# Focus tilts towards volume growth; retain BUY



Oil & Gas > Result Update > May 11, 2024

TARGET PRICE (Rs): 1,680

MGL's Q4FY24 SA EBITDA/PAT of Rs3.9bn/Rs2.7bn was 6%/10% lower than our expectation, mainly due to lower realization (higher industrial volume share) affecting gross margin and on slightly higher opex. However, standalone volumes surprised positively, registering 12% YoY and 3% QoQ growth to 3.8mmscmd (a 3% beat). EBITDA/scm fell 14% QoQ to Rs11.5 (a 9% miss). Mgmt. raised its volume CAGR guidance to 6-7%, from 5-6% earlier, besides seeing strong growth (double-digit) in the industrial segment. UEPL's volume stood at 0.14mmscmd vs 1.2mmscmd potential in 7-8 years, whereas total capex target for FY25 is >Rs10bn. We retain FY25-26E earnings and reiterate our positive stance driven by a better volume growth profile than peers, healthy margins, attractive valuation; retain BUY nudged up Mar-25E TP of Rs1,680/sh.

Mahanagar Gas: Financial Snapshot (Standalone)										
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E					
Revenue	35,602	62,993	62,445	64,086	68,722					
EBITDA	9,243	11,842	18,426	16,770	18,118					
Adj. PAT	5,969	7,900	12,891	11,676	12,507					
Adj. EPS (Rs)	60.4	80.0	130.5	118.2	126.6					
EBITDA margin (%)	26.0	18.8	29.5	26.2	26.4					
EBITDA growth (%)	(1.0)	28.1	55.6	(9.0)	8.0					
Adj. EPS growth (%)	(3.7)	32.3	63.2	(9.4)	7.1					
RoE (%)	17.5	20.4	27.8	21.3	20.1					
RoIC (%)	37.9	40.9	55.5	40.6	37.2					
P/E (x)	21.5	16.3	10.0	11.0	10.3					
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.3	9.6	6.3	6.7	6.0					
P/B (x)	3.6	3.1	2.5	2.2	1.9					
FCFF yield (%)	1.8	2.0	6.1	5.5	6.4					

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **Results Highlights**

Q4FY24 SA EBITDA/PAT was flat YoY each and fell 12%/16% QoQ. CNG volume grew 12% YoY and was flat QoQ, coming in at 243mmscm. PNG was up 17% YoY/6% QoQ, with I/C up 23%/7% and DPNG increasing 12%/5%. Gross margin declined 7% QoQ to Rs17.7/scm, a 5% miss due to realizations coming lower. Unit opex rose 10% each YoY and QoQ to Rs6.4/scm (5% higher). EBITDA/scm hence fell 11% YoY and 14% QoQ to Rs11.5. D/A rose 14% QoQ, whereas other income was up 32% YoY/down 7% QoQ at Rs446mn (vs Rs501mn est.). For FY24, MGL's SA EBITDA and PAT rose 55-65% YoY each, on the back of 47% margin and 5% volume growth. MGL added/upgraded 36/45 CNG stations and added 320,125 DPNG customers in FY24, resulting in 347/2.49mn CNG stations/DPNG customers, cumulatively. Board recommended final dividend of Rs18/sh, resulting in total dividend at Rs30/sh with 23% payout (lower than 30-40% historically).

## **Management KTAs**

APM gas allocation stood at 74% in Q4, with opex being higher due to Rs250mn spent on the CNG marketing scheme. FY25 volume growth guidance is 6-7% YoY, with internal targets being even higher. CNG volume growth would be close to this number (>70% share in mix), whereas IPNG should grow at lower double digits (for the next 4-8 quarters at least). The EBITDA/scm guidance is intact at Rs9-11. MGL's capex was Rs7.75bn in FY24, with FY25 target of Rs9-10bn in standalone and of Rs1.5-2bn in UEPL. CNG station addition target for FY25/26 is >50/40-50, with majority commissioning in Q4 of the fiscal years. UEPL clocked volumes of 0.14mmscmd in Q4FY24, and FY24 EBITDA at Rs600mn with the total CNG station base of 56. MGL plans to add 4 LNG stations by FY25-end.

#### Valuation

We value MGL on SoTP basis, wherein both, its standalone business and UEPL, are valued using the DCF methodology. Our SOTP-DCF-based Mar-25E TP is Rs1,680/share, implying 13.2x Mar-26E consolidated target P/E. Key risks: Adverse pricing, margin, and currency scenarios; high gas prices; open access; rate of EV adoption; project delays.

Accredited Investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore.

