

Va Tech Wabag

| BSE SENSEX | S&P CNX |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 40,116 | 11,116 |
| Bloomberg | VATW IN |
| Equity Shares (m) | 55 |
| M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb) | 9.7 / 0.1 |
| 52-Week Range (INR) | 361 / 167 |
| 1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%) | -28/-41/-53 |
| 12M Avg Val (INR M) | 54 |
| Free float (%) | 75.3 |

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

| Y/E Mar | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net Sales | 27.8 | 26.4 | 31.5 |
| EBITDA | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| PAT | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| EPS (INR) | 23.1 | 16.3 | 24.4 |
| Gr. (%) | -9.5 | -29.5 | 49.4 |
| BV/Sh (INR) | 195.4 | 208.7 | 228.6 |
| RoE (%) | 9.6 | 8.1 | 11.1 |
| RoCE (%) | 8.4 | 8.8 | 11.2 |
| P/E (x) | 7.7 | 10.9 | 7.3 |
| P/BV (x) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| | | | |

| Estimate change | 1 |
|-----------------|-----|
| TP change | I I |
| Rating change | |

CMP:INR178 TP:INR195 (+10%) Neutral

Disappointing operational performance but revenue visibility robust

- **Op. performance below expectations:** 2QFY20 consol. sales declined 15% YoY to INR6.4b (v/s est. INR8.3b). The sales disappointment was due to key overseas projects, such as AMAS and RAPID, getting completed, whereas Europe recorded subdued performance. Consol. EBITDA was up 23% YoY to INR615m, 13% below our est. EBITDA margin stood at 9.7% (+310bp YoY) and above our estimate of 8.5%. Margin expansion came in due to projects being in the engineering and procurement phase. PBT stood at INR363m, up 28% YoY but 14% below our est. Adj. PAT stood at INR271m, up 19% YoY and 8% below our est. **1HFY20:** Revenue/EBITDA/PBT/PAT declined by 24%/14%/41%/50%. Decision on the new tax rate will be taken post 4QFY20.
- Order backlog provides robust revenue visibility: Order backlog as on date stands at INR108b (+26% YoY), with order inflow of INR2.5b (-90% YoY). VATW has also signed framework contracts worth INR6.9b, which will be converted into firm orders after receiving advance from customers. The current order backlog provides strong revenue visibility of 4.4x its TTM revenue. VATW currently has two large orders in its order book the Namami Gange scheme worth INR11.9b and an O&M order from UPJN worth INR14.8b.
- FY20 revenue/order inflow guidance toned down further: Management has revised its FY20 revenue guidance to INR30-32b (from INR34-37b in 1QFY20) and order inflow guidance to INR45-50b (from INR50-54b in 1QFY20). This implies revenue growth of ~57% at the upper end of guidance in 2HFY20.
- Valuation view: We cut our estimates for FY20/FY21 by 10%/6% to factor in lower-than-expected execution and margins. We lower our TP to INR195 from earlier INR260 on account of (a) earnings cut, and (b) cut in target FY21E P/E multiple to 8x v/s earlier 10x, which is in line with our coverage universe for the EPC space. Maintain Neutral given the deteriorating working capital cycle (176 days v/s 70-80 days historically) and the sticky receivables from APGenco and TSGenco worth INR4.2b.

