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Bharti Airtel

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Equity Shares (m) 3,793.9
52-Week Range (INR) 417/280
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%) -9/-22/-31
M.Cap. (INR b) 1,115.4
M.Cap. (USD b) 20.2

Valuation summary (INR b)

Y/E March	2012	2013E	2014E
Net Sales	714.5	805.3	879.2
EBITDA	237.1	271.7	310.6
NP	42.6	53.2	76.5
EPS (INR)	11.2	14.0	20.2
EPS Gr. (%)	-29.6	24.9	43.7
BV/Sh.	140.7	151.6	171.9
P/E (x)	26.2	21.0	14.6
P/BV (x)	2.1	1.9	1.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.4	6.5	5.3
EV/Sales (x)	2.5	2.2	1.9
RoE (%)	8.1	9.6	12.5
RoCE (%)	6.2	6.8	7.9

Shareholding pattern %

As on	Jun-12	Mar-12	Jun-11
Promoter	45.7	45.7	45.5
Dom. Inst	8.4	8.2	8.5
Foreign	39.9	40.0	40.6
Others	6.0	6.2	5.4

Stock performance (1 year)



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Gearing up for data opportunity; Significant divergence in growth within Africa portfolio

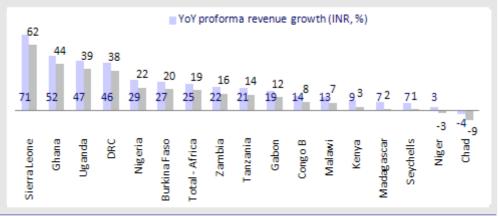
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Relatively high debt re-payment in FY13; forex/interest rates key swing factors

Bharti Airtel recently issued its FY12 annual report. Key Highlights:

- While Africa business proforma revenue growth at aggregate level remained strong at ~25% in INR terms (~19% in USD terms) in FY12, there was significant divergence in the performance at the individual country-level. As per our proforma estimates, Bharti Africa witnessed ~35%+ USD revenue growth in Sierra Leone, Ghana, Uganda, and DRC (together contribute 18% of Africa revenue). However, proforma revenue growth is estimated to be single-digit/negative for Chad, Niger, Seychelles, Madagascar, Kenya, Malawi and Congo B (together constitute 21% of Africa revenue).
- Gross debt remains largely USD denominated (70%) followed by INR (19%) and other currencies (11%). Debt schedule indicates relatively high re-payment in FY13 with 28% of overall gross debt (INR193b) having maturity period of less than one year. However leverage remains relatively comfortable with FY12 net debt/EBITDA at 2.75x.
- Only ~9% of the overall borrowings for Bharti are at a fixed rate implying that interest rates remain key earnings variable. Every 1% increase in USD (INR) interest rate would have impacted Bharti's FY12 PBT by INR4.8b (INR1b).
- Earnings sensitivity to exchange rate remains high as well with adverse impact of INR4.6b on FY12 PBT (7%) for a 5% appreciation in USD assuming all other variables remained constant.
- Contingent liabilities have increased significantly during FY12 largely due to increased tax-related disputes. Contingencies increased 81% YoY to INR55.5b in FY12.
- We expect 14% EBITDA CAGR for Bharti over FY12-14E. The stock trades at EV/EBITDA of 6.5x FY13E and 5.3x FY14E.
- Maintain Buy with a target price of INR370 based on 7.5x FY14 EV/EBITDA for India & SA business, 5x EV/EBITDA for Africa business and INR142b impact for potential regulatory outlay.

Bharti Africa: Country-wise proforma FY12 revenue growth (%)



Source: Company, MOSL

Quotes from message of Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman and MD

- On emerging data-centric environment: "At the industry level, telecom is in the midst of a tectonic shift. Data is clearly the future of mobile telecom and Airtel is gearing itself up for this. Still at an early stage of this shift, as voice continues to be the mainstay of the telecom industry, Airtel has taken some defining early initiatives to reinforce our leadership in the emerging data centric environment, much the same way as we enabled the 'voice revolution' in India."
- On regulatory issues: "We are hopeful that both the Regulator and the Government will finally come to a judicious auction-led pricing formula in the interest of the sector's financial health."
- On Africa business: "In Africa, the individual country operations stabilized considerably both in terms of customer addition rate, revenue growth and brand salience. Operating margins too strengthened significantly, as benefits of the low cost business model started to kick in. Overall, it has been a very steady, upwardly moving learning curve for us in the continent readying us for the next round of growth."

