7.5	6.0	5.5	5.1	(201)
Depreciation	85	97	111	104	113	117	120	146	396	496	115	2
Interest	40	67	64	124	101	115	100	104	296	420	90	27
Other Income	268	644	307	467	700	710	613	514	1,685	2,536	708	0
Extra-ordinary items	-	(1,064)	(1,374)	-	0	-	-	-	-2,438	0	0	
PBT	1,913	423	(478)	2,420	2,339	1,181	1,523	2,979	4,278	8,022	1,515	(22)
Tax	508	195	300	706	735	493	384	407	1,709	2,019	382	29
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.6	13.1	33.5	29.2	31.4	41.7	25.2	13.7	25.4	25.2	25.2	
Share of profit of associates/JV's	(316)	(303)	(325)	(275)	(312)	(321)	(325)	(155)	(1,219)	(1,113)	(303)	
Reported PAT	1,089	(74)	(1,104)	1,439	1,293	367	814	2,416	1,350	4,889	830	(56)
Change (%)	(10.6)	NM	NM	(21.2)	18.7	NM	NM	67.9	-73.2	262.2	NM	
Adj PAT	1,089	990	270	1,439	1,293	367	814	2,416	3,788	4,889	830	(56)
Change (%)	(10.6)	(4.5)	(71.8)	(21.2)	18.7	(62.9)	201.0	67.9	-24.8	29.1	-16.1	

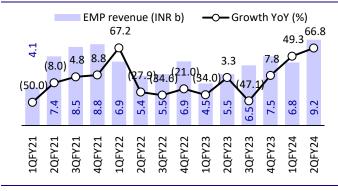
Segment Revenues (INR m)												
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	20	3QE	4QE	FY23	FY24E	MOFSL	Var
		20	30			20	JQL	TQL	1123	11246	2QE	(%)
EMP & Services	4,547	5,540	6,484	7,458	6,791	9,242	8,965	10,455	24,029	35,452	6,112	51
Engineering products and services	1,243	1,374	1,179	1,424	1,423	1,344	1,210	1,764	5,220	5,742	1,452	(7)
Unitary cooling business	21,622	10,477	12,160	20,486	25,140	12,088	13,901	23,510	64,745	74,639	12,067	0
Others	268	292	233	200	245	253	245	290	994	1,034	307	(18)
Total	27,680	17,684	20,056	29,568	33,599	22,928	24,321	36,019	94,988	1,16,866	19,937	15
Segment PBIT												
EMP & Services	(125)	143	(461)	(140)	(519)	(490)	(269)	(318)	(582)	(1,595)	61	n/m
Engineering products and services	509	480	460	559	541	539	472	687	2,007	2,239	552	(2)
Unitary cooling business	1,662	765	895	2,057	2,073	928	1,112	2,231	5,378	6,344	929	(0)
Total PBIT	2,046	1,388	893	2,475	2,096	977	1,315	2,600	6,803	6,988	1,542	(37)
Segment PBIT (%)												bp
EMP & Services (%)	(2.7)	2.6	(7.1)	(1.9)	(7.6)	(5.3)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(2.4)	(4.5)	1.0	(630)
Engineering products and services (%)	40.9	35.0	39.0	39.3	38.0	40.1	39.0	38.9	38.5	39.0	38.0	211
Unitary cooling business (%)	7.7	7.3	7.4	10.0	8.2	7.7	8.0	9.5	8.3	8.5	7.7	(2)
Total PBIT (%)	7.4	7.9	4.5	8.4	6.2	4.3	5.4	7.2	7.2	6.0	7.7	(347)

#### Exhibit 1: UCP revenue up 15% YoY



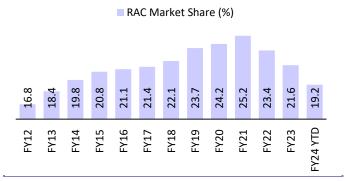
Source: MOFSL, Company

#### Exhibit 3: EMP revenue up 67% YoY



Source: MOFSL, Company

#### Exhibit 5: VOLT's market share in the RAC segment declines



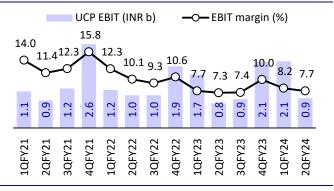
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Exhibit 7: Gross margin up 16bp YoY to 24.5% in 2QFY24