| Quarterly Performance | | | | | | | | | | | (INR M) | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| | | FY1 | .9 | | | FY2 | 20 | | FY19 | FY20E | FY20 | Var. |
| Y/E March | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | 4Q | 1Q | 2Q | 3QE | 4QE | | | 2QE | Vs Est |
| Sales | 6,879 | 7,520 | 6,619 | 6,793 | 4,565 | 6,361 | 7,612 | 7,876 | 27,810 | 26,414 | 8,272 | -23.1% |
| Change (%) | 2.9 | -15.2 | -23.5 | -34.5 | -33.6 | -15.4 | 15.0 | 15.9 | -19.6 | -5.0 | 10.0 | |
| EBITDA | 646 | 498 | 539 | 473 | 375 | 615 | 647 | 640 | 2,155 | 2,276 | 703 | -12.6% |
| Change (%) | 59.3 | -39.8 | -28.8 | -53.2 | -41.9 | 23.4 | 20.0 | 35.3 | -28.1 | 5.6 | 41.2 | |
| As of % Sales | 9.4 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 8.5 | |
| Depreciation | 43 | 42 | 41 | 42 | 35 | 43 | 43 | 49 | 168 | 170 | 42 | |
| Interest | 148 | 177 | 187 | 240 | 272 | 263 | 250 | 257 | 753 | 1,042 | 250 | |
| Other Income | 7 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 12 | 55 | 10 | 9 | 44 | 85 | 9 | |
| PBT | 461 | 284 | 316 | 218 | 80 | 363 | 364 | 342 | 1,278 | 1,150 | 420 | -13.6% |
| Tax | 101 | 141 | 149 | -186 | 85 | 128 | 92 | 87 | 204 | 391 | 139 | |
| Effective Tax Rate (%) | 21.9 | 49.8 | 47.1 | (85.5) | 106.2 | 35.1 | 25.2 | 25.4 | 16.0 | 34.0 | 33.0 | |
| Minority Int | (3.9) | (85.6) | (33.7) | (68.1) | (31.2) | (35.4) | (38.0) | (28.7) | (191.3) | (133.3) | (13.0) | |
| Adj PAT | 364 | 228 | 201 | 472 | 26 | 271 | 310 | 284 | 1,265 | 892 | 294 | -8.0% |
| Change (%) | 414.1 | (40.8) | (28.4) | (28.3) | (92.8) | 18.7 | 54.5 | (39.8) | (9.4) | (29.5) | 29.0 | |
| Extra-ordinary Items | 234.0 | -130.0 | 46.0 | 64.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 214.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Reported PAT | 130 | 358 | 155 | 408 | 26 | 271 | 310 | 284 | 1,051 | 892 | 294 | -8.0% |
| Change (%) | 55.1 | 7.4 | (48.5) | (31.6) | (79.8) | (24.4) | 100.4 | (30.3) | (20.1) | (15.1) | 29.0 | |

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Key takeaways from 2QFY20 conference call

- Management is confident of raising funds at a premium to the current market price, since it is of the view that business outlook of the company is not factored into its CMP.
- Projects:
- Dangote project in Nigeria is 70% complete, with the project set to be commissioned by end-FY20.
- > The Koyambedu project in Sri Lanka, which converts sewage water into industrial usable water, is in an advanced stage of commissioning and will be inaugurated this week.
- The Jubail project in Saudi Arabia has 50% of its engineering work done and 60% of model review over. VATW has placed order for long lead items and has also collected customer advance in the last week.
- For the Qatar project (FIFA 22; Doha), demolition work is complete and 45% of the concreting work is over.
- With regards to the upcoming order for 400MD desalination plant in Chennai, management has said that VATW is fully capable to execute such a large scale order. While bidding for this order, competition is expected to be less since very few companies have the capability to execute such large orders.
- Management is confident of achieving the new guidance numbers and expects 2HFY20 to be much better than 1HFY20, given the order book visibility and ongoing pace of execution.
- VATW is in talks with banks to convert some of its high cost debt into low cost. Finance cost in 2HFY20 is expected to be lower than 1HFY20 since most of the bank guarantee charges are already reflecting in 1HFY20.
- Management expects to received project advances and some receivables due in 2HFY20, which will ease its working capital requirement.
- INR13.2b in other current assets is mostly unbilled revenues.
- Management is of the view that the current order book is sufficient and gives the company revenue visibility for the next three years. Aim is now to focus on execution, cash flow and working capital.
- VATW does not have any further exposure to Andhra Pradesh for its order book.

Valuations and view

We cut our estimates for FY20/FY21 by 10%/6% to factor in lower-than-expected execution and margins. We lower our TP to INR195 from earlier INR260 on account of (a) earnings cut, and (b) cut in target FY21E P/E multiple to 8x v/s earlier 10x, which is in line with our coverage universe for the EPC space. Maintain **Neutral** given the deteriorating working capital cycle (176 days v/s 70-80 days historically) and the sticky receivables from APGenco and TSGenco worth INR4.2b.