Quotes from message of Mr Manoj Kohli, CEO (International) and Jt. MD

- On Bharti's performance in Africa: "Despite the tough economic environment in a few markets such as Malawi and Madagascar, we experienced growth in our Revenue Market Share and Brand preference."....."Fortunately for us, within 21 months the Airtel brand is already getting identified as a high quality service provider.....across 17 markets. I am sure this good start will result in stronger leadership in various African markets in the years to come."
- On challenges in Africa: "Africa still does present its unique challenges of dealing in 17 different geographies. Consequently, we have been executing a proactive plan of managing the complexities of dealing with 17 different currencies, tax regimes, regulations and cultures."

Quotes from message of Mr Sanjay Kapoor, CEO (India & South Asia)

- On operating environment: "The year 2011-12 has been an exceptionally challenging year for the telecom industry. Uncertainty and ambiguity arising out of the regulatory developments coupled with sustained hyper-competition is making this the toughest phase for the industry since its inception."
- On VAS initiatives: "Focusing on the high growth and revenue potential of data, we rolled out our 3G network across geographies giving exemplary 3G experience to our consumers in more than 1100 towns and cities. A pioneering service on the telecom network in India, Airtel Money (Semi Closed Wallet) was launched nationally in Feb'12 and is currently available in over 300 towns."
- On SriLanka and Bangladesh operations: "Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are on a growing trend after being integrated into the existing systems. In Sri Lanka, we transformed our position in the market to a youth brand and in Bangladesh we moved to the new E-GSM frequencies to improve our network performance and repositioned ourselves as a contemporary brand. With 65% network penetration in Bangladesh, we continue to invest in expanding our network reach and brand presence."

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FY12 Africa proforma revenue growth estimated at ~19% in USD (~25% in INR); significant divergence in growth rate at individual country-level

- Adjusting for partial consolidation of Africa business in FY11 (only 23 days consolidation in 1QFY11), we estimate FY12 proforma revenue growth of ~19% in USD terms and ~25% on INR basis.
- Country-level revenue disclosures indicate significant divergence in growth. Countries outperforming the overall Africa business with USD denominated revenue growth of 35%+ included Sierra Leone, Ghana, Uganda, and DRC. On the other hand Chad, Niger, Seychells, Madagascar, Kenya, Malawi and Congo B are estimated to have posted less than double-digit growth in USD terms.
- Top-5 African countries account for 67% of overall revenue base of Bharti Africa. Nigeria remains the biggest market with a revenue contribution of 34% followed by Zambia (10%), DRC (9%), Gabon (7%) and Tanzania (6%).

Bharti Africa: Key financials and other details of key subsidiaries (INR b)

	Shareho	olding (%)	Turno	ver	PAT	1	Total A	ssets	Total Liabilities	
	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12
Africa Subsidiaries										
Burkina Faso	100	100	5.0	7.5	0.3	1.1	10	16	5	11
Chad	100	100	4.5	5.1	-0.7	-1.2	10	13	10	15
Congo B	90	90	6.5	8.8	-0.8	-1.0	11	13	6	11
DRC	99	99	10.6	18.3	-7.0	-3.5	20	42	21	35
Gabon	90	90	10.1	14.2	-3.5	4.2	10	16	5	8
Ghana	75	75	4.7	8.4	-4.4	-3.5	17	18	23	27
Kenya	100	100	5.3	6.9	-5.0	-4.4	11	19	13	24
Madagascar	100	100	3.3	4.2	0.3	-0.3	5	7	6	9
Malawi	100	100	5.7	7.6	0.6	1.1	10	12	7	8
Niger	90	90	6.5	7.9	0.1	0.6	9	15	5	9
Nigeria	66	66	43.8	67.0	-9.9	-6.0	110	135	92	119
Sierra Leone	100	100	1.5	3.0	-1.2	1.1	3	4	4	5
Tanzania	60	60	8.1	11.6	-3.7	-2.9	20	24	18	24
Uganda	100	100	3.0	5.2	-1.9	-1.6	7	10	10	13
Zambia	96	96	13.0	18.8	1.3	3.0	17	21	7	9
Seychells	100	100	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	1	1	0	0
Total - Bharti Africa	-	-	132	196	-35	-13	269	367	235	326

