

# **Voltas**

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 CMP: INR1,414
 TP: INR1,650 (+17%)
 Buy

 73,853
 22,402

# **VOLTAS**

Bloomberg	VOLT IN
Equity Shares (m)	331
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	467.9 / 5.6
52-Week Range (INR)	1424 / 745
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	31/56/40
12M Avg Val (INR M)	1522
Free float (%)	69.7

### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

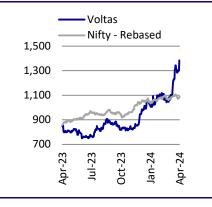
Y/E MARCH	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	125.7	141.3	158.9
EBITDA	5.7	9.4	13.5
Adj. PAT	3.7	7.2	10.9
EBITA Margin (%)	4.5	6.7	8.5
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	11.1	21.8	33.0
EPS Gr. (%)	(3.0)	96.2	51.6
BV/Sh. (INR)	171.7	190.1	217.7
Ratios			
Net D:E	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
RoE (%)	6.5	11.5	15.2
RoCE (%)	8.1	12.4	15.4
Payout (%)	30.0	25.0	25.0
Valuations			
P/E (x)	127.3	64.9	42.8
P/BV (x)	8.2	7.4	6.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	82.2	49.6	34.3
Div Yield (%)	0.2	0.4	0.6
FCF Yield (%)	(0.2)	0.7	1.8

### Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-24	Dec-23	Mar-23
Promoter	30.3	30.3	30.3
DII	40.6	37.2	33.4
FII	14.7	17.2	20.6
Others	14.4	15.3	15.8

FII Includes depository receipts

### Stock performance (one-year)



# Strong volume growth; market share to increase RAC segment's market share is estimated at ~22% in FY24-26

- Voltas (VOLT) stock has appreciated by 50%+ in the last six months and has performed well since the <u>reinitiation</u> of coverage in Sep'23. Interactions with dealers in a few regions indicate that there has been an increase in demand for cooling products in Mar & Apr'24. Industry estimates indicate that the demand for RAC has increased by over 30% during the period.
- VOLT indicated that its volume growth in RAC stood at 71% YoY in 4QFY24 and we believe that the company recently gained market share after the declines seen in the last 1.5 years. As per our estimate, market share of the company should be at ~22% in FY24.
- We believe that RAC is a long-term structural story, given the low penetration level in India, rising income levels, and thus, aspiration of middle-income group people and rising heatwaves across the globe. We expect the company to maintain its market share at ~22% in FY25/26 and expect the RAC industry to register a CAGR of 15% over FY24-26.
- We raise our EPS estimates by 20%/16%/11% for FY24/FY25/FY26, and expect the company to deliver EPS CAGR of 72% over FY24-26 after subdued performance in FY22-24 (earnings declined at 15% p.a. in this period). We maintain BUY on the stock with a revised price target of INR1,650 (vs. INR1,410 earlier) based on 50x FY26E EPS for the UCP segment, 35x FY26E EPS for PES and EMPS segments and INR38/share for Voltbek.

### RAC sales estimated to increase 25% YoY in FY24

- We expect RAC sales volumes to increase ~25% YoY in FY24 (five-year CAGR at 10%) and cross the mark of 10m units ACs. As per our estimates, volumes have registered a CAGR of 28% over FY22-24 after remaining almost flat in FY19-22. Our discussions with dealers in a few regions indicate that industry volumes have seen an uptick in Mar-Apr'24, with estimated growth surpassing 30% for RAC during this period.
- VOLT continues to be the Numero Uno brand in the RAC segment and the management indicated that its volume grew 71% in 4QFY24 in the RAC segment. The company also indicated that volumes growth was robust in other cooling products, including air cooler and commercial refrigeration products.
- We believe that RAC is a long-term structural play, given the low penetration level in India (the RAC segment is estimated to penetrate only about 16-18% of households with an overall penetration level of only 7-8%, much lower than the global average of ~30%), hotter summers, rising disposable income, and thus, aspiration levels, easy financing schemes, etc. We estimate RAC volumes to register a CAGR of 15% over FY24-26.

### **VOLT** continues to be the market leader

■ VOLT has remained the market leader in the RAC segment for a long time, though there has been some decline in its market share in the last six quarters. Its market share had gradually risen to 25.2% in FY21 (from 20.8% in FY15) before declining to 23.4%/21.6% in FY22/FY23.