Target Price – 12M	Mar-25
Change in TP (%)	1.8
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	29.2
CMP (10-May-24) (Rs)	1,300.4

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	1,580
52-week Low (Rs)	971
Shares outstanding (mn)	98.8
Market-cap (Rs bn)	128
Market-cap (USD mn)	1,538
Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn)	-16,343
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	1
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	885.5
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	10.6
Free float (%)	31.0
Nifty-50	22,055
INR/USD	83.5
Shareholding, Mar-24	
Promoters (%)	32.5
FPIs/MFs (%)	30.6/17.4

<b>Price Perform</b>	ance		
(%)	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	(10.7)	(11.8)	18.3
Rel. to Nifty	(7.9)	(12.9)	(1.8)



#### Sabri Hazarika

sabri.hazarika@emkayglobal.com +91 22 6612 1282

## Harsh Maru

harsh.maru@emkayglobal.com +91 22 6612 1336

#### Arya Patel

arya.patel@emkayglobal.com +91 22 6612 1285

Exhibit 1: Actuals vs. Estimates (Q4FY24)

Rs mn	Actual	Estimates	Consensus Estimates	Vari	ation	Comments	
KS IIIII	Actual	(Emkay)	(Bloomberg)	Emkay Consensus			
Total Revenue	15,671	15,431	15,284	2%	3%	Higher volumes	
Adjusted EBITDA	3,938	4,187	4,299	-6%	-8%	Higher Opex led by higher other expenses	
EBITDA Margin	25.1%	27.1%	28.1%	-200bps	-300bps		
Adjusted Net Profit	2,650	2,960	3,014	-10%	-12%	Higher D/A expense and lower other income	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

- 1 11 14	-				_
Exhibit	2:	Standa	Ione	Ouarterly	Summary

Exhibit 2: Standalone Quarter	Summary									
Rs mn	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	YoY	QoQ	FY23	FY24	YoY
CNG Sales	12,995	12,604	12,857	12,615	12,372	-5%	-2%	50,123	50,448	1%
Less Excise	1,613	1,524	1,580	1,550	1,520	-6%	-2%	6,217	6,174	-1%
PNG Sales	4,634	4,237	4,360	4,560	4,717	2%	3%	18,812	17,874	-5%
Other Operating Income	74	46	58	55	79	7%	42%	220	237	8%
Net Revenues	16,105	15,378	15,709	15,688	15,671	-3%	0%	62,993	62,445	-1%
Dec./(Inc.) in Stock In Trade	3	3	-1	-0	-0			-8	2	
Raw Material Cost	10,425	8,439	8,993	9,231	9,517	-9%	3%	44,356	36,179	-18%
Total COGS	10,428	8,442	8,992	9,230	9,517	-9%	3%	44,349	36,181	-18%
Gross Profit	5,604	6,891	6,659	6,402	6,075	8%	-5%	18,424	26,027	41%
Employee Cost	324	286	311	291	294	-9%	1%	1,079	1,181	9%
Other Expenses	1,457	1,438	1,618	1,679	1,922	32%	14%	5,724	6,657	16%
Total OPEX	1,780	1,724	1,929	1,970	2,216	24%	12%	6,802	7,838	15%
Total Expenditure	12,208	10,165	10,921	11,201	11,733	-4%	5%	51,151	44,019	-14%
EBITDA	3,897	5,213	4,789	4,487	3,938	1%	-12%	11,842	18,426	56%
Depreciation	638	620	658	683	775	21%	14%	2,311	2,736	18%
EBIT	3,259	4,592	4,131	3,804	3,163	-3%	-17%	9,531	15,690	65%
Interest	22	25	25	27	38	73%	41%	94	115	23%
Other Income	336	390	437	481	446	32%	-7%	1,119	1,753	57%
PBT before exceptional	3,573	4,957	4,543	4,258	3,570	0%	-16%	10,555	17,328	64%
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	
PBT	3,573	4,957	4,543	4,258	3,570	0%	-16%	10,555	17,328	64%
Total tax	885	1,273	1,158	1,086	920	4%	-15%	2,655	4,437	67%
Reported PAT	2,688	3,684	3,385	3,172	2,650	-1%	-16%	7,901	12,891	63%
Rep. EPS (Rs)	27.2	37.3	34.3	32.1	26.8	-1%	-16%	80.0	130.5	63%
Adjusted PAT	2,688	3,684	3,385	3,172	2,650	-1%	-16%	7,901	12,891	63%
Adj. EPS (Rs)	27.2	37.3	34.3	32.1	26.8	-1%	-16%	80.0	130.5	63%
Shares O/S (mn)	99	99	99	99	99			99	99	
EBITDA margin	24%	34%	30%	29%	25%			19%	30%	
Standalone Rep. NPM	17%	24%	22%	20%	17%			13%	21%	
Effective tax rate	25%	26%	25%	26%	26%			25%	26%	
Total Sales (mmscmd)	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	12%	3%	3.4	3.6	5%
CNG Volumes (mmscm)	217	226	238	242	243	12%	0%	909	948	4%
PNG Volumes (mmscm)	87	85	91	96	101	17%	6%	340	373	10%
Domestic	46	45	45	49	51	12%	5%	178	190	7%
Industrial+Commercial	41	40	46	47	50	23%	7%	162	183	
Industrial	28	29	33	35	38	36%	9%	105	135	28%
Commercial	13	10	13	12	12	-5%	0%	57		-16%
Gross Margin (Rs/scm)	18.5	22.2	20.2	19.0	17.7	-4%	-7%	14.8	19.7	33%
Adj. EBITDA/scm (Rs)	12.8	16.8	14.6	13.3			-14%	9.5		47%
CNG Real (Rs/kg)	59.9	55.8	54.1	52.1		-15%	-2%	55.2	53.2	
PNG Real (Rs/scm)	53.5	50.0	47.8	47.7		-13%	-2%	55.4		-13%
Average Real (Rs/scm)	52.8	49.4	47.6	46.3		-14%	-2%	50.2	47.1	
Average Real (NS/SCIII)	32.0	49.4	47.0	40.3	45.3	-14%	-270	30.2	47.1	-0%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