Bharti Africa: Country wise business contribution (%)

	Shareho	olding (%)	%) Turnover PAT Total Assets		PAT		Total Li	iabilities		
	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11	FY12
Nigeria	66	66	33	34	28	47	41	37	39	37
Zambia	96	96	10	10	-4	-23	6	6	3	3
DRC	99	99	8	9	20	27	7	11	9	11
Gabon	90	90	8	7	10	-32	4	4	2	2
Tanzania	60	60	6	6	10	23	7	6	8	7
Congo B	90	90	5	4	2	7	4	4	3	3
Ghana	75	75	4	4	13	27	6	5	10	8
Niger	90	90	5	4	0	-5	3	4	2	3
Malawi	100	100	4	4	-2	-8	4	3	3	2
Burkina Faso	100	100	4	4	-1	-9	4	4	2	3
Kenya	100	100	4	4	14	34	4	5	5	8
Uganda	100	100	2	3	5	12	3	3	4	4
Chad	100	100	3	3	2	9	4	4	4	4
Madagascar	100	100	2	2	-1	2	2	2	3	3
Sierra Leone	100	100	1	2	3	-8	1	1	2	2
Seychells	100	100	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0
Airtel Africa total	-	-	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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FY12 gross debt at INR693b; 70% USD denominated; 28% has maturity period < 1 year

- As of FY12 USD denominated loans accounted for 70% of gross debt (73% in FY11), INR 19% (16% in FY11), and Others 11% (same as FY11).
- Bharti's consolidated debt schedule indicates relatively high re-payment in FY13 with INR193b (28% of overall gross debt) having maturity period of less than one year.
- Only ~9% of the overall borrowings for Bharti are at a fixed rate implying that interest rates remain a key earnings variable.
- Every 1% increase in USD (INR) interest rate would have impacted Bharti's FY12 PBT by INR4.8 (INR1b).
- However leverage remains comfortable with FY12 net debt/EBITDA at 2.75.

Bharti Airtel: Consolidated gross debt currency denomination and maturity profile

Currency of		Amount		Borro	wing	Duration	Loan	Loan
borrowing		(INR b)		mix	: (%)		amount	mix
	FY11	FY12	YoY (%)	FY11	FY12		(INRb)	(%)
INR	101	134	33	16	19	< 1 year	193	28
USD	454	484	6	73	70	1-2 years	82	12
JPY	17	5	-70	3	1	2-5 years	406	59
NGN	35	48	37	6	7	> 5 years	12	2
XAF	5	10	85	1	1	Aggregate	693	100
XOF	2	5	144	0	1			
Others	6	7	9	1	1			
Total	621	693	12	100	100			

Source: Company, MOSL

High earnings sensitivity to USD exchange rate; significant increase in contingent liabilities largely led by government demands

- Bharti's earnings have a significant sensitivity to USD exchange rate.
- Assuming all other variables remaining constant, a 5% appreciation in USD would have impacted Bharti's FY12 PBT by ~INR4.6b (7%).
- Bharti continues to face significant demands from government related to various tax, duties etc.
- Contingent liabilities for the company increased 81% YoY to INR56b largely due to increased disputes related to income tax and sales/service tax.

Tax, Duties and Other demands (under adjudication/appeal/dispute)

March 2011	March 2012	YoY (%)
6.5	10.5	62
9.2	23.5	156
3.9	4.8	22
2.6	3.1	17
3.9	4.3	11
0.6	0.6	7
0.5	0.9	87
1.1	3.4	214
1.9	1.4	-25
s 0.6	3.0	412
31	56	81
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Valuation and view

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Bharti: Key	/ assumpt	ions and	value c	Irivers

