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Our deep dive on Middle East oil & gas bid pipeline suggests multi-billion USD bids being finalised over 2Q/3QFY26 with pick-up not only in Saudi Arabia but also in Qatar and Kuwait. Prospects are also materially strong in CY26/FY27E and thus order inflow growth may persist well into FY27E. Unlike Indian sub-contractors in Middle East L&T is effectively a local prime contractor and thus we do not expect project closure linked issues cropping up in FY26/27E.

- Not just Aramco, tendering is rising in Qatar and Kuwait as well for 2HCY25: L&T is already well-placed for USD1.5-2.0bn of contracts with Aramco which can get awarded in 2QFY26. Further, there are major tenders in bidding like Dorra Offshore gas (USD10bn+ in packages) in Kuwait, chemical plants by ADNOC and significant tenders by QatarEnergy (USD10bn+) that should be finalised by 3QFY26. Thus, we expect L&T Energy segment orders to remain elevated over 2Q and 3QFY26 potentially leading to order inflow surprises vs a guidance of 10% order inflow growth for FY26. Qatar in particular is focused on LNG linked developments and offshore oil.
- Prospects remain strong in CY26 as well with significant downstream capex in UAE and Aramco: There is significant thrust on downstream integration into refinng and pertrochemicals. This is in particular prominent in Saudi Arabia (inline with Vision 2030 to achieve 40% integration) and UAE (led by naphtha and chemicals projects by ADNOC). Further, similar to Aramco Oman's PDO is also developing LTA (long term agreement) contractor pool to drive two waves of project awards in oil and gas. L&T is well-placed in particular with existing local presence in Oman.
- Lumpy billion USD+ inflows maybe the norm, local value added compliant contractor status aids project wins and execution: L&T is already classified as IKVTIA (In kingdom value added) contractor in Saudi Arabia and is part of Aramco's LTA pool. Recently, it has secured ICV (In country value) compliant status in UAE and Qatar which places it favourably for execution and market share gains. We are seeing large market shares not only in oil & gas but also in renewable energy where we estimate L&T has 30-40% win rate. L&T is not participating as sub-contractor like some Indian peers and as a locally compliant contractor is better placed in terms of project closure and cash flows. L&T has secured and commissioned multi-billion USD oil projects in the regions and a repeat of FY15-16 "legacy" order issues in Kuwait is unlikely to crop up over FY26/27E in our view.
- Valuations attractive, maintain Buy: We value L&T on SOTP (sum of the parts) basis with valuation multiples benchmarked to segment peers leading to effective EV/EBITDA of ~24x for FY27. We add market caps of listed subsidiaries in IT&TS and LTFH with a 25% holdco discount. This leads to our TP of INR 4,313 implying effective core PE of 27x. Near term catalysts: continued order inflow momentum into 2HFY26, land monetisation at Hyderabad Metro and special dividends. Key risks are: IT&TS accounts for INR 750/sh in our TP (at CMP with 25% holdco) where persisting headwinds can impact even though core may remain robust.

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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Current Price Target (12M)	4,313
Upside/(Downside)	18.8%
Previous Price Target	4,313
Change	0.0%

Key Data – LT IN	
Current Market Price	INR3,631
Market cap (bn)	INR4,994.1/US\$57.0
Free Float	69%
Shares in issue (mn)	1,365.7
Diluted share (mn)	1,365.7
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR7,164.4/US\$81.7
52-week range	3,964/2,965
Sensex/Nifty	81,019/24,723
INR/US\$	87.7

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	1.0	5.6	-0.9
Relative*	4.0	2.0	-3.7

^{*} To the BSE Sensex

Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	22,11,129	25,57,345	30,29,400	35,43,907	39,58,764
Sales Growth	20.6%	15.7%	18.5%	17.0%	11.7%
EBITDA	2,34,937	2,64,347	3,19,201	3,73,335	4,29,824
EBITDA Margin	10.6%	10.3%	10.5%	10.5%	10.9%
Adjusted Net Profit	1,29,655	1,45,593	1,80,496	2,16,108	2,54,630
Diluted EPS (INR)	95.1	106.6	132.2	158.2	186.4
Diluted EPS Growth	29.4%	12.1%	24.0%	19.7%	17.8%
ROIC	8.0%	8.3%	9.4%	9.9%	10.6%
ROE	14.8%	14.9%	17.2%	17.4%	17.6%
P/E (x)	38.2	34.1	27.5	22.9	19.5
P/B (x)	5.8	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.5	21.8	18.1	15.4	13.2
Dividend Yield	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%	1.3%

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 04/Aug/2025

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Deep dive into near term Hydrocarbon prospect pipeline in Middle East

