## Ratnaveer Precision Engineering (RATPRE)

Target: ₹ 200 (+32%) Target Period: 12-18 months

June 26, 2024

## Riding on multiple tailwinds...

**About stock:** Ratnaveer Precision Engineering (RPEL), established in 2002, is a Gujarat based stainless steel (SS) product manufacturer focused on producing finished sheets, washers, solar roofing hooks, pipes and tubes

- The company operates out of four manufacturing units in Gujarat with total manufacturing capacity stood at 30000 tonnes as of FY24
- SS finishing line sheets contributed ~47% to total revenues in FY24 followed by SS washers (~23%), tubes & pipes (~17%), sheet metal components (~8%) and SS fasteners & components (~5%)

#### **Investment Rationale**

CMP: ₹ 151

- Expansion of capacities; buoyant capex cycle to drive growth: We believe that RPEL is well positioned to benefit significantly from the buoyant industrial capex cycle scenario. Company's product portfolio of stainless steel (SS) finished sheets, washers, solar roofing hooks, pipes & tubes etc has a wide usage across large number of industries. Going ahead, company plans to incur capex of ~₹ 106 crore over the next 12 months for expanding its capacities across the key product lines and augmenting the overall product basket with new products (circlips, electro-polished and seamless tubes & pipes and nuts & bolts). With this capex, company targets to meet strong demand for its products, cater higher growth segments and increase its market share in both domestic and export markets. Company expects revenues of ~₹ 1150 crore by FY27E as it factors in additional ~₹ 400 crore sales from this new capex of ₹ 106 crore
- Multiple drivers for margins expansion in place: Company's expansion into new lines of value-added products (like circlips, electro-polishing tubes & pipes, nuts & bolts) and higher-margin segments like railways, defence, energy etc would help in better volumes growth & realisations. Moreover, the backward integration of manufacturing and usage of captive solar power would help the company in achieving efficiency in the production process, reducing overall production costs and gaining competitive advantage

## **Rating and Target Price**

- We expect company's operational and financial performance to improve significantly over the coming periods, given the strong growth opportunity driven by buoyant capex, augmentation of capacities, improving product mix and operational efficiencies
- We estimate revenue CAGR at ~23% over the period FY24-26E. EBITDA and PAT are expected to increase by ~42% and ~44% CAGR over the same period. Strong earnings growth would also translate into improvement in return ratios for the company during the period. We recommend Buy on RPEL and assign a target price of ₹ 200 (valuing it at 15x FY26 P/E)



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Particulars	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalisation (Rs Crore)	732
FY24 Gross Debt (Rs Crore)	207
FY24 Cash (Rs Crore)	60
EV (Rs Crore)	880
52 Week H/L (Rs)	157 / 107
Equity Capital	48.7
Face Value	10.0

Shareholding pattern				
	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	
Promoter	55.5	55.5	55.5	
FII	10.5	3.8	0.2	
DII	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Others	34.0	40.7	14.7	

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#### Key risks

 Key Risk: (i) Availability of raw materials (ii) Slowdown in industrial capex (iii) High working capital requirement (iv) High competitive environment

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Key Financial Sum	mary							
Rs crore	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	3 Year CAGR (FY21-24)	FY25E	FY26E	2 Year CAGR (FY24-26E)
Revenues	360	427	480	595	18.3	719	906	23.3
EBITDA	20	28	46	50	35.9	69	101	41.8
EBITDA margin (%)	5.5	6.4	9.5	8.4		9.6	11.1	
Net Profit	5	9	25	31	78.5	44	64	44.0
Diluted EPS (Rs)	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.4		9.1	13.3	
P/E (x)	134.2	77.3	29.2	23.6		16.6	11.4	
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.4	32.8	20.4	17.6		13.5	9.3	
RoCE (%)	10.4	9.8	12.8	11.1		13.1	16.2	
RoE (%)	9.6	14.4	23.6	12.3		14.9	17.9	