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Exhibit 1: Change in estimate table

| Description | New Es | New Estimates | | imates | Change (%) | |
|-------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|------------|-------|
| | FY20E | FY21E | FY20E | FY21E | FY20E | FY21E |
| Sales | 26,414 | 31,469 | 30,178 | 37,953 | -12% | -17% |
| EBITDA | 2,276 | 2,808 | 2,599 | 3,282 | -12% | -14% |
| Margins (%) | 8.6% | 8.9% | 8.6% | 8.6% | 0.0% | 0.3% |
| PAT | 892 | 1,333 | 987 | 1,424 | -10% | -6% |

Source: MOFSL, Industry

Exhibit 2: Order book trend

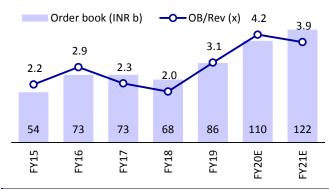
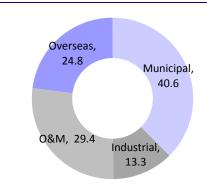


Exhibit 3: Order book split (INR b) in 2QFY20



Source: Company, MOFSL

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Exhibit 4: P/E band

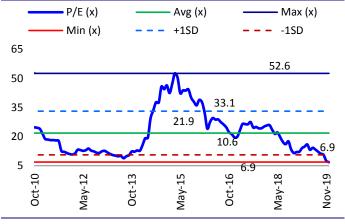
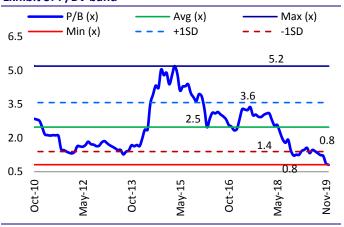


Exhibit 5: P/BV band



Source: MOFSL Source: MOFSL

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Financials and valuations

| Income statement - Consolidated Y/E March | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | NR Million) FY21E |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Net Sales | 24,284 | 25,083 | 32,079 | 34,573 | 27,810 | 26,414 | 31,469 |
| Change (%) | 8.9 | 3.3 | 27.9 | 7.8 | -19.6 | -5.0 | 19.1 |
| Raw Materials | 19,098 | 19,402 | 25,388 | 27,336 | 21,213 | 19,827 | 23,609 |
| Staff Cost | 2,006 | 2,113 | 2,440 | 2,637 | 2,538 | 2,357 | 2,746 |
| Other Mfg. Expenses | 1,136 | 1,237 | 1,286 | 1,601 | 1,903 | 1,954 | 2,306 |
| EBITDA | 2,044 | 2,330 | 2,966 | 2,999 | 2,155 | 2,276 | 2,808 |
| % of Net Sales | 8.4 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 8.9 |
| 70 01 14ct Suics | 0.1 | 3.3 | | 0.7 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Depreciation | 109 | 205 | 191 | 178 | 168 | 170 | 187 |
| Interest | 392 | 457 | 526 | 577 | 753 | 1,042 | 1,042 |
| Other Income | 146 | 79 | 112 | 57 | 44 | 85 | 51 |
| EO Items (as rep.) | - | | | | | | |
| PBT | 1,688 | 1,747 | 2,362 | 2,300 | 1,278 | 1,150 | 1,630 |
| Tax | 566 | 668 | 667 | 774 | 204 | 391 | 431 |
| Rate (%) | 34 | 38 | 28 | 34 | 16 | 34 | 26 |
| Minority Int | 4 | 191 | 666 | 130 | -191 | -133 | -133 |
| Adjusted PAT | 1,118 | 887 | 1,029 | 1,396 | 1,265 | 892 | 1,333 |
| Extra-ordinary Inc.(net) | -17 | 33 | -5 | -81 | -214 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported PAT | 1,101 | 921 | 1,024 | 1,315 | 1,051 | 892 | 1,333 |
| Change (%) | -3 | -16 | 11 | 28 | -20 | -15 | 49 |
| Balance Sheet - Consolidated Y/E March | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | NR Million) FY21E |
| Share Capital | 109 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 109 |
| Reserves | 8,919 | 9,094 | 9,822 | 11,177 | 10,580 | 11,308 | 12,396 |
| Net Worth | 9,028 | 9,203 | 9,931 | 11,287 | 10,689 | 11,417 | 12,506 |
| Loans | 1,806 | 3,773 | 3,091 | 4,773 | 5,837 | 5,837 | 5,837 |
| Deffered Tax Liability | -199 | -218 | -216 | -251 | -863 | -863 | -863 |
| Minority Interest | 49 | 82 | 173 | 338 | 167 | 267 | 367 |
| Capital Employed | 10,684 | 12,841 | 12,979 | 16,146 | 15,830 | 16,658 | 17,847 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 1,919 | 1,779 | 1,744 | 1,724 | 1,488 | 1,551 | 1,597 |
| Capital WIP | 6 | 0 | -27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | | | _, | • | • | | |
| IIIvestillellts | 377 | 322 | 225 | 45 | 83 | 83 | 83 |
| Curr. Assets | 377 23,152 | 322 26,866 | | | | | |
| | | | 225 | 45 | 83 | 83 | 39,889 |
| Curr. Assets | 23,152 | 26,866 | 225 31,290 | 45 35,153 | 83 35,223 | 83 34,936 | 39,889 174 |
| Curr. Assets Inventory | 23,152 470 | 26,866 976 | 225 31,290 385 | 45 35,153 382 | 83 35,223 154 | 83 34,936 146 | 39,889 174 20,261 |
| Curr. Assets Inventory Debtors | 23,152 470 14,807 | 26,866 976 19,424 | 225 31,290 385 25,115 | 45 35,153 382 28,732 | 83 35,223 154 17,076 | 83 34,936 146 17,368 | 39,889 174 20,261 1,137 |
| Curr. Assets Inventory Debtors Cash & Bank Balance | 23,152 470 14,807 3,112 | 26,866 976 19,424 3,786 | 225 31,290 385 25,115 2,617 | 45 35,153 382 28,732 1,902 | 83 35,223 154 17,076 1,807 | 83 34,936 146 17,368 2,047 | 39,889 174 20,261 1,137 0 |
| Curr. Assets Inventory Debtors Cash & Bank Balance Loans & Advances | 23,152 470 14,807 3,112 1,158 | 26,866 976 19,424 3,786 139 | 225 31,290 385 25,115 2,617 51 | 45 35,153 382 28,732 1,902 0 | 83 35,223 154 17,076 1,807 0 | 83 34,936 146 17,368 2,047 | 39,889 174 20,261 1,137 0 18,317 |
| Curr. Assets Inventory Debtors Cash & Bank Balance Loans & Advances Other Current Assets | 23,152 470 14,807 3,112 1,158 3,606 | 26,866 976 19,424 3,786 139 2,540 | 225 31,290 385 25,115 2,617 51 3,122 | 45 35,153 382 28,732 1,902 0 4,138 | 83 35,223 154 17,076 1,807 0 16,187 | 83 34,936 146 17,368 2,047 0 15,375 | 83 39,889 174 20,261 1,137 0 18,317 23,723 23,120 |
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Financials and valuations