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■ We estimate the company's market share in the RAC segment to be ~22% in FY24. Going forward, we believe that the company will continue to enjoy the leadership position and would maintain a market share of ~22% during FY25/26.

### EMPS segment to recover, aided by strong order book

- Electrical, mechanical, and plumbing solutions (EMPS) segment caters to industrial customers in GCC as well as in domestic markets. The segment was hit in FY23-24, led by write-offs in the international business. However, we believe the strong order book of INR82b (INR52b of domestic and INR30b of international orders) will drive revenue growth and margin should start improving from FY25.
- The management had earlier indicated that provision were created for delay in the collection of the outstanding amounts and encashment of bank guarantee by a few customers. It remains hopeful for reversal of these provisions. We have estimated EBIT margin of this segment to be at (2%)/3% for FY25/26 vs. (2.4%)/ (7.5%) in FY23/24E. Margins of this segment have been volatile historically, but average EBIT margin has been at 4.7% over FY06-22.

### Strong traction in revenues for Voltbek

- Voltbek has seen strong traction in revenues, following the commencement of its operations in FY19. The company had sold 3.3m units of home appliances products cumulatively until FY23, achieving revenues of INR11b in FY23.
- The company has indicated that it has sold 2m units of home appliances products (Refrigerators & Washing Machines) in FY24 and achieved a volume growth of 52% in 4QFY24.
- Market share of Voltbek in home appliances had increased to 5.3% in Mar'23 from 4.4% earlier with an 8.9% market share in semi-automatic washing machine. The management targets to achieve a 10% market share in the home appliances segment by FY25. We expect Voltbek to turn EBITDA positive in FY26 and achieve PAT break-even in FY27.

### Raised earnings estimates; maintain BUY rating

- In 4QFY24, we now expect VOLT's revenue/EBITDA/PAT to grow 45%/31%/61% YoY to INR42.9b/INR2.9b/INR2.3b. We expect VOLT's EBITDA/ adjusted profit to report a CAGR of 54%/72% over FY24-26, supported by a) volume growth and margin improvement in UCP segment; and b) reduction in losses of EMPS and Voltbek. RoE should be at 11.5%/15.2% in FY25E/FY26E vs. 6.5% in FY24E (average of 12.3% over FY13-23), while RoCE is likely to be at 12.4%/15.4% in FY25E/FY26E vs. 8.1% in FY24E (average of 12.8% over FY13-23).
- We maintain our BUY rating on the stock with a revised price target of INR1,650 (vs. INR1,410 earlier) based on 50x FY26E EPS for the UCP segment, 35x FY26E EPS for PES and EMPS segments and INR38/share for Voltbek.

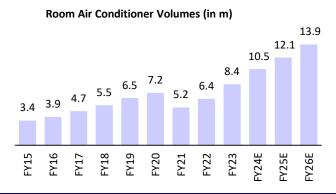
**Exhibit 1: Revisions to our estimates** 

(INR b)		Revised			Old			Change	
	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	125.7	141.3	158.9	120.3	134.0	149.3	5%	5%	6%
EBITDA	5.7	9.4	13.5	5.1	8.2	12.1	11%	14%	11%
PAT	3.7	7.2	10.9	3.1	6.2	9.8	20%	16%	11%
EPS (INR)	11.1	21.8	33.0	9.3	18.8	29.7	20%	16%	11%

Source: Company, MOFSL estimate

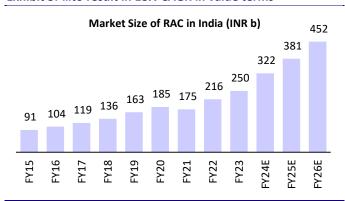
### **Story in charts**

Exhibit 2: Volume CAGR of 15% over FY24-26E...



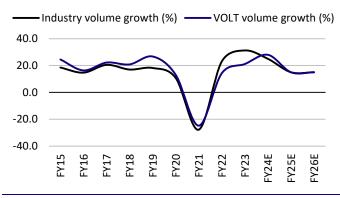
Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 3: ...to result in 18% CAGR in value terms



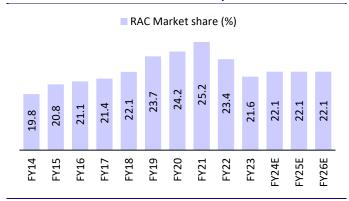
Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 4: VOLT's volume growth higher than industry in FY24E