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## **Company Background**

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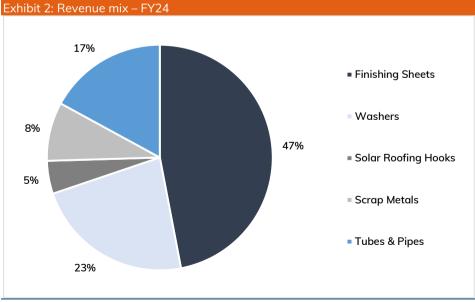
Company operates out of four manufacturing units in Gujarat, out of which three units (Units I, II and III) are located at Vadodara and the fourth unit (Unit IV) is located at Ahmedabad. Company manufactures SS finishing sheets, SS washers and SS solar mounting hooks at its Unit I and SS pipes & tubes at its Unit II. Unit III and Unit IV are dedicated for the backward integration process. Unit III is the melting unit where company melts steel scrap and turn it into steel ingots and Unit IV is the rolling unit where flat ingots are further processed to turn them into SS sheets which are the raw material for SS washers

Total manufacturing capacity of the company stood at 30000 tonnes as of FY24 end (which comprises of 21000 tonnes of SS finishing sheets capacity, 7000 tonnes of SS washers & solar hooks capacity and 2000 tonne of SS tubes & pipes capacity)

The company's revenue from operations has grown at 18.3% CAGR over the period FY21-24 to  $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$  595 crore in FY24 from  $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$  360 crore in FY21. EBITDA and PAT have grown at ~36% CAGR & ~78% CAGR during the same period to  $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$  50 crore and  $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$  31.1 crore respectively in FY24



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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#### **Investment Rationale**

# Strong portfolio of stainless-steel industrial consumable products; Demand expected to remain strong on buoyant capex cycle

Ratnaveer Precision Engineering, one of the leading manufacturers of Stainless Steel (SS) sheets, washers, hooks, and tubes & pipes, is well positioned to witness strong demand for its products led by buoyant capex cycle (including industrials and infrastructure) from both public and private segments

Stainless Steel Sheets: Company's SS sheet product portfolio comprise of a wide range of finishing sheets and has a wide range of applications in sectors like architecture, building & construction (ABC), automotive, railway & transport (ART), food industry, process industry, and aerospace, among others. The corrosion resistance attribute of the material, along with the ability to incorporate custom finishes has helped increase the usage of SS sheet. Demand of SS sheets has been increasing at a CAGR of  $\sim 13\%$  over the last 5-6 years. Going ahead, demand for SS sheets is expected to remain healthy at 10-12% CAGR over the next 5 years as per industry reports, mainly driven by increasing usage in elevators, escalators, commercial kitchens, bus bodies, metro and railways coaches etc

#### Exhibit 3: Application of SS finish sheets

- Elevators
- Laminates
- Home and office appliances
- Industrial machinery & equipment
- Electrical appliances
- Transportation
- For Aesthetic look (Ex. Mall, Airport, Metro Rail).









Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Stainless Steel Washers: There are numerous uses of washers, as it mainly serves as a spacer to absorb a shock and evenly distribute load of a fastener. The versatile applications of washers along with various engineering products such as nuts, bolts, and fasteners used in almost every industry has supported the demand for washers. There are mainly three types of washers based on their features and application: plain washers, lock washers, and spring washers. The company currently offer over 2500 SKUs of washers to their customers including inner ring washers, spring washers, nord lock washers, retaining rings, internal tooth washers and external tooth washers of different sizes and specifications

Amongst several type of washers available, washers made from SS steel are the most widely used material in washers considering its better strength and superior corrosion resistance attribute. These are widely used in automobile industry, residential, commercial and infrastructure construction and in several other manufacturing and utility sector. Going forward too, the demand for SS washer is expected to be driven by buoyant industrial capex (including sectors like automobile, chemicals, oil & gas, fertilizers, pharma, petrochemical, power, sea water equipments, and many other engineering applications), rapid urbanization (which has accelerated the pace of the infrastructure developments) and real estate construction



## Exhibit 4: Application of SS washers



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

**Stainless Steel tubes & Pipes:** SS pipes and tubes are one of the important products in the steel industry and they find wide application in oil & gas, capital goods, power and several other. In the industrial sector, it is used in the manufacturer of the heat exchanger, condensers, and similar industrial equipment that are further used in chemical plants, fertilizer plants, pharmaceuticals, sugar, dairy & dairy products, water desalination and automotive industry amongst other. Additionally, SS pipes & tubes also find application in construction sector also.