| Y/E March | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Consolidated EPS | 20.6 | 16.3 | 18.9 | 25.5 | 23.1 | 16.3 | 24.4 |
| Growth (%) | -13.2 | -20.9 | 15.8 | 35.4 | -9.5 | -29.5 | 49.4 |
| Cash EPS | 22.6 | 20.0 | 22.4 | 28.8 | 26.2 | 19.4 | 27.8 |
| Book Value | 166 | 169 | 182 | 207 | 195 | 209 | 229 |
| DPS | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Payout (incl. Div. Tax.) | 19.4 | 24.6 | 21.2 | 16.6 | 18.9 | 15.7 | 15.7 |
| Valuation (x) | | | | | | | |
| P/E (consolidated) | 8.6 | 10.9 | 9.4 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 10.9 | 7.3 |
| Cash P/E | 7.9 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 9.2 | 6.4 |
| EV/EBITDA | 4.1 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| EV/Sales | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Price/Book Value | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| Profitability Ratios (%) | | | | | | | |
| RoE | 12.6 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 11.1 |
| RoCE | 13.3 | 11.4 | 15.9 | 13.1 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 11.2 |
| RoIC | 20.0 | 16.0 | 20.6 | 15.0 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 11.8 |
| Turnover Ratios | | | | | | | |
| Debtors (Days) | 223 | 283 | 286 | 303 | 224 | 240 | 235 |
| Inventory (Days) | 7 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Creditors. (Days) | 194 | 225 | 223 | 212 | 268 | 268 | 268 |
| Leverage Ratio | | | | | | | |
| Debt/Equity (x) | 0.20 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Cash Flow Statement - Consolidated | | | | | | | (INR M) |
| Y/E March | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20E | FY21E |
| PBT before EO Items | 1,671 | 1,780 | 2,357 | 2,219 | 1,064 | 1,150 | 1,630 |
| Depreciation | 109 | 205 | 191 | 178 | 168 | 170 | 187 |
| Interest | 148 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Direct Taxes Paid | (550) | (668) | (667) | (774) | (204) | (391) | (431) |
| (Inc)/Dec in WC | (2,566) | (1,677) | (1,439) | (4,083) | 22 | (524) | (2,052) |
| Others | 1,243 | 1 | - | 98 | (310) | - | - |
| CF from Operations | 56 | (360) | 442 | (2,361) | 740 | 404 | (666) |
| (Inc)/Dec in FA | (287) | (186) | (186) | (233) | (233) | (233) | (233) |
| Free Cash Flow | (232) | (546) | 256 | (2,594) | 507 | 171 | (899) |
| (Pur)/Sale of Investments & Others | 254 | 405 | (9) | 582 | 685 | 665 | 665 |
| CF from Investments | (33) | 219 | (195) | 349 | 452 | 432 | 432 |
| (Inc)/Dec in Net Worth | 196 | (456) | 49 | 461 | (1,587) | 100 | 100 |
| (Inc)/Dec in Debt | 224 | 1,967 | (683) | 1,682 | 1,064 | - | - |
| Interest Paid | (148) | 202 | 31 | - | - | - | - |
| Dividend Paid | (250) | (255) | (255) | (256) | (232) | (163) | (244) |
| CF from Fin. Activity | 21 | 1,459 | (857) | 1,887 | (755) | (63) | (144) |
| Inc/Dec of Cash | 44 | 1,318 | (610) | (125) | 437 | 773 | (378) |
| Add: Beginning Balance | 3,068 | 2,469 | 3,227 | 2,027 | 1,370 | 1,275 | 1,515 |
| Closing Balance | 3,112 | 3,786 | 2,617 | 1,902 | 1,807 | 2,047 | 1,137 |