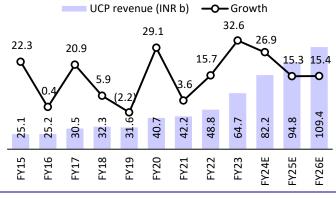
Source: MOFSL, Company; E: MOFSL estimate

Exhibit 5: VOLT's RAC market share improves in FY24E



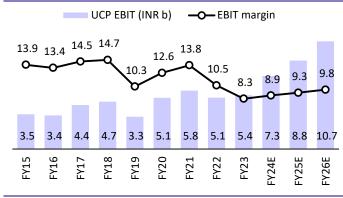
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Exhibit 6: Expect UCP revenue CAGR of 15.4% over FY24-26



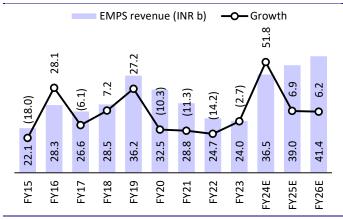
Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 7: Estimate UCP margins to improve** 



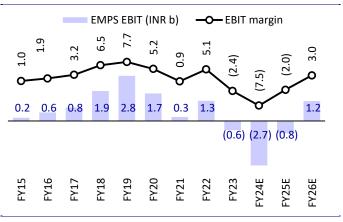
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Exhibit 8: Strong order book to lead revenue growth in EMPS



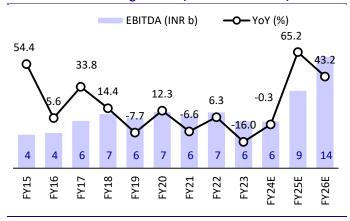
Source: MOFSL, Company

**Exhibit 9: Estimate reduction in losses in EMPS** 



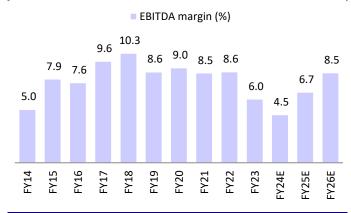
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 10: EBITDA to grow 65%/43% YoY in FY25E/26E



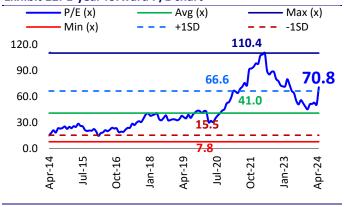
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 11: EBITDA margin to improve in FY25-FY26E



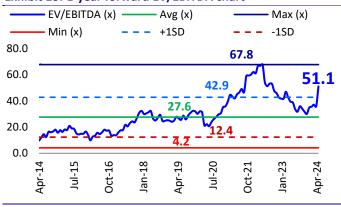
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: 1-year forward P/E chart



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 13: 1-year forward EV/EBITDA chart



Source: MOFSL, Company

# 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	1,25,684	1,41,314	1,58,894
Change (%)	7.5	-1.3	5.0	19.7	32.3	12.4	12.4
EBITDA	6,867	6,414	6,816	5,724	5,709	9,433	13,504
% of Total Revenues	9.0	8.5	8.6	6.0	4.5	6.7	8.5
Other Income	2,306	1,889	1,892	1,685	2,601	2,815	3,077
Depreciation	320	339	373	396	496	627	725
Interest	211	262	259	296	490	450	400
Exceptional Items	-364	0	0	-2,438	0	0	0
PBT	8,278	7,702	8,076	4,278	7,324	11,171	15,456
Tax	2,380	1,804	1,913	1,709	2,568	3,018	3,890
Rate (%)	28.8	23.4	23.7	40.0	35.1	27.0	25.2
PAT	5,898	5,898	6,163	2,569	4,756	8,153	11,566
Change (%)	4.3	0.0	4.5	-58.3	85.2	71.4	41.9
Profit/(Loss) share of associates/JVs	-687	-610	-1,103	-1,207	-1,069	-930	-621
Minority interest (MI)	39	37	19	12	12	12	12
PAT after MI	5,172	5,251	5,041	1,350	3,675	7,211	10,932
Change (%)	1.8	1.5	-4.0	-73.2	172.2	96.2	51.6
Adj. PAT after MI	5,536	5,251	5,041	3,788	3,675	7,211	10,932
Change (%)	6.5	-5.1	-4.0	-24.8	-3.0	96.2	51.6
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	56,459	62,568	71,697
Net Worth	42,471	49,003 49,934	54,996	54,190 54,521	56,790	62,899	71,097 <b>72,028</b>
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	<b>52,343</b>	58,492	60,794	62,575	68,196	76,838
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	4,502	6,028	7,901	8,675
Capital WIP	263	88	593	983	983	983	983
Investments	23,433	30,464	36,154	31,086	31,017	31,087	31,466
Goodwill	798	723	723	723	723	723	723
Curr. Assets	53,332	51,565	56,440	65,119	76,248	86,446	1,01,266
Inventory	14,689	12,796	16,614	15,920	19,972	22,455	25,249
Debtors	18,336	18,009	21,097	21,919	27,547	30,973	34,826
Cash & Bank Balance	3,084	4,588	5,717	7,084	3,930	5,133	9,838
Loans & Advances	23	23	3,717	7,084	3,930	3,133	10
Other current assets	17,200	16,149	12,981	20,191	24,792	27,876	31,343
Current Liab. & Prov.	36,201	33,654	38,532	41,640	52,424	58,943	66,276
Creditors	26,889	24,645	29,421	30,126	37,189	41,814	47,015
Other Liabilities	9,312	9,009	9,111	11,514	15,235	17,130	19,261
Net Current Assets	17,131	17,911	17,908	23,479	23,825	27,503	34,991
Application of Funds	44,631	52,343	58,492	60,794	62,575	68,196	76,838