"Oil & gas" and "chemical & petrochemical" industry are the two largest consumers of steel pipes and tubes and are driving the demand across the world. Demand for SS pipes & tubes is expected to remain strong on the back of substantial government expenditure planned in major end user industries

## Exhibit 5: Application of SS tubes & pipes

- Elevators
- Laminates
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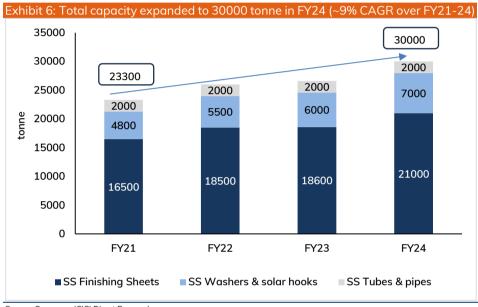
Overall, we believe that strong capex cycle across the industrial and infrastructure segments (led by both public and private capex) presents substantial opportunities for the company's products in domestic markets. Moreover, India's emergence as one of the best choices in manufacturing industrial products & components provides a sizable opportunity to company to increase its exports share



## Expansion of manufacturing capacities to drive growth

As of FY24, company's overall capacity stood at 30000 tonnes and production at 23027 tonnes (which implies ~77% capacity utilisation). Company's four manufacturing units are strategically located with availability of transportation, which facilitates convenient transportation of its products. Moreover, company incorporates an in-house backward integrated manufacturing facility, which makes it independent to manufacture any product size at any time

During the year, revenues for the company grew by ~24% YoY to  $\stackrel{?}{\sim}$  595.4 crore. In terms of revenue mix, SS finishing line sheets contributed ~47% to total revenues in FY24 followed by SS washers (at ~23%), tubes & pipes (at ~17%), sheet metal components (at ~8%) and SS fasteners & components (at ~5%). In terms of geographical mix, ~92% of the company's revenue is from domestic markets and balance ~8% from exports



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Company has an in-house R&D facility at one of its manufacturing units, wherein it develops tools and moulds for its products. To enhance its product offerings, company has leveraged its manufacturing ability to evolve by virtue of investing in the Research & Development (R&D) activities. Company is focused on undertaking dedicated R&D in its existing products and development of new products and designs in areas where there is significant growth potential and would cater to needs of our customers

Going ahead, company plans to incur capital expenditure of ~₹ 106 crore over the next 12 months for expanding its manufacturing capacities across the key product lines and augmenting the overall product basket. With this capex, company targets to meet strong demand for its products, cater higher growth segments and increase its market share in both domestic and export markets

The capex is planned in two phases 1) ~₹ 46 crore in phase 1 which is expected to be completed by Q2FY24 and 2) ~₹ 60 crore in phase 2 which is expected to be completed by Q1FY25. Apart from the capacity additions and new products addition, company is also in process of installing 4 MW of captive solar power (2 MW each in phase 1 & 2)

In the phase 1 capex, company is increasing its overall capacity in washers, fasteners, nuts & bolts and pipes & tubes. In washers segment, company is expanding portfolio of SS washers by adding "circlips" into the product line. In tubes & pipes product line, company is in process of expanding the capacity and its product portfolio by adding EP (electro-polishing) tubes & pipes. In fasteners segment, company is strategically adding a nuts & bolts product line with a focus on forward integration



In phase 2 capex, company plans to further increase its capacities in fasteners and pipes & tubes. In pipes & tubes, company plans to add seamless pipes as a new product and thus augmenting backward integration in the segment. Company expects to touch revenues of ~₹ 1150 crore by FY27E as it factors in additional ~₹ 400 crore sales from this new capex of ₹ 106 crore

# Multiple drivers for margins expansion in place led by operational efficiencies and increasing share of better-margin products & markets

With focus on expanding product portfolio into better-margin new products, expanding into higher-margin geographies and operational efficiencies, we believe that company's margins are set to improve substantially from the current levels