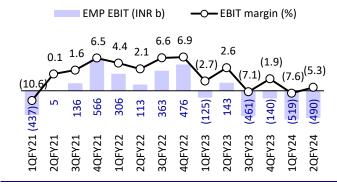
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Exhibit 2: UCP EBIT margin up 40bp YoY to 7.7%



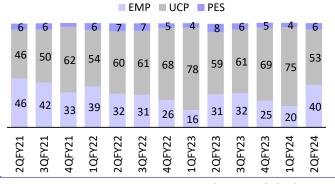
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Exhibit 4: Delayed collections in overseas business hurt profit



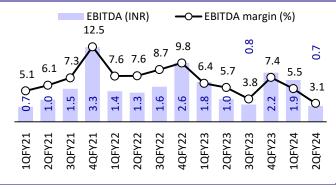
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 6: UPC contributes 53% to revenue vs. 59% in 2QFY23



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 8: EBITDA margin down 2.6pp YoY to 3.1%



Source: MOFSL, Company



## **Conference call highlights**

#### **General comments**

- Inflation still remains at higher levels, and geopolitical issues have also increased uncertainty. Key commodity prices have come down. The Indian economy has remained resilient led by better demand in the urban areas. Rural economy remains hit by high inflation. There are signs of inflation coming down every month that should support growth going forward.
- Cash balance was at INR25.9bn; however, the Board has approved issuance of NCDs of up to INR5b considering the need to conserve cash and for potential future growth opportunities.

### **Unitary Cooling Products (UCP)**

- 2Q is usually a lean period for the UCP segment; however, this is also the start of the festive period. Onam festival in Kerala witnessed a very strong growth for appliances segment after 3 years of muted demand giving a hope for a better demand in the upcoming festive season. This led to higher primary billing to the trade partners that is reflected in the overall volume growth of RAC segment.
- The focus on the inverter category and promotion of higher energy efficiency products have resulted in a healthy product-mix, contributing to the overall margins. Its YTD market share in RAC stood at 19.2% with Aug'23-exit market share of 19.5%. The RAC segment grew ~15% YoY in volume as well as in value.
- Commercial refrigeration segment saw a muted growth on account of cautious investments in B2B, as demand of cold beverages, chocolates, and ice creams was low. However, demand was buoyant for water coolers. The air cooler vertical witnessed a strong demand in East and South India, whereas demand in North was tepid. Volume grew ~50% YoY with an exit market share of 7.7% in July'23, and it has achieved the number two position in the industry.
- Commercial ACs vertical witnessed a good demand for chillers and packaged ACs. The mandatory quality control order (QCO), compliance in few of the commercial ACs product categories and slowdown in projects will have some impact in the coming period. However, the focus on customer retention and retrofit jobs will continue to support growth for this category. The commodity prices have softened during the quarter, though, the volatility continues.
- Capex is pegged at INR5-6b covering both capacity expansion for AC and commercial refrigerator along with PLI investment opted by the company.

## **Electro-Mechanical Projects and Services (EMPS)**

- Healthy opening order book and scheduled execution resulted in healthy growth for the domestic project business. The focus on collections and certifications has improved the overall working capital and return on capital. Order booked in the domestic project segment was at INR6.7b vs. INR4.8b in 2QFY23.
- Commencement of new projects and planned progress in the running projects resulted in a higher revenue growth for the segment. However, overseas projects business got impacted due to slow progress in the certification and collection of the receivables in few sizable and completed projects. The order booking in the overseas projects was at INR4.5b vs. INR1.2b in 2QFY23.

The carry forward order book for domestic projects stands at INR53b and comprises orders across water, HVAC, rural electrification and urban infra activities. The international order book stood at INR34b, largely in the UAE, Qatar and Saudi Arabia regions.

■ The segment result was hit by a provision of INR860m on account of delayed collection in overseas projects. Provisions made are related to completed or near-completion projects. The provisioning will continue for a few more quarters, as VOLT is following a conservative approach for making provisions.

