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## Ashok Leyland

Systematic recovery in volumes; upgrading to a Buy

We expect the replacement demand for higher tonnage and multi axle vehicles to kick in by 2H FY22 which will lead to significant volume led operating leverage and margin expansion, accordingly, we believe earnings will be significant in FY22. Lower debt is a positive. We upgrade our rating to a Buy, with a TP of Rs 149 (29x FY23e).

Expected replacement demand to come by 2HFY22.Q3FY21 margin performance is primarily driven by lower MAV & Tractor-Trailer proportions as well as lower defence vehicles. Historically, we have seen that despite lower proportion of defence & spare parts, margins have expanded sequentially and y/y basis primarily due to richer product mix of its trucks segment. We expect similar situation to continue when the replacement demand kicks in. Fleet owners high on cash flows and better capacity utilization will lead the way for replacement demand for MAV & Trator-trailer haulage segments by 2HFY22 which will lead to significant volume growth and margin expansion.

Margin expansion in FY22. In anticipation of strong revival in economic activities and a degree of positive operating leverage playing out with a richer segment mix(M& HCV), we expect margin to expand to 10.5% in FY22, as against 3.2% in FY21.

**Q3 FY21conf. call takeaways.** 1) Envisaging a ~20k volume order on the back of Rs180bn scheme by the govt. 2) HLFL Ltd: Book at Rs26bn, NetNPA 2.3%, Collection efficiency <90%. 3) One time VRS charge of Rs850mn. 4) Severe commodity price increase headwinds in Q4. 5) Semi conductors shortages impact, short-medium term.

**Introducing FY23e.** We expect FY23 revenue to grow 30% y/y, with a 11% margin, in line with FY22. Accordingly, we expect earnings to grow 58% y/y to Rs13.8bn.

**Valuation.** We expect a 47% CAGR in revenue over FY21-23, leading to an EPS of Rs4.7. We upgrade our rating to a Buy with a TP of Rs149 (29x FY23e), including Rs12 per share for HLFL ltd.

Key financials (YE Mar)	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e
Sales (Rs m)	290,550	174,675	132,838	220,122	286,159
Net profit (Rs m)	20,407	3,954	-2,971	8,731	13,791
EPS (Rs)	6.8	0.8	-1.2	3.0	4.7
PE (x)	13.3	157.6	-109.0	43.2	27.4
EV / EBITDA (x)	8.1	33.6	92.6	17.3	12.7
PBV (x)	3.2	5.2	5.4	4.9	4.3
RoE (%)	25.6	3.1	-4.9	12.0	16.7
RoCE (%)	24.0	4.2	-1.2	9.9	13.1
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	3.4	-	0.3	0.5
Net debt / equity (x)	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Source: Company, Anand Rathi Resea	arch				

Rating: **Buy** Target Price: Rs149 Share Price: Rs129

Key data	AL IN / ASOK.BO
52-week high / low	Rs139 / 34
Sensex / Nifty	51544 / 15163
3-m average volume	\$52.7m
Market cap	Rs376bn / \$5174.6m
Shares outstanding	2936m

Shareholding pattern (%)	Dec'20	Sep'20	Jun'20
Promoters	54.5	51.5	51.5
- of which, Pledged	5.6	10.9	5.6
Free float	45.46	48.5	48.5
- Foreign institutions	16.3	14.6	15.6
- Domestic institutions	17.6	17.6	14.1
- Public	14.5	16.3	18.7

Estimates revision (%)	FY21e	FY22e
Sales	-12.8	-8.6
EBITDA	-53.5	-8.6
EPS	NA	-15.2



Source: Bloomberg

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## Quick Glance - Financials and Valuations