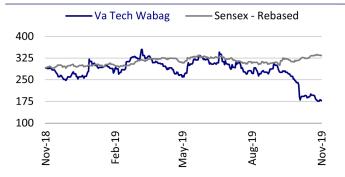
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Corporate profile

Company description

VA Tech Wabag (VATW) is one of the leading players in water treatment industry, having its base of operation globally operating from Chennai. VATW's operations are stretched across countries like Austria, Czech Republic, Algeria, Tunisia, Romania, Turkey and Philippines. Wabag has been operational in water treatment industry since last 90 years and it has specialization in treating municipal, industrial, sludge treatment and sea water desalination projects.





Source: MOFSL/Bloomberg

Exhibit 2: Shareholding pattern (%)

| | Sep-19 | Jun-19 | Sep-18 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 24.7 | 24.7 | 24.7 |
| DII | 8.1 | 8.9 | 12.8 |
| FII | 25.4 | 25.1 | 20.9 |
| Others | 41.9 | 41.3 | 41.6 |

Note: FII Includes depository receipts Source: Capitaline

Exhibit 3: Top holders

| Holder Name | % Holding |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Sbi Mutual Fund | 4.6 |
| Sumitomo Corporation | 4.5 |
| Alternative Investment Fund | 4.3 |
| Government Pension Fund Global | 3.2 |
| Vantage Equity Fund | 3.1 |

Source: Capitaline

Exhibit 4: Top management

| Name | Designation |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bhagwan Dass Narang. | Chairman & Independent Directo |
| Rajiv Mittal | Managing Director |
| S Varadarajan | Director |
| R Swaminathan | Company Secretary |
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Source: Capitaline

Exhibit 5: Directors

| Name | Name | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Malay Mukherjee | Sumit Chandwani | |
| Revathi Kasturi | Milin Mehta | |
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*Independent

Exhibit 6: Auditors

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| Cost Auditor |
| Secretarial Audit |
| Internal |
| Statutory |
| |

Source: Capitaline

Exhibit 7: MOFSL forecast v/s consensus

| EPS | MOFSL | Consensus | Variation |
|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| (INR) | forecast | forecast | (%) |
| FY20 | 16.3 | 18.0 | -9.4 |
| FY21 | 24.4 | 23.3 | 4.6 |
| | | | |

Source: Bloomberg

| Explanation of Investment Rating | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Investment Rating | Expected return (over 12-month) | |
| BUY | >=15% | |
| SELL | <-10% | |
| NEUTRAL | < - 10 % to 15% | |
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