Exhibit 1. L&T already well placed in Aramco projects; several multi-billion USD bids are in pipeline							
Project	Company	USD mn	Well placed				
CRPO 158/160	Saudi Aramco	700	L&T				
CRPO 150/157/159	Saudi Aramco	1000-1500	Lamprell				
CRPO 145	Saudi Aramco	1600	L&T				
CRPO 146	Saudi Aramco	1500	Subsea 7				
CRPO 147	Saudi Aramco	1500	Lamprell				
CRPO 148	Saudi Aramco	1200	Subsea 7				
Riyadh Metro Line 2 extn	Saudi Royal Commission	900	Arriyadh New Mobility (incl L&T)				
Prospects for CY26							
Phase IV of the Jafurah unconventional gas	Saudi Aramco	2,250	Bid deadline Sep-25; L&T bidding				
Shedgum & Uthmaniya Gas Compression Plant: Pkg 1 and 2	Saudi Aramco	2,500	PQ ongoing				
Sasref integrated refinery Jubail	Saudi Aramco	5,000	FEED				
Yasref integrated refinery Yanbu	Saudi Aramco	5,000	FEED				
Samref integrated refinery Yanbu	Saudi Aramco	5,000	FEED				
Sabic: Crude oil-to-chemicals (COTC) complex in Ras Al-Khair	Saudi Aramco	5,000	FEED				

Source: MEED, JM Financial

Project being bid	Company	USD mn	Bid deadline	Comments
Kuwait				
Separation facility at GC23/24	Kuwait Oil Company	951	05-Aug-25	13 companies incl L&T qualified in Sep-2024
New injection facility at GC-31	Kuwait Oil Company	420	05-Aug-25	
Other 3 large projects	Kuwait Oil Company	770	05-Aug-25	
developing separation facilities at GC-25	Kuwait Oil Company	338	05-Aug-25	
Dorra offshore's onshore gas processing plant	Kuwait Gulf Oil		FEED stage	Bid invites in 3QFY25
Development of Dora offshore gas (4 pkgs)	Kuwait Gulf Oil- Aramco	10,000	31-Jul-25	Bidders include L&T among 5 players
Olefin IV plant	Kuwait Petroleum	500	Study completed	
Mina Al Ahmady refinery gas recovery units	KNPC	900	12-Aug-25	
Algeria				
Skidda refinery expansion	Sonatrach	8,000		L&T and Others
UAE				
Naphtha project Abu Dhabi	ADNOC	1,000	Bid submitted in Jun-25	6 bidders incl L&T and KPIL
Chemical plants Taziz, Ruwais, Abu Dhabi	ADNOC/ADQ	1,700	06-Aug-25	L&T, Samsung and Chinese bidders
Naphtha project Abu Dhabi	ADNOC	2,000	To be bid	
Satah al-Razboot (SARB) field development	ADNOC	3,000	To be bid	
Qatar				
NorthField LNG Ph2 COMP5	QatarEnergy	5,000	Tech bids submitted	L&T and others
Bul Hanine offshore oil	QatarEnergy	3,000	13-Jul-25	L&T and others
Fifth NGL train (NGL-5)	QatarEnergy	2,500	Bids submitted	L&T and others
Oman				
Al-Ghubar GOGD – Oil and gas	PDO Oman		Likely in FY27	
Raba hub development – Oil	PDO Oman		Likely in FY27	
Rabab Harweel Integrated Project (RHIP) tranche 2 – Oil and gas	PDO Oman		Likely in FY27	

Exhibit 3. Aramco's LTA pool of offshore service providers

Saipem (Italy)

McDermott International (US)

Larsen & Toubro Energy Hydrocarbon (India) / Subsea7 (UK)

NMDC Energy (UAE)

Lamprell (UAE/Saudi Arabia)

China Offshore Oil Engineering Company (China)

Dynamic Industries (US)

Sapura Energy (Malaysia)

TechnipFMC (France) / MMHE (Malaysia)

Hyundai Heavy Industries (South Korea)

Source: MEED. JM Financial

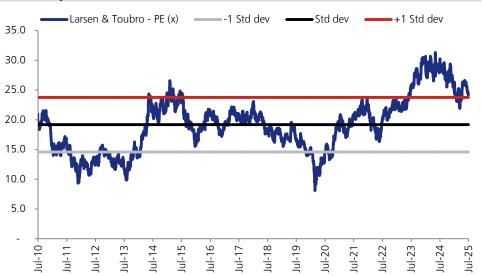
Exhibit 4. Saudi Arabia 15GW of renewables of near terms prospect pipeline						
Project	Capacity (MW)	Technology	Province			
Bisha	3,000	Solar PV	Asir			
Humaij	3,000	Solar PV	Medina			
Khulis	2,000	Solar PV	Mecca			
Afif1	2,000	Solar PV	Riyadh			
Afif2	2,000	Solar PV	Riyadh			
Starah	2,000	Wind	Riyadh			
Shaqra	1,000	Wind	Riyadh			