Fig 1 – Income statement (Rsm)								
Year-end: Mar	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e			
Volumes	197,077	124,060	90,283	143,852	179,815			
Net revenues	290,550	174,675	132,838	220,122	286,159			
Growth (%)	10.7	-39.9	-24.0	65.7	30.0			
Operating expenses	259,192	162,938	128,587	197,010	254,682			
EBITDA	31,357	11,737	4,251	23,113	31,478			
EBITDA margins (%)	10.8	6.7	3.2	10.5	11.0			
- Depreciation	6,210	6,698	7,255	8,295	8,958			
Other income	1,099	1,233	1,175	1,500	1,800			
Interest expenses	704	1,095	2,912	3,125	3,482			
Extraordinary items	-575	-1,558	-494	-	-			
PBT	24,968	3,619	-5,235	13,193	20,838			
Effective tax rate (%)	21	34	34	34	34			
+ Associates / (Minorities)								
Net income	19,832	2,395	-3,465	8,731	13,791			
Adjusted income	20,407	3,954	-2,971	8,731	13,791			
WANS	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936			
FDEPS (Rs/ sh)	6.8	0.8	-1.2	3.0	4.7			

Fig 2 – Balance sheet (Rs m)									
Year-end: Mar	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e				
Share capital	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936	2,936				
Net worth	83,324	72,640	69,175	76,649	88,454				
Debt	3,983	30,648	30,648	35,148	38,148				
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-				
DTL/(Assets)	1,474	2,648	2,648	2,648	2,648				
Capital employed	88,782	105,936	102,472	114,445	129,250				
Net tangible assets	48,060	54,431	56,385	58,091	56,133				
Net intangible assets	8,085	13,605	13,605	13,605	13,605				
Goodwill	-								
CWIP (tang. &intang.)	6,576	5,941	3,732	3,732	3,732				
Investments (strategic)	26,365	27,196	29,196	36,196	43,196				
Investments (financial)	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000				
Current assets (ex cash)	78,398	49,498	44,047	48,300	56,495				
Cash	13,736	13,225	3,467	2,482	4,049				
Current liabilities	92,438	57,960	57,960	57,960	57,960				
Working capital	-14,041	-8,462	-13,913	-9,660	-1,464				
Capital deployed	88,782	105,936	102,472	114,445	129,250				

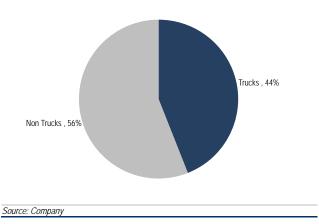
Fig 3 – Cash-flow statement (Rsm)									
Year-end: Mar	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e				
PBT	24,968	3,619	-5,235	13,193	20,838				
+ Non-cash items	6,210	6,698	7,255	8,295	8,958				
Oper. prof. before WC	31,178	10,317	2,020	21,488	29,796				
- Incr./(decr.) in WC	23,130	5,579	-5,451	4,253	8,195				
Others incl. taxes	5,136	1,224	-1,771	4,462	7,047				
Operating cash-flow	2,912	3,514	9,242	12,772	14,553				
- Capex (tang. +intang.)	15,176	17,954	7,000	10,000	7,000				
Free cash-flow	-12,264	-14,440	2,242	2,772	7,553				
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-				
- Div.(incl. buyback& taxes)	8,598	12,702	-	1,257	1,986				
+ Equity raised	-	-							
+ Debt raised	-6,040	26,665	-	4,500	3,000				
- Fin investments	-31,661	831	12,000	7,000	7,000				
- Misc. (CFI + CFF)	1,067	-797	0	-0	0				
Net cash-flow	3,692	-511	-9,758	-985	1,567				
Source: Company, AnandRathi Re	esearch								

Fig 4 – Ratio analysis					
Year-end: Mar	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e
P/E (x)	13.3	157.6	-109.0	43.2	27.4
EV / EBITDA (x)	8.1	33.6	92.6	17.3	12.7
EV / Sales (x)	0.9	2.3	3.0	1.8	1.4
P/B (x)	3.2	5.2	5.4	4.9	4.3
RoE (%)	25.6	3.1	-4.9	12.0	16.7
RoCE (%) - after tax	24.0	4.2	-1.2	9.9	13.1
RoIC (%) - after tax	27.7	4.9	-1.2	10.2	13.5
DPS (Rs / sh)	2.9	4.3	-	0.4	0.7
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	3.4	-	0.3	0.5
Dividend payout (%) - incl. DDT	43.4	530.3	-	14.4	14.4
Net debt / equity (x)	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Receivables (days)	31	25	23	20	20
Inventory (days)	47	37	35	32	32
Payables (days)	89	77	70	77	77
CFO: PAT %	14.3	88.9	-311.1	146.3	105.5
Source: Company, AnandRathi Research	h				