This report is intended for team emkay@whitemarguesolutions.com use and downloaded at 05/20/2024 10:31 AM

Emkay Research is also available on www.emkayglobal.com and Bloomberg EMKAY-GOD. Please refer to the last page of the report on Restrictions on Distribution. In Singapore, this research report or research analyses may only be distributed to Institutional Investors, Expert Investors or Accredited Investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore.

Exhibit 3: Change in assumptions

		FY25E			FY26E	
	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance
EBITDA/scm (Rs)	12.0	12.0	0%	12.2	12.2	0%
Sales Volumes (mmscmd)	3.8	3.8	1%	4.0	4.1	1%
Growth	5.9%	6.4%	49bps	5.9%	6.2%	30bps

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 4: Change in estimates** 

(Da)		FY25E		FY26E			
(Rs mn)	Previous	Revised	Variance	Previous	Revised	Variance	
Revenue	62,743	64,086	2%	67,067	68,722	2%	
EBITDA	16,690	16,770	0%	17,949	18,118	1%	
EBITDA Margin	26.6%	26.2%	-43bps	26.8%	26.4%	-40bps	
PAT	11,791	11,676	-1%	12,617	12,507	-1%	
EPS (Rs)	119.4	118.2	-1%	127.7	126.6	-1%	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

# **Concall Key Takeaways**

- Mahanagar Gas (MGL) added 36 new CNG stations (highest so far), upgraded 45 stations, and added 320,125 DPNG customers (>330,000, incl. UEPL, the highest so far) in FY24. In Q4FY24, 28 CNG stations and 117,279 DPNG customers were added, taking the total to 347 and 2.49mn cumulative, respectively. The Q4 pipeline add was 226km totalling to 6,966km and I/C PNG customers 108 to 4,769 (I/C customers at ~4,300/460). Raigad had 80,041 DPNG connections, 47 CNG stations, and 416km of pipelines (~30km added in Q4) as of Mar 2024-end.
- CNG vehicle addition in Q4 stood at >20,000, of which 13,000 was private cars, 5,400 autos, and 1,400 small CVs. MGL is already catering to 300 MSRTC buses in its Gas, and plans to add 100 more in the next 1-2 quarters. CNG sales in kg terms stood at 1.94mn in Q4, while industrial/commercial volumes stood at 1.418/0.142mmscmd; CNG in kg term was 1.94mn per day.
- APM gas allocation stood at 74% in Q4, with the HP-HT availability resulting in ~USD7.3/mmbtu of priority segment gas cost. MGL's term LNG contracts consist of 0.75mmscmd Henry-Hub linked (60% take or pay, and 75-80% in new contracts, not fully utilized now), 0.1mmscmd Brent-linked and 0.49mmscmd HP-HT. It has ample flexibility to use spot LNG in its mix based on pricing, to lower the blended cost. It is looking at more spot and term gas. ONGC saw some disruptions, which have now though have been normalized.
- Opex rose in Q4 due to Rs250mn spent on the CNG marketing scheme (retrofitment & adpromo), besides higher variable expenses (linked to volumes) and higher maintenance and CSR expenses (booked in Q4). Incremental opex was Rs0.2-0.25/scm.
- MGL could have had >Rs20bn of cash surplus, which came in at a lower Rs14bn due to investment of Rs5.6bn in the UEPL acquisition, Rs500mn in 3EVs (manufacturing of 3W cargo & passenger EVs and LMC distribution), investment in the LNG JV with Baidyanath LNG for 51% stake, and Rs1bn equity in the CBG plant in a phased manner.
- MGL has also repaid UEPL's external borrowings of Rs2bn (gave unsecured loans) and plans to fund the subsidiary for the next 2-3 years through Rs1.5-2bn infusion. Dividend payout was hence low, although still jumping YoY. It aims to deploy cash and tap into the balance potential.
- FY25 volume growth guidance is 6-7% YoY (vs 5-6% pa earlier), and internal targets are even higher. CNG volume growth would be close to this number (>70% share in mix), while IPNG should grow at lower double digits (for the next 4-8 quarters at least). CNG volumes are driven by per-capita usage of a large customer base. Q3 to Q4 is generally weaker, but this time around the scheme-based new adds may have helped. Q4 to Q1 is generally higher.