#### **Voltas Beko**

- Volume crossed 4m units since the launch of commercial sales and it is the fastest brand to achieve this milestone. The overall volume growth was +40% YoY, against a muted growth for the industry.
- In line with the premiumization efforts, the revenue share of frost-free refrigerators and automatic washing machine has increased. Spending on digital and social media has also helped the brand in connecting with the youth and targeting the consumers in an effective manner. Leveraging on the distribution reach of Voltas, the touch points have seen accelerated expansion over the last two quarters.
- The strategic tie-up with modern trade and e-commerce partners, in addition to the traditional channel has contributed in achieving much higher volume growth than the industry. The company's market shares stood at 3.3% for refrigerators and 5.4% for washing machines, representing an increase of 0.9pp and 1.4% pp, respectively. It will take 2-3 more years to reach the 10% market share level.
- The favorable product mix coupled with localization of the fast-moving SKUs has resulted in the improvement of gross margins. The profits have remained at the previous year level despite higher spends on advertisement and service initiatives. The company's retail touch points have increased to +10k, compared with 6k-7k earlier.

**Exhibit 9: Revisions to our estimates** 

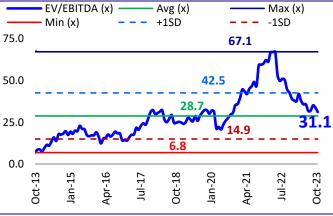
(INR b)	Rev	Revised		ld	Change		
	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	
Revenue	116.9	128.5	109.8	123.1	6.5%	4.3%	
EBITDA	6.4	8.7	7.6	9.6	-15.4%	-9.7%	
PAT	4.9	6.9	5.3	7.3	-7.0%	-4.8%	
EPS (INR)	14.8	20.9	15.9	21.9	-7.0%	-4.8%	

Source: Company, MOFSL estimate

Exhibit 10: 1-year forward P/E chart

P/E (x) Avg (x) · Max (x) Min (x) +1SD -1SD 120.0 108.7 80.0 64.1 40.9 40.0 0.0 Jan-20 Apr-16 Oct-18 Apr-21 Jul-22 Jul-17 Ö

Exhibit 11: 1-year forward EV/EBITDA chart



Source: MOFSL, Company

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# Financials and valuations (Consolidated)

Income Statement							(INR M)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total Revenues	76,581	75,558	79,345	94,988	1,16,866	1,28,461	1,41,947
Change (%)	7.5	-1.3	5.0	19.7	23.0	9.9	10.5
EBITDA	6,867	6,414	6,816	5,724	6,401	8,700	11,047
% of Total Revenues	9.0	8.5	8.6	6.0	5.5	6.8	7.8
Other Income	2,306	1,889	1,892	1,685	2,536	2,481	2,740
Depreciation	320	339	373	396	496	627	725
Interest	211	262	259	296	420	385	350
Exceptional Items	-364	0	0	-2,438	0	0	0
PBT	8,278	7,702	8,076	4,278	8,022	10,169	12,712
Tax	2,380	1,804	1,913	1,709	2,019	2,560	3,200
Rate (%)	28.8	23.4	23.7	40.0	25.2	25.2	25.2
PAT	5,898	5,898	6,163	2,569	6,003	7,610	9,512
Change (%)	4.3	0.0	4.5	-58.3	133.7	26.8	25.0
Profit/(Loss) share of associates/JVs	-687	-610	-1,103	-1,207	-1,101	-688	-344
Minority interest (MI)	39	37	19	12	12	12	12
PAT after MI	5,172	5,251	5,041	1,350	4,889	6,909	9,156
Change (%)	1.8	1.5	-4.0	-73.2	262.2	41.3	32.5
Adj. PAT after MI	5,536	5,251	5,041	3,788	4,889	6,909	9,156
Change (%)	6.5	-5.1	-4.0	-24.8	29.1	41.3	32.5
Balance Sheet							
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share Capital	331	331	331	331	331	331	331
Reserves	42,471	49,603	54,665	54,190	57,673	63,116	70,545
Net Worth	42,802	49,934	54,996	54,521	58,004	63,447	70,876
Minority Interest	365	361	381	417	429	441	453
Loans	2,179	2,606	3,432	6,160	5,660	5,160	4,660
Deferred Tax Liability	-715	-558	-317	-303	-303	-303	-303
Capital Employed	44,631	52,343	58,492	60,794	63,790	68,744	75,685
Gross Fixed Assets	6,201	6,690	7,020	8,826	10,826	13,326	14,826
Less: Depreciation	3,195	3,534	3,906	4,302	4,798	5,425	6,151
Net Fixed Assets	3,006	3,157	3,114	4,524	6,028	7,901	8,675
Capital WIP	263	88	593	983	983	983	983
Investments	23,433	30,464	36,154	31,086	30,985	31,297	31,953
Goodwill	798	723	723	723	723	723	723
Curr. Assets	53,332	51,565	56,440	65,119	73,817	81,423	92,558
Inventory	14,689	12,796	16,614	15,920	18,571	20,413	22,556
Debtors	18,336	18,009	21,097	21,919	25,614	28,156	31,112
Cash & Bank Balance	3,084	4,588	5,717	7,084	6,572	7,506	10,881
Loans & Advances	23	23	32	6	7	8	9
Other current assets	17,200	16,149	12,981	20,191	23,053	25,340	28,000
Current Liab. & Prov.	36,201	33,654	38,532	41,640	48,746	53,582	59,207
Creditors	26,889	24,645	29,421	30,126	34,580	38,010	42,001
Other Liabilities	9,312	9,009	9,111	11,514	14,166	15,572	17,206
Net Current Assets	17,131	17,911	17,908	23,479	25,071	27,841	33,351
Application of Funds	44,631	52,343	58,492	60,794	63,790	68,744	75,685