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Mobile segment	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Mobile - India					
Subs (m)	128	162	181	200	212
YoY (%)	36	27	12	10	6
Average subs (m)	111	145	172	191	206
YoY (%)	42	31	19	11	8
Netadds per month (m)	2.8	2.9	1.6	1.6	1.0
YoY (%)	6	3	-45	-2	-35
Total mobile traffic (b min)	610	792	889	998	1,073
YoY (%)	28	30	12	12	7
ARPU (INR/month)	243	201	188	186	190
YoY (%)	-25	-17	-6	-1	2
MOU	459	455	431	436	434
YoY (%)	-10	-1	-5	1	-1
Mobile RPM (INR)	0.53	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44
YoY (%)	-17	-17	-1	-2	3
Mobile EBITDA margin (%)	38.7	34.7	33.9	33.1	33.6
Mobile Capex (INR b)	34	59	32	73	40
Mobile Capex/sales (%)	10	16	8	17	8
Mobile - Africa					
Subs (m)		44	53	65	79
YoY (%)		5	20	22	22
Netadds per month (m)		0.2	0.7	1.0	1.2
ARPU (USD/month)		7.3	7.1	6.4	5.9
YoY (%)			-2	-10	-7
Capex (USD b)		0.9	1.5	1.0	1.3
Capex/Sales (%)		24	37	22	25
EBITDA margin (%)		25	27	29	31
Passive Infrastructure					
Indus Towers					
Towers (000s)	103	109	109	113	117
Cellsites (000s)	176	201	214	249	281
Tenancy ratio (x)	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4
Sharing revenue per		29.5	31.3	28.7	27.8
operator per month (INR 000s)					
EBITDA margin (%)		26.6	28.5	30.0	31.9
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Towers (000s)	31	33	33	35	37
Cellsites (000s)	50	58	60	74	86
Tenancy ratio (x)	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.3
Sharing revenue per	37.2	37.0	37.3	36.5	35.2
operator per month (INR 000s)		-	-		
EBITDA margin (%)	46.2	48.1	47.8	49.5	51.4
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Source: Company, MOSL

Business mix

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Revenue (INR b)					
Mobile	331	363	403	442	488
Telemedia	34	36	37	37	38
Enterprise	45	41	45	45	45
Passive Infrastructure	71	86	95	101	111
Others	6	10	16	19	22
Africa	0	131	198	245	267
Total revenue	487	667	794	890	972
Eliminations and others	-68	-72	-80	-84	-93
Consolidated revenue	418	595	715	805	879
YoY (%)	13	42	20	13	9
EBITDA (INR b)					
Mobile	128	126	137	146	164
Telemedia	15	16	16	16	17
Enterprise	13	10	8	10	10
Passive Infrastructure	25	32	36	40	46
Others	-10	-10	-9	-8	-7
Total India & SA	168	171	184	201	227
Africa	0	29	53	71	84
Total revenue	170	202	240	275	314
Eliminations and others	-2	-3	-3	-3	-4
Consolidated EBITDA	168	200	237	272	311
YoY (%)	11	19	19	15	14
Capex (INR b)					
Mobile	34	59	32	73	40
Telemedia	10	8	8	6	6
Enterprise	12	4	2	4	3
Others	16	14	9	5	5
Passive infrastructure	12	23	14	12	12
Africa	0	36	76	54	67
Consolidated capex	83	143	140	155	134
YoY (%)	-41	71	-2	10	-13
Capex/Sales (%)	20	24	20	19	15

Source: Company/MOSL

Financials and Valuation

Income Statement				(1	NR Million)
Y/E March	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Revenues	418,472	594,672	714,507	805,307	879,192
Change (%)	13.2	42.1	20.2	12.7	9.2
Total Expenses	250,839	395,007	477,385	533,580	568,604
EBITDA	167,633	199,664	237,122	271,727	310,588
% of Gross Sales	40.1	33.6	33.2	33.7	35.3
Depn. & Amortization	62,832	102,066	133,680	151,114	156,667
EBIT	104,800	97,598	103,442	120,613	153,920
Net finance cost	178	21,813	38,185	40,637	36,124
Other Income	468	998	-73	-80	-87
PBT	105,090	76,783	65,184	79,897	117,709
Tax	13,453	17,790	22,602	26,585	35,058
Rate (%)	12.8	23.2	34.7	33.3	29.8
Minority Interest	1,870	-1,475	-13	102	6,174
Adjusted PAT	89,767	60,468	42,595	53,209	76,478