- IPNG saw good growth led by strategic pricing intervention of 10% discount to FO for new large customers, resulting in 0.1mmscmd incremental volumes. Brent prices were also steady. Further, 0.1mmscmd of IPNG contracts are in the pipeline, and would connect post Oct-Nov '24. Also, 0.3mn connections are planned in DPNG this year.
- EBITDA/scm in FY24 was Rs13.9, hence Company believes margin guidance at Rs9-11/scm is quite comfortable. Overall volume increase should lower unit cost. This range factors in the increase in weighted average gas cost going ahead. IPNG gross margins are lower but opex too is less; hence EBITDA/scm is reasonable. I/C gross margin in FY24 was around 25-30/scm, though it had recorded a low of Rs12/scm. Margin of the commercial segment is benchmarked to commercial LPG prices and that of the industrial segment to alternate fuels like FO.
- MGL's capex was Rs7.75bn in FY24, with target for FY25 at Rs9-10bn in standalone and Rs1.5-2bn in UEPL (>Rs10bn in total with aggressive plans for UEPL). CNG station addition target for FY25/26 is >50/40-50, with majority commissioning in Q4 of the fiscal years.
- MGL's CNG marketing scheme in conjunction with Maruti, Hyundai, Tata, Ashok and retrofitters ended for PVs in Dec 2023 (Rs20,000 worth of gas coupons) and for CVs in Mar 2024. An element of scarcity & intermittence speeds up consumer behavior, hence the scheme was ended for PVs but could be restarted in the future (ongoing discussions with OEMs). The Scheme should, however, continue for CVs due to higher prospects and B2B customers being value oriented (OEMs also pitch in). This has supported truck traffic at its outlets, with 67 in Q3 and 97 in Q4.
- Company has seen a good %-based growth in 1ton+ CVs and PVs due to its marketing scheme, but impact on overall CNG sales is not vet material, as 13-15.000 vehicles were added in the small category in Q3-Q4FY24. It could become meaningful in a few quarters though. The Rs20,000 was accounted under marketing expenses and actual impact for MGL is lower, as other parties are also present in the value chain.
- Trade margins of OMCs is based on city types, with metro at Rs5.4/kg, A&B class cities at Rs4.60/kg, and C class at Rs3.7/kg. Past adjustment of margins would be resolved soon, while current year has been provided for. Negotiations were on with OMCs, and would take a few months more to conclude; provisions have been made with no risk. MOPNG has also come up with guidelines for dispute resolution.
- Company completed the acquisition of Unison Enviro (UEPL) which it consolidated in its book of accounts wef 1-Feb-2024, UEPL clocked volumes of 0.14mmscmd in O4FY24, with FY24 EBITDA at Rs600mn. Only 4-5 stations of UEPL are online, with the rest majorly daughterbooster stations with a total CNG station base of 56. Pipeline connectivity hence would improve throughput per station going ahead. Volume potential of UEPL is ~1.2mmscmd in 7-8 years, with focus on CNG base expansion in Ratnagiri and I/C PNG expansion overall.
- MGL has amortized the license acquisition (value as intangible) of UEPL in its consol. financials as a non-cash charge. The consolidation may not be proper, as provisional accounting was done and the final report from the valuer would come this year, with FY25 financials reflecting the actual numbers(as there were accounting differences also).
- LNG retail eco-system development has started. Savroli LNG station is operating on cost plus fixed margin basis, with sale of ~4tpd (pick-up seen in the last few months, and would go up in a few quarters) and overall capacity of 10-15tpd. MGL plans to add 4 more stations by FY25-end. LNG prices are at a discount to those of diesel.
- MGL has signed an MOU with MCGM-BMC to set up a CBG plant in Mumbai, with Board approval received and awaiting land, while commissioning would take 1.5 years post that. Plant would have capacity of 30ton of CBG per day (70mscmd) or 1,000ton of waste per day. Cumulative capex is estimated at Rs5.5-6bn, with 500tpd capacity each in two phases.