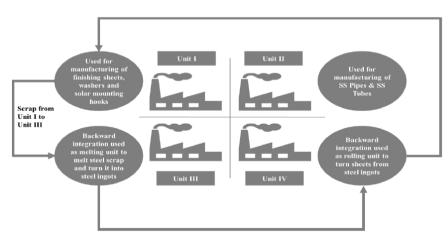
**Expanding geographical reach with better-margins better-margin segments like railways, exports:** Company's expansion into new product lines (like circlips and electro-polishing tubes & pipes) would help the company in getting better price realisations considering that the products are value-added products

Moreover, with the focus on continuous innovation and expansion into new value-added products, company targets to expand into high-margin segments like automobiles, railways, defence, energy etc in the coming periods. Moreover, company intends to expand its presence into margin-accretive regulated markets such as Europe, Asia Pacific, USA & North America, Australia and Japan. Company targets to increase its exports share to ~55% of total revenues in the coming period (from ~8% in FY24). Thus, on account of this, we believe that company's overall price realisations are expected to improve considerably in the coming period

**Backward integration:** Company has developed a synergistic system of backward integration whereby it processes the waste (being generated in manufacturing of its products) for converting back into the raw material (which is utilized again in manufacturing). Thus, the raw material required is also being generated in-house, while the waste being produced in the manufacturing process is being completely utilized, ensuring economies of scale and minimal wastage. Currently, 11-12% of the company's raw material requirement is generated through backward integration

This backward integration helps the company in achieving efficiency in the production process, gaining competitive advantage, reducing in product costs, control over supply of raw materials and reduce its dependency on third parties for its operations

Exhibit 7: Company's backward integration process



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

**Usage of captive solar power:** As mentioned earlier, company is also in process of installing 4 MW of captive solar power (2 MW each in the two capex phases). With this, company targets to meet ~80% of total power consumption. We believe that company's power cost is expected to come down significantly post the installation of this captive power capacity and would help in improving margins. In terms of cost savings, we estimate power cost savings at ~0.7% of sales (on FY26E revenues)

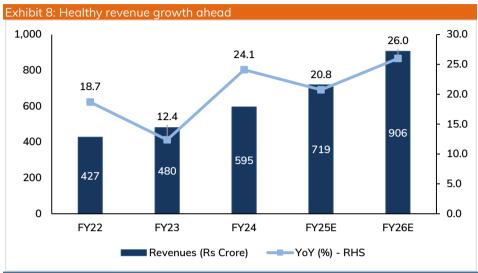
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## **Key Financial Summary**

## Revenue growth expected to remain strong at ~23% CAGR over FY24-26E

Company's revenue grew at ~18% CAGR over the period FY21-24 to ₹ 595 crore in FY24, led by ~5% CAGR in sales volumes and ~12% CAGR in net realisations

Going ahead, we estimate revenue growth to remain strong at ~23% CAGR over FY24-26E to ₹ 906 crore in FY26E, as the volume growth is expected to remain healthy (on strong demand, expanding capacities and expanding product portfolio)

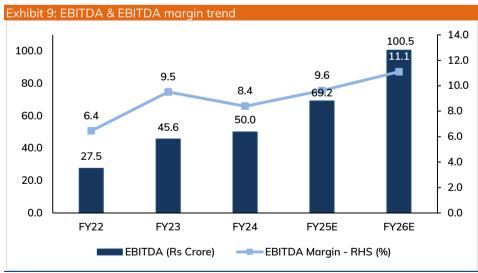


Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## Margins to improve significantly; EBITDA expected at ~42% CAGR (FY24-6E)

Company's EBITDA increased by  $\sim$ 36% CAGR over FY21-24, led by healthy revenue growth and considerable improvement in EBITDA margins (8.4% in FY24 as against 5.5% in FY21)

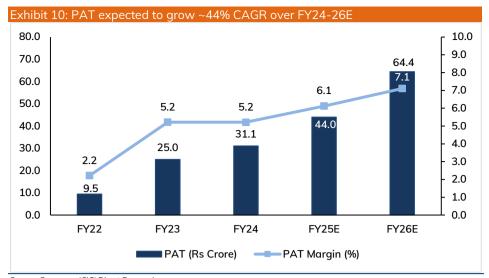
Going ahead, we estimate EBITDA margins to improve further to 11.1% by FY26E (led by improvement in share of better-margin products, increasing contribution from higher margin target segments and operational efficiencies etc). We estimate EBITDA CAGR at  $\sim$ 42% over FY24-26E to  $\gtrsim$  100.5 crore in FY26E