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Fig 6 – Revenue break-up (Q3FY21)



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# Result highlights

Q3 FY19	Q4 FY19	Q1 FY20	Q2 FY20	Q3FY20	Q4 FY20	Q1 FY21	Q2 FY21	Q3 FY21
43,763	58,943	39,608	28,938	31,200	25,504	3,777	19,366	33,291
-6.14	0.36	-5.98	-44.31	-28.71	-56.73	-90.46	-33.08	6.70
-15.77	34.69	-32.80	-26.94	7.82	-18.26	-85.19	412.73	71.90
1,445,340	1,500,760	1,435,028	1,357,903	1,287,067	1,505,042	1,723,245.96	1,464,722	1,445,889
-6.28	0.48	-3.28	-7.42	-10.95	0.29	20.08	7.87	12.34
-1.46	3.83	-4.38	-5.37	-5.22	16.94	14.50	-15.00	-1.29
63,252	88,459	56,839	39,295	40,157	38,385	6,509	28,366	48,135
(12.0)	0.8	(9.1)	(48.4)	(36.5)	(56.6)	(88.5)	(27.8)	19.9
(17.0)	39.9	(35.7)	(30.9)	2.2	(4.4)		335.8	69.7
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5,004           7.91         6.48         8.80           4.9         26.1         1.5           (4.8)         14.7         (12.7)           7,398         8,578         6,728           11.7         9.7         11.8           (14.4)         (12.4)         (11.3) <t< td=""><td>43,763         58,943         39,608         28,938           -6.14         0.36         -5.98         -44.31           -15.77         34.69         -32.80         -26.94           1,445,340         1,500,760         1,435,028         1,357,903           -6.28         0.48         -3.28         -7.42           -1.46         3.83         -4.38         -5.37           63,252         88,459         56,839         39,295           (12.0)         0.8         (9.1)         (48.4)           (17.0)         39.9         (35.7)         (30.9)           (10,941)         10,793         (7,138)         3,663           55,298         53,500         46,875         23,470           70.1         72.7         69.9         69.0        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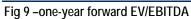
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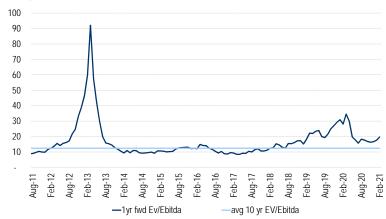
# Valuation

We expect a 47% CAGR in revenue over FY21-23, leading to an EPS of Rs4.7. We upgrade our rating to a Buy with a TP of Rs149 (29x FY23e), including Rs12 per share for HLFL ltd.

Fig 8 - Change in estimates

_	Old estima	Old estimates		timates	Change (%)	
(Rs m)	FY21e	FY22e	FY21e	FY22e	FY21e	FY22e
Revenue	1,52,337	2,40,862	1,32,838	2,20,122	-12.8	-8.6
EBITDA	9,140	25,291	4,251	23,113	-53.5	-8.6
Adj. PAT	408	10,294	-3,465	8,731	NA	-15.2
EPS (Rs)	0.14	3.51	-1.18	3.0	NA	-15.2
Source: Anand Ra	thi Research					





### Risk

Source: Bloomberg

■ Less-than-expected volume growth in FY22.

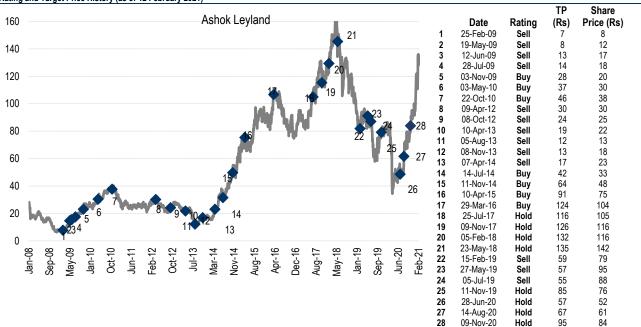
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