Exhibit 6: DCF-based valuation (Mar-25E)

DCF Assumptions	MGL Std	UEPL	Mar-26E (Rs.mn)	MGL Std	UEPL	Total
Risk Free Rate	7.0%	7.0%	NPV Of FCF	112,952	27,315	140,267
Risk Premium	5.3%	5.3%	Terminal Value	95,067	23,042	118,109
Beta	0.8	0.8	PV Of TV	6,273	1,738	8,011
Cost Of Equity	11.0%	11.0%	Total Value	119,224	29,053	148,277
Cost Of Debt	8.0%	8.0%	Less: Adjusted Net Debt (Y/E)	-21,014	3,355	-17,659
Post Tax Cost Of Debt	6.0%	6.0%	Equity Value	140,238	25,698	165,936
Average Debt:Equity Ratio	0.0%	12.8%	No. Of Shares O/S (mn)	99	99	99
WACC	11.0%	10.5%	Target Price (Rs/sh)	1,420	260	1,680
Terminal Growth Rate	0.0%	0.0%				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## Exhibit 7: PER-based valuation (Mar-26E EPS)

Rs/share	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
MGL's Adjusted Consol EPS	62.7	60.4	80.0	130.5	116.6	127.0
Target Multiple (x)						13.2
DCF Target Price (Rs/share)						1,680

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **Mahanagar Gas: Standalone Financials and Valuations**

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	35,602	62,993	62,445	64,086	68,722
Revenue growth (%)	65.4	76.9	(0.9)	2.6	7.2
EBITDA	9,243	11,842	18,426	16,770	18,118
EBITDA growth (%)	(1.0)	28.1	55.6	(9.0)	8.0
Depreciation & Amortization	1,963	2,311	2,736	3,236	3,739
EBIT	7,281	9,530	15,690	13,533	14,379
EBIT growth (%)	(4.2)	30.9	64.6	(13.7)	6.2
Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	857	1,119	1,753	2,196	2,459
Financial expense	75	94	115	120	117
PBT	8,063	10,555	17,328	15,610	16,721
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	2,093	2,655	4,437	3,934	4,214
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0
Income from JV/Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	5,969	7,900	12,891	11,676	12,507
PAT growth (%)	(3.7)	32.3	63.2	(9.4)	7.1
Adjusted PAT	5,969	7,900	12,891	11,676	12,507
Diluted EPS (Rs)	60.4	80.0	130.5	118.2	126.6
Diluted EPS growth (%)	(3.7)	32.3	63.2	(9.4)	7.1
DPS (Rs)	25.0	26.0	30.0	47.3	50.6
Dividend payout (%)	41.4	32.5	23.0	40.0	40.0
EBITDA margin (%)	26.0	18.8	29.5	26.2	26.4
EBIT margin (%)	20.4	15.1	25.1	21.1	20.9
Effective tax rate (%)	26.0	25.2	25.6	25.2	25.2
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	5,390	7,133	11,672	10,123	10,755
Shares outstanding (mn)	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8

Source: Company, Emkay Resear	ch	
-------------------------------	----	--

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	8,063	10,555	17,328	15,610	16,721
Others (non-cash items)	263	355	538	0	0
Taxes paid	(2,122)	(2,638)	(4,240)	(3,562)	(3,839)
Change in NWC	1,647	731	1,852	1,383	1,206
Operating cash flow	9,037	9,693	15,631	14,157	14,936
Capital expenditure	(6,963)	(7,358)	(8,566)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Acquisition of business	(418)	(1,328)	(7,560)	(61)	(173)
Interest & dividend income	423	460	507	2,196	2,459
Investing cash flow	(6,400)	(9,218)	(10,810)	(6,823)	(5,653)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	289	116	247	10	10
Payment of lease liabilities	(290)	(330)	(350)	(350)	(350)
Interest paid	(75)	(94)	(115)	(120)	(117)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(3,317)	(2,870)	(3,247)	(4,670)	(5,002)
Financing cash flow	(3,103)	(2,848)	(3,116)	(4,779)	(5,109)
Net chg in Cash	(467)	(2,373)	1,706	2,555	4,174
OCF	9,037	9,693	15,631	14,157	14,936
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	7,390	8,962	13,780	12,774	13,730
FCFF	2,074	2,335	7,065	6,157	6,936
FCFE	2,422	2,701	7,457	8,233	9,278
OCF/EBITDA (%)	97.8	81.9	84.8	84.4	82.4
FCFE/PAT (%)	40.6	34.2	57.8	70.5	74.2
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	38.5	32.7	60.5	60.8	64.5