## Financials and valuations (Consolidated)

Y/E March         FY20         FY21         FY22           Basic (INR)         Text of the property of the pr	11.5 12.6 164.8 4.3 37.1	11.1 12.6 171.7 3.3 30.0	21.8 23.7 190.1 5.4 25.0	<b>33.0</b> 35.2 217.7
Adj EPS         16.7         15.9         15.2           Cash EPS         17.7         16.9         16.4           Book Value         129.4         150.9         166.3           DPS         4.0         5.0         5.5           Payout (incl. Div. Tax.)         23.9         31.5         36.1           Valuation (x)         Valuation (x)         Valuation (x)         Valuation (x)	12.6 164.8 4.3 37.1	12.6 171.7 3.3	23.7 190.1 5.4	35.2 217.7
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EV/EBITDA 68.0 72.6 68.3	81.6	82.2	49.6	34.3
EV/Sales 6.1 6.2 5.9	4.9	3.7	3.3	2.9
Price/Book Value 10.9 9.4 8.5	8.6	8.2	7.4	6.5
Dividend Yield (%) 0.3 0.4 0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6
Profitability Ratios (%)				
RoE 12.9 10.5 9.2	6.9	6.5	11.5	15.2
RoCE 14.1 11.6 10.9	6.9	8.1	12.4	15.4
RoIC 25.8 26.9 29.6	14.1	12.3	20.1	26.9
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	2.0	2.1	2.1
Leverage Ratio				
Net Debt/Equity (x) (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	7,324	11,171	15,456
Add : Depreciation 320 339 3,726	396	496	627	725
Interest 211 262 259	296	490	450	400
Less: Direct Taxes Paid (2,061) (693) (2,169)	(1,656)	(2,568)	(3,018)	(3,890)
(Inc)/Dec in WC (911) (1,580) (438)	(3,836)	(3,500)	(2,474)	(2,783)
CF from Operations 5,150 6,063 6,988	2,987	2,242	6,756	9,908
Others (525) (502) (1,145)	(1,393)	(1,034)	(1,055)	-
CF from Oper. Incl. EO Items 4,625 5,561 5,842	1,594	1,207	5,701	9,908
(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)	(793)	3,201	8,408
Investment in liquid assets (352) (2,645) (3,165)	983	34	55	(1,000)
CF from Investments (1,257) (2,853) (3,646)	(816)	(1,966)	(2,445)	(2,500)
(Inc)/Dec in Debt (1,057) 425 918	2,728	(500)	(500)	(500)
Less : Interest Paid (811) (271) (312)	(349)	(490)	(450)	(400)
Dividend Paid (1,627) (1,358) (1,676)	(1,829)	(1,406)	(1,103)	(1,803)
CF from Fin. Activity (3,494) (1,204) (1,070)	550	(2,396)	(2,053)	(2,703)
Inc/Dec of Cash (127) 1,504 1,126	1,328	(3,154)	1,204	4,705
Add: Beginning Balance 3,211 3,084 4,591	5,756	7,084	3,930	5,133
Closing Balance 3,084 4,588 5,717	7,084	3,930	5,133	9,838

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