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

## PAT expected to grow ~44% CAGR over FY24-26E

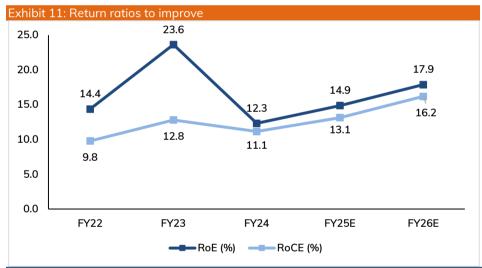
We expect company's PAT to grow at  $\sim$ 44% CAGR over FY24-26E to Rs 64.4 crore in FY26E (from Rs 31.1 crore in FY24), mainly led by sharp improvement in operational performance during the period (as mentioned above)



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

#### Return ratios to improve considerably over FY24-26E

The company plans capital expenditure of  $\stackrel{>}{\sim} 106$  crore over the next 12 months, mainly for expanding capacities across the key product lines (adding new lines for newer products). We believe that company's asset turns on this new capex to remain strong considering the robust demand for newer products with better realisations. Thus, we expect strong earnings growth to translate into improvement in return ratios for the company during the period FY24-26E



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



## **Risk and Concerns**

## Availability of raw materials

Company's major raw materials include stainless steel sheets, stainless steel coils, stainless steel wire and stainless steel scrap. Company purchases of its raw materials are concentrated from a few suppliers (over 60% of raw material is procured from top 3 domestic suppliers). Some part of raw materials and consumables are also imported by the company (USA, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and UAE constituted the top 5 countries from which the company imports its raw materials). Moreover, company doesn't have long-term agreements with its raw material suppliers. Any delay in procurement of raw materials by the company may impact its operational performance and thus financial condition and cash flows

# Slowdown in industrial and infrastructure capex in domestic and export markets

Company's revenue and profitability growth is primarily dependent on the demand of SS fasteners, SS washers, SS tubes & pipes, SS finishing line sheets (in domestic and export markets), which are dependent on public and industrial capex. Any slow-down in the capex cycle in end user segments (Oil & Gas, Consumer, Engineering, Metals, Pharma, Cement, Agro & Chemicals, Automobile etc) may hurt the demand for the company's products and thus revenues and profitability

#### Significant working capital requirements

Company's business requires significant amount of working capital primarily as a considerable amount of time passes between purchase of raw materials and collection of receivables post sales to customers. As a result, company is required to maintain sufficient stock at all times in order to meet manufacturing requirements as well as extend credit period to customers as per the industry practice, thus increasing its working capital requirements. Any mismanagement in working capital requirements may impact company's operations, financial condition and cash flows

## Higher competitive environment

Company operates in a highly competitive & fragmented industry with low barriers to entry. Company competes with a range of organized and unorganized players, both at the national and regional level. Moreover, company's competitors may further affect its business by entering into exclusive arrangements with its existing or potential clients. Any further significant increase in competition may impact company's operational and financial performance

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## **Financial Summary**

Exhibit 12: Profit and loss statement				
Year-End March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	479.7	595.4	718.9	905.8
% Growth	12.4	24.1	20.8	26.0
Other income	1.4	7.0	8.2	8.2
Total Revenue	479.7	595.4	718.9	905.8
% Growth	12.4	24.1	20.8	26.0
Total Raw Material Costs	392.3	512.2	609.7	757.2
Employee Expenses	7.9	6.8	8.4	10.1
other expenses	33.9	26.4	31.7	38.0
Total Operating Expenditure	434.1	545.4	649.8	805.3
Operating Profit (EBITDA)	45.6	50.0	69.2	100.5
% Growth	65.8	9.6	38.4	45.3
Interest	12.3	12.1	13.0	13.6
PBDT	34.7	44.9	64.4	95.1
Depreciation	4.0	5.8	8.6	13.6
PBT before Exceptional Items	30.7	39.1	55.7	81.5
Total Tax	5.7	8.0	11.7	17.1
PAT before MI	25.0	31.1	44.0	64.4
PAT	25.0	31.1	44.0	64.4
% Growth	164.3	24.0	41.8	46.3
Diluted EPS	5.2	6.4	9.1	13.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