Source:	Company,	Emkay	Research

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	988	988	988	988	988
Reserves & Surplus	34,985	40,354	50,441	57,447	64,951
Net worth	35,973	41,342	51,429	58,434	65,939
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability (net)	2,008	2,086	2,441	2,812	3,187
Total debt	1,030	1,146	1,393	1,403	1,413
Total liabilities & equity	39,011	44,574	55,262	62,649	70,539
Net tangible fixed assets	24,581	28,318	33,490	38,641	43,270
Net intangible assets	52	51	51	51	51
Net ROU assets	1,504	1,888	1,888	1,888	1,888
Capital WIP	6,159	7,086	7,743	7,356	6,988
Goodwill	0	0	0	0	0
Investments [JV/Associates]	1,590	2,918	10,477	10,539	10,712
Cash & equivalents	15,535	15,377	14,172	17,746	22,032
Current assets (ex-cash)	2,917	4,685	4,438	4,554	4,884
Current Liab. & Prov.	13,327	15,749	16,998	18,126	19,286
NWC (ex-cash)	(10,411)	(11,064)	(12,560)	(13,572)	(14,402)
Total assets	39,011	44,574	55,262	62,649	70,539
Net debt	(14,505)	(14,231)	(12,780)	(16,343)	(20,619)
Capital employed	39,011	44,574	55,262	62,649	70,539
Invested capital	15,727	19,194	22,869	27,009	30,807
BVPS (Rs)	364.2	418.5	520.6	591.6	667.5
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(1.6)	(1.2)	(0.7)	(1.0)	(1.1)
Interest coverage (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoCE (%)	22.0	25.5	34.9	26.7	25.3

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ratios					
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
P/E (x)	21.5	16.3	10.0	11.0	10.3
P/CE(x)	16.2	12.6	8.2	8.6	7.9
P/B (x)	3.6	3.1	2.5	2.2	1.9
EV/Sales (x)	3.2	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.3	9.6	6.3	6.7	6.0
EV/EBIT(x)	15.7	12.0	7.4	8.3	7.5
EV/IC (x)	7.2	6.0	5.1	4.2	3.5
FCFF yield (%)	1.8	2.0	6.1	5.5	6.4
FCFE yield (%)	1.9	2.1	5.8	6.4	7.2
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	2.0	2.3	3.6	3.9
DuPont-RoE split					
Net profit margin (%)	16.8	12.5	20.6	18.2	18.2
Total asset turnover (x)	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0
Assets/Equity (x)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
RoE (%)	17.5	20.4	27.8	21.3	20.1
DuPont-RoIC					
NOPLAT margin (%)	15.1	11.3	18.7	15.8	15.7
IC turnover (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RoIC (%)	37.9	40.9	55.5	40.6	37.2
Operating metrics					
Core NWC days	(16.0)	(4.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)
Total NWC days	(16.0)	(4.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)
Fixed asset turnover	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1
Opex-to-revenue (%)	16.6	10.8	12.6	13.6	14.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS**

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
07-Mar-24	1,316	1,650	Buy	Sabri Hazarika
29-Jan-24	1,414	1,650	Buy	Sabri Hazarika

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND**



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

## GENERAL DISCLOSURE/DISCLAIMER BY EMKAY GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (EGFSL):

Emkay Global Financial Services Limited (CIN-L67120MH1995PLC084899) and its affiliates are a full-service, brokerage, investment banking, investment management and financing group. Emkay Global Financial Services Limited (EGFSL) along with its affiliates are participants in virtually all securities trading markets in India. EGFSL was established in 1995 and is one of India's leading brokerage and distribution house. EGFSL is a corporate trading member of BSE Limited (BSE), National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), MCX Stock Exchange Limited (MCX-SX), Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX) and National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) (hereinafter referred to be as "Stock Exchange(s)"). EGFSL along with its [affiliates] offers the most comprehensive avenues for investments and is engaged in the businesses including stock broking (Institutional and retail), merchant banking, commodity broking, depository participant, portfolio management and services rendered in connection with distribution of primary market issues and financial products like mutual funds, fixed deposits. Details of associates are available on our website i.e. www.emkayglobal.com.

EGFSL is registered as Research Analyst with the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") bearing registration Number INH000000354 as per SEBI (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014, EGFSL hereby declares that it has not defaulted with any Stock Exchange nor its activities were suspended by any Stock Exchange with whom it is registered in last five years. However, SEBI and Stock Exchanges had conducted their routine inspection and based on their observations have issued advice letters or levied minor penalty on EGFSL for certain operational deviations in ordinary/routine course of business. EGFSL has not been debarred from doing business by any Stock Exchange / SEBI or any other authorities; nor has its certificate of registration been cancelled by SEBI at any point of time.

EGFSL offers research services to its existing clients as well as prospects. The analyst for this report certifies that all of the views expressed in this report accurately reflect his or her personal views about the subject company or companies and its or their securities, and no part of his or her compensation was, is or will be, directly or indirectly related to specific recommendations or views expressed in this report.