Balance Sheet					(INR Million)
Y/E March	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Share Capital	18,988	18,988	18,988	18,988	18,988
Additional Paid up Capital	56,499	56,499	56,499	56,499	56,499
Reserves	346,453	412,181	430,626	473,432	544,322
Net Worth	421,940	487,668	506,113	548,919	619,809
Loans	101,898	616,708	690,232	842,681	901,910
Minority Interest	25,285	28,563	27,695	26,095	32,372
Other Liabilities	45,018	28,078	31,920	33,168	33,430
Deferred Tax Liability	7,980	18,572	18,861	20,400	20,669
Capital Employed	602,121	1,179,589	1,274,821	1,471,262	1,608,190
Gross Block	761,040	1,599,377	1,776,560	1,931,273	2,065,310
Less: Depreciation	218,521	310,634	440,740	532,315	727,311
Net Block	542,519	1,288,743	1,335,820	1,398,959	1,338,000
Other Non-Current Assets	30,736	64,244	86,711	89,600	88,803
Curr. Assets	137,685	112,077	148,084	298,224	498,057
Inventories	484	2,139	1,308	1,431	1,551
Debtors	35,711	54,929	63,735	69,128	75,723
Cash & Bank Balance	25,323	9,575	20,300	82,921	172,302
Short-term investments	52,362	6,968	18,934	98,345	198,721
Other Current Assets	23,805	38,466	43,807	46,399	49,759
Curr. Liab. & Prov.	108,819	285,475	295,795	315,521	316,668
Creditors	107,702	249,737	243,461	258,234	262,182
Other Current Liabilities	1,117	35,738	52,334	57,287	54,486
Net Curr. Assets	28,866	-173,398	-147,710	-17,297	181,388
Appl. of Funds	602,121	1,179,589	1,274,821	1,471,262	1,608,190

E: MOSL Estimates

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Y/E March	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Basic (INR)					
EPS	23.7	15.9	11.2	14.0	20.2
Cash EPS	40.2	42.8	46.5	53.9	61.5
Book Value	117.9	136.1	140.7	151.6	171.9
DPS	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.0
Payout %(Incl.Div.Taxes)	4.2	6.3	10.0	10.0	10.0
Valuation (x)					
P/E			26.2	21.0	14.6
Cash P/E			6.3	5.5	4.8
EV/EBITDA			7.4	6.5	5.3
EV/Sales			2.5	2.2	1.9
Price/Book Value			2.1	1.9	1.7
Dividend Yield (%)			0.4	0.5	0.7
Profitability Ratios (%)					
RoE	23.6	12.6	8.1	9.6	12.5
RoCE	18.9	8.7	6.2	6.8	7.9
Turnover Ratios					
Debtors (Days)	31	34	33	31	31
Asset Turnover (x)	1.01	0.78	0.65	0.70	0.77
Leverage Ratio					
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8
Cash Flow Statement				(IN	R Million)

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Cash Flow Statement				(1	NK Willion)
Y/E March	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13E	FY14E
Op.Profit/(Loss) bef Tax	167,633	199,664	237,122	271,727	310,588
Other Income	468	998	-73	-80	-87
Interest Paid	-178	-21,813	-38,185	-40,637	-36,124
Direct Taxes Paid	-29,761	-37,970	-25,730	-27,305	-34,598
(Inc)/Dec in Wkg. Cap.	26,518	120,819	-18,280	7,285	-6,277
CF from Op.Activity	164,680	261,699	154,854	210,991	233,501
(inc)/Dec in FA + CWIP	-155,852	-848,290	-180,757	-214,252	-95,708
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-14,282	45,451	-11,990	-79,387	-100,376
CF from Inv.Activity	-170,134	-802,839	-192,748	-293,639	-196,084
Issue of Shares	27,617	9,624	-19,791	-157	280
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-16,903	514,810	73,524	152,449	59,229
Other Financing Activities	8,917	961	-5,113	-7,021	-7,544
CF from Fin.Activity	19,632	525,395	48,620	145,271	51,965
Inc/(Dec) in Cash	14,178	-15,748	10,725	62,621	89,382
Add: Opening Balance	11,145	25,323	9,575	20,300	82,921
Closing Balance	25,323	9,575	20,300	82,921	172,303

E: MOSL Estimates

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