# **Financials and valuations (Consolidated)**

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Basic (INR)							
Adj EPS	16.7	15.9	15.2	11.5	14.8	20.9	27.7
Cash EPS	17.7	16.9	16.4	12.6	16.3	22.8	29.9
Book Value	129.4	150.9	166.3	164.8	175.3	191.8	214.3
DPS	4.0	5.0	5.5	4.3	4.4	5.2	6.9
Payout (incl. Div. Tax.)	23.9	31.5	36.1	37.1	30.0	25.0	25.0
Valuation (x)							
P/E	51.9	54.7	57.0	75.8	58.7	41.6	31.4
Cash P/E	49.0	51.4	53.0	68.6	53.3	38.1	29.1
EV/EBITDA	41.7	44.5	41.8	50.0	44.7	32.7	25.4
EV/Sales	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.2	2.0
Price/Book Value	6.7	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8
Profitability Ratios (%)							
RoE	12.9	10.5	9.2	6.9	8.4	10.9	12.9
RoCE	14.1	11.6	10.9	6.9	9.9	11.5	12.9
RoIC	25.8	26.9	29.6	14.1	16.8	20.2	23.5
Turnover Ratios							
Debtors (Days)	87	87	97	84	80	80	80
Inventory (Days)	70	62	76	61	58	58	58
Creditors. (Days)	128	119	135	116	108	108	108
Asset Turnover (x)	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9
Leverage Ratio							
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Cash Flow Statement							
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT before EO Items	7,591	7,735	5,610	7,787	8,022	10,169	12,712
Add : Depreciation	320	339	3,726	396	496	627	725
Interest	211	262	259	296	420	385	350
Less : Direct Taxes Paid	-2,061	-693	-2,169	-1,656	-2,019	-2,560	-3,200
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-911	-1,580	-438	-3,836	-2,105	-1,835	-2,135
CF from Operations	5,150	6,063	6,988	2,987	4,814	6,786	8,453
Others	-525	-502	-1,145	-1,393	-1,034	-792	0
CF from Oper. Incl. EO Items	4,625	5,561	5,842	1,594	3,780	5,994	8,453
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-905	-208	-482	-1,799	-2,000	-2,500	-1,500
Free Cash Flow	3,720	5,353	5,361	-206	1,780	3,494	6,953
Investment in liquid assets	-352	-2,645	-3,165	983	34	-208	-1,000
CF from Investments	-1,257	-2,853	-3,646	-816	-1,966	-2,708	-2,500
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	-1,057	425	918	2,728	-500	-500	-500
Less : Interest Paid	-811	-271	-312	-349	-420	-385	-350
Dividend Paid	-1,627	-1,358	-1,676	-1,829	-1,406	-1,467	-1,727
CF from Fin. Activity	-3,494	-1,204	-1,070	550	-2,326	-2,352	-2,577
Inc/Dec of Cash	-127	1,504	1,126	1,328	-512	934	3,375
Add: Beginning Balance	3,211	3,084	4,591	5,756	7,084	6,572	7,506
Closing Balance	3,084	4,588	5,717	7,084	6,572	<b>7,506</b>	10,881
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## NOTES

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