This report is based on information obtained from public sources and sources believed to be reliable, but no independent verification has been made nor is its accuracy or completeness guaranteed. This report and information herein is solely for informational purpose and shall not be used or considered as an offer document or solicitation of offer to buy or sell or subscribe for securities or other financial instruments. Though disseminated to all the clients simultaneously, not all clients may receive this report at the same time. The securities discussed and opinions expressed in this report may not be suitable for all investors, who must make their own investment decisions, based on their own investment objectives, financial positions and needs of specific recipient.

EGFSL and/or its affiliates may seek investment banking or other business from the company or companies that are the subject of this material. EGFSL may have issued or may issue other reports (on technical or fundamental analysis basis) of the same subject company that are inconsistent with and reach different conclusion from the information, recommendations or information presented in this report or are contrary to those contained in this report. Users of this report may visit www.emkayglobal.com to view all Research Reports of EGFSL. The views and opinions expressed in this document may or may not match or may be contrary with the views, estimates, rating, and target price of the research published by any other analyst or by associate entities of EGFSL; our proprietary trading, investment businesses or other associate entities may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations expressed herein. In reviewing these materials, you should be aware that any or all of the foregoing, among other things, may give rise to real or potential conflicts of interest including but not limited to those stated herein. Additionally, other important information regarding our relationships with the company or companies that are the subject of this material is provided herein. All material presented in this report, unless specifically indicated otherwise, is under copyright to Emkay. None of the material, nor its content, nor any copy of it, may be altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed to any other party, without the prior express written permission of EGFSL. All trademarks, service marks and logos used in this report are trademarks or registered trademarks of EGFSL or its affiliates. The information contained herein is not intended for publication or distribution or circulation in any manner whatsoever and any unauthorized reading, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited unless otherwise expressly authorized. Please ensure that you have read "Risk Disclosure Document for Capital Market and Derivatives Segments" as prescribed by Securities and Exchange Board of India before investing in Indian Securities Market. In so far as this report includes current or historic information. it is believed to be reliable, although its accuracy and completeness cannot be guaranteed.

This report has not been reviewed or authorized by any regulatory authority. There is no planned schedule or frequency for updating research report relating to any issuer/subject company.

Please contact the primary analyst for valuation methodologies and assumptions associated with the covered companies or price targets.

Disclaimer for U.S. persons only: Research report is a product of Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd., under Marco Polo Securities 15a6 chaperone service, which is the employer of the research analyst(s) who has prepared the research report. The research analyst(s) preparing the research report is/are resident outside the United States (U.S.) and are not associated persons of any U.S. regulated broker-dealer and therefore the analyst(s) is/are not subject to supervision by a U.S. broker-dealer, and is/are not required to satisfy the regulatory licensing requirements of Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (FINRA) or required to otherwise comply with U.S. rules or regulations regarding, among other things, communications with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

This report is intended for distribution to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act, 1934 (the Exchange Act) and interpretations thereof by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in reliance on Rule 15a 6(a)(2). If the recipient of this report is not a Major Institutional Investor as specified above, then it should not act upon this report and return the same to the sender. Further, this report may not be copied, duplicated and/or transmitted onward to any U.S. person, which is not the Major Institutional Investor. In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by the SEC in order to conduct certain business with Major Institutional Investors. Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd. has entered into a chaperoning agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer, Marco Polo Securities Inc. ("Marco Polo"). Transactions in securities discussed in this research report should be effected through Marco Polo or another U.S. registered broker dealer.

#### RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION

This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation. Except otherwise restricted by laws or regulations, this report is intended only for qualified, professional, institutional or sophisticated investors as defined in the laws and regulations of such jurisdictions. Specifically, this document does not constitute an offer to or solicitation to any U.S. person for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument or as an official confirmation of any transaction to any U.S. person. Unless otherwise stated, this message should not be construed as official confirmation of any transaction. No part of this document may be distributed in Canada or used by private customers in United Kingdom.

#### ANALYST CERTIFICATION BY EMKAY GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (EGFSL)

The research analyst(s) primarily responsible for the content of this research report, in part or in whole, certifies that the views about the companies and their securities expressed in this report accurately reflect his/her personal views. The analyst(s) also certifies that no part of his/her compensation was, is, or will be, directly or indirectly, related to specific recommendations or views expressed in the report. The research analyst (s) primarily responsible of the content of this research report, in part or in whole, certifies that he or his associated persons1 may have served as an officer, director or employee of the issuer or the new listing applicant (which includes in the case of a real estate investment trust, an officer of the management company of the real estate investment trust; and in the case of any other entity, an officer or its equivalent counterparty of the entity who is responsible for the management of the issuer or the new listing applicant). The research analyst(s) primarily responsible for the content of this research report or his associate may have Financial Interests 2 in relation to an issuer or a new listing applicant that the analyst reviews. EGFSL has procedures in place to eliminate, avoid and manage any potential conflicts of interests that may arise in connection with the production of research reports. The research analyst(s) responsible for this report operates as part of a separate and independent team to the investment banking function of the EGFSL and procedures are in place to ensure that confidential information held by either the research or investment banking function is handled appropriately. There is no direct link of EGFSL compensation to any specific investment banking function of the EGFSL.