xhibit 13: Cash flow state	ment			₹ cror
Year-End March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Profit after Tax	25.0	31.1	44.0	64.4
Depreciation	4.0	5.8	8.6	13.6
Interest	12.3	12.1	13.0	13.6
Cash Flow before WC changes	41.4	49.0	65.7	91.6
Changes in inventory	(34.5)	(39.1)	(30.8)	(59.3
Changes in debtors	(23.1)	18.6	(10.4)	(11.9
Changes in Ioans & Advances	-	-	-	-
Changes in other current assets	1.2	(16.3)	(3.6)	(11.9
Net Increase in Current Assets	(56.3)	(36.7)	(44.8)	(83.:
Changes in creditors	(3.8)	6.5	9.2	13.8
Changes in provisions	0.6	(1.1)	0.2	0.4
Net Inc in Current Liabilities	(0.5)	2.7	10.7	16.3
Net CF from Operating activities	(15.4)	15.0	31.6	24.8
Changes in deferred tax assets	-	-	-	
(Purchase)/Sale of Fixed Assets	(18.4)	(66.0)	(70.7)	(10.0
Net CF from Investing activities	(15.9)	(66.0)	(70.4)	(11.
Dividend and Dividend Tax	-	-	-	
Net CF from Financing Activities	42.0	80.2	7.0	(13.0
Net Cash flow	10.6	29.2	(31.8)	0.:
Opening Cash/Cash Equivalent	19.7	30.3	59.5	27.8
Closing Cash/ Cash Equivalent	30.3	59.5	27.8	27.9

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 14: Balance Shee	et			₹ crore
Year-End March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Equity Capital	34.9	48.7	48.7	48.7
Reserve and Surplus	71.1	203.4	247.4	311.9
Total Shareholders funds	106.0	252.1	296.1	360.6
Total Debt	230.0	207.2	227.2	227.2
Deffered tax Liab	4.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Total Liabilities	340.7	465.1	529.1	593.5
Gross Block	58.6	69.7	115.7	180.7
Acc: Depreciation	23.7	29.6	38.2	51.8
Net Block	34.9	40.1	77.5	128.9
Capital WIP	8.8	45.3	70.0	15.0
Total Fixed Assets	58.9	119.0	181.1	177.5
Non Current Assets	3.2	4.2	3.9	5.0
Inventory	205.8	244.9	275.8	335.0
Debtors	63.4	44.8	55.2	67.0
Other Current Assets	27.2	43.5	47.1	59.0
Cash	30.3	59.5	27.8	27.9
Total Current Assets	326.9	392.8	405.8	489.0
Current Liabilities	37.4	44.0	53.2	67.0
Other Current Liab	10.9	7.1	8.6	11.0
Total Current Liabilities	48.3	51.0	61.8	78.0
Net Current Assets	278.6	341.8	344.1	411.0
Total Assets	340.7	465.1	529.1	593.5

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 15: Key ratios				
Year-End March	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Diluted EPS	5.2	6.4	9.1	13.3
Cash per Share	6.3	12.3	5.7	5.8
BV	21.9	52.0	61.1	74.3
EBITDA Margin	9.5	8.4	9.6	11.1
PAT Margin	5.2	5.2	6.1	7.1
RoE	23.6	12.3	14.9	17.9
RoCE	12.8	11.1	13.1	16.2
RolC	13.6	11.0	12.2	15.5
EV/EBITDA	20.4	17.6	13.5	9.3
P/E	29.2	23.6	16.6	11.4
EV / Net Sales	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.0
Sales / Equity	4.5	2.4	2.4	2.5
Market Cap / Sales	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
Price to Book Value	6.9	2.9	2.5	2.0
Asset turnover	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5
Debtors Turnover Ratio	9.3	11.0	14.4	14.8
Creditors Turnover Ratio	12.2	14.6	14.8	15.1
Debt / Equity	2.2	0.8	0.8	0.6
Current Ratio	6.8	7.3	6.8	6.6
Quick Ratio	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research



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