1 An associated person is defined as (i) who reports directly or indirectly to such a research analyst in connection with the preparation of the reports; or (ii) another person accustomed or obliged to act in accordance with the directions or instructions of the analyst.

<sup>2</sup> Financial Interest is defined as interest that are commonly known financial interest, such as investment in the securities in respect of an issuer or a new listing applicant, or financial accommodation arrangement between the issuer or the new listing applicant and the firm or analysis. This term does not include commercial lending conducted at the arm's length, or investments in any collective investment scheme other than an issuer or new listing applicant notwithstanding the fact that the scheme has investments in securities in respect of an issuer or a new listing applicant.

#### COMPANY-SPECIFIC / REGULATORY DISCLOSURES BY EMKAY GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (EGFSL):

Disclosures by Emkay Global Financial Services Limited (Research Entity) and its Research Analyst under SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014 with reference to the subject company(s) covered in this report-:

- EGFSL, its subsidiaries and/or other affiliates and Research Analyst or his/her associate/relative's may have Financial Interest/proprietary positions in the securities recommended in this report as of May 11, 2024
- EGFSL, and/or Research Analyst does not market make in equity securities of the issuer(s) or company(ies) mentioned in this Report 2. Disclosure of previous investment recommendation produced:
- 3 EGFSL may have published other investment recommendations in respect of the same securities / instruments recommended in this research report during the preceding 12 months. Please contact the primary analyst listed in the first page of this report to view previous investment recommendations published by EGFSL in the preceding 12 months.
- EGFSL, its subsidiaries and/or other affiliates and Research Analyst or his/her relative's may have material conflict of interest in the securities 4. recommended in this report as of May 11, 2024
- EGFSL, its affiliates and Research Analyst or his/her associate/relative's may have actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities of the 5. subject company at the end of the month immediately preceding the May 11, 2024
- EGFSL or its associates may have managed or co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company in the past twelve months.
- EGFSL, its affiliates and Research Analyst or his/her associate may have received compensation in whatever form including compensation for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services or for products or services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from securities recommended in this report (subject company) in the past 12 months.
- EGFSL, its affiliates and/or and Research Analyst or his/her associate may have received any compensation or other benefits from the subject company or third party in connection with this research report.

### **Emkay Rating Distribution**

	•
Ratings	Expected Return within the next 12-18 months.
BUY	>15% upside
ADD	5-15% upside
REDUCE	5% upside to 15% downside
SELL	<15% downside

#### **Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd.**

CIN - L67120MH1995PLC084899

7th Floor, The Ruby, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar - West, Mumbai - 400028. India Tel: +91 22 66121212 Fax: +91 22 66121299 Web: www.emkavglobal.com

#### OTHER DISCLAIMERS AND DISCLOSURES:

Other disclosures by Emkay Global Financial Services Limited (Research Entity) and its Research Analyst under SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014 with reference to the subject company(s) -:

EGFSL or its associates may have financial interest in the subject company.

Research Analyst or his/her associate/relative's may have financial interest in the subject company.

EGFSL or its associates and Research Analyst or his/her associate/ relative's may have material conflict of interest in the subject company. The research Analyst or research entity (EGFSL) have not been engaged in market making activity for the subject company.

EGFSL or its associates may have actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities of the subject company at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of public appearance or publication of Research Report.

Research Analyst or his/her associate/relatives may have actual/beneficial ownership of 1% or more securities of the subject company at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of public appearance or publication of Research Report.

Research Analyst may have served as an officer, director or employee of the subject company.

EGFSL or its affiliates may have received any compensation including for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months. . Emkay may have issued or may issue other reports that are inconsistent with and reach different conclusion from the information, recommendations or information presented in this report or are contrary to those contained in this report. Emkay Investors may visit www.emkayglobal.com to view all Research Reports. The views and opinions expressed in this document may or may not match or may be contrary with the views, estimates, rating, and target price of the research published by any other analyst or by associate entities of Emkay; our proprietary trading, investment businesses or other associate entities may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations expressed herein. EGFSL or its associates may have received compensation for products or services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past 12 months. EGFSL or its associates may have received any compensation or other benefits from the Subject Company or third party in connection with the research report. EGFSL or its associates may have received compensation from the subject company in the past twelve months. Subject Company may have been client of EGFSL or its affiliates during twelve months preceding the date of distribution of the research report and EGFSL or its affiliates may have co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company in the past twelve months.