Source: MEED. JM Financial

Segments	L&T share (%)	Holdco discount (%)	Valuation Metric	Multiple (x)	FY27E EBITDA	Enterprise value (INR bn)	Per share (INR)	Equity value (INR bn)	Mkt Cap (INR bn)
Core segments									
Infrastructure	100%		EV/EBITDA	17.8	117	2,091			
Energy	100%		EV/EBITDA	25.0	66	1,639			
Hi-tech manufacturing	100%		EV/EBITDA	22.0	24	537			
Realty	100%		DCF	25.6	24	615			
Industrial Machinery & Products	100%		EV/EBITDA	17.8	11	119			
Core total (implied EV/EBITDA)				21.0	242	5,072			
Inter-segmental elimination	84%			21.1	(43)	(758)			
JV						23			
Aggregate EV				21.8	199	4,337	3,243	4,429	
Net Debt/ (cash) Ex Finance and Development projects [Mar-26E]						(92)			
Developmental projects									
Hyderabad Metro	97.0%		DCF				69	93	
Nabha Power	100.0%		DCF				69	94	
Services									
Financial services (LTFH)	66.2%	25.2%	Mkt Cap				187	255	514
IT & TS							747	1,020	
LTIM	68.6%	25.2%	Mkt Cap					770	1,500
LTTS	73.7%	25.2%	Mkt Cap					250	454
Overall Equity value							4,313	5,890	

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. 1 year forward P/E chart



Source: Company, JM Financial, Bloomberg



Source: Company, JM Financial, Bloomberg

Financial Tables (Consolidated)

Income Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	22,11,129	25,57,345	30,29,400	35,43,907	39,58,764
Sales Growth	20.6%	15.7%	18.5%	17.0%	11.7%
Other Operating Income	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	22,11,129	25,57,345	30,29,400	35,43,907	39,58,764
Cost of Goods Sold	14,03,139	16,46,707	19,51,727	22,91,376	25,51,580
Personnel Cost	4,11,710	4,67,687	5,54,016	6,48,109	7,23,978
Other Expenses	1,61,343	1,78,604	2,04,456	2,31,087	2,53,382
EBITDA	2,34,937	2,64,347	3,19,201	3,73,335	4,29,824
EBITDA Margin	10.6%	10.3%	10.5%	10.5%	10.9%
EBITDA Growth	13.2%	12.5%	20.8%	17.0%	15.1%
Depn. & Amort.	36,823	41,212	41,442	41,984	42,689
EBIT	1,98,113	2,23,136	2,77,759	3,31,351	3,87,134
Other Income	41,580	41,248	45,528	57,745	72,154
Finance Cost	35,459	33,344	38,292	47,909	57,317
PBT before Excep. & Forex	2,04,235	2,31,040	2,84,995	3,41,186	4,01,972
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	-226	-141	-141	-141	-141
PBT	2,04,009	2,30,900	2,84,855	3,41,046	4,01,831
Taxes	49,474	58,914	72,672	87,001	1,02,501
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	936	4,748	0	0	0
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	24,880	26,392	31,686	37,937	44,700
Reported Net Profit	1,30,591	1,50,341	1,80,496	2,16,108	2,54,630
Adjusted Net Profit	1,29,655	1,45,593	1,80,496	2,16,108	2,54,630
Net Margin	5.9%	5.7%	6.0%	6.1%	6.4%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	1,363	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366
Diluted EPS (INR)	95.1	106.6	132.2	158.2	186.4
Diluted EPS Growth	29.4%	12.1%	24.0%	19.7%	17.8%
Total Dividend + Tax	47,255	38,498	45,437	54,401	64,098
Dividend Per Share (INR)	34.0	28.0	33.0	39.6	46.6

Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Shareholders' Fund	8,63,592	9,76,556	11,11,928	12,74,009	14,64,982
Share Capital	2,749	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
Reserves & Surplus	8,60,843	9,73,806	11,09,178	12,71,259	14,62,231
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	1,61,904	1,77,481	2,09,167	2,47,104	2,91,804
Total Loans	11,40,398	12,95,593	14,50,789	16,05,985	17,61,181
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	0	0	0	0	0
Total - Equity & Liab.	21,65,894	24,49,630	27,71,884	31,27,098	35,17,967
Net Fixed Assets	4,70,133	4,68,016	4,72,972	4,79,705	4,88,169
Gross Fixed Assets	3,64,821	4,01,270	4,47,667	4,96,385	5,47,538
Intangible Assets	2,53,325	2,55,971	2,55,971	2,55,971	2,55,971
Less: Depn. & Amort.	1,48,013	1,89,225	2,30,666	2,72,650	3,15,340
Capital WIP	28,970	23,909	23,909	23,909	23,909
Investments	3,49,576	4,33,606	4,33,606	4,33,606	4,33,606
Current Assets	25,81,642	28,93,619	35,46,358	41,71,461	48,00,505
Inventories	66,202	76,706	91,445	1,07,593	1,22,805
Sundry Debtors	4,87,710	5,37,137	6,50,511	7,65,385	8,73,599
Cash & Bank Balances	1,53,584	2,29,653	4,20,740	6,36,872	9,01,056
Loans & Advances	5,36,028	5,55,709	6,45,128	7,34,547	8,23,966
Other Current Assets	13,38,118	14,94,414	17,38,534	19,27,064	20,79,079
Current Liab. & Prov.	12,35,457	13,45,611	16,81,052	19,57,674	22,04,314
Current Liabilities	5,72,619	5,71,055	7,87,970	9,13,906	10,39,044
Provisions & Others	6,62,838	7,74,556	8,93,082	10,43,768	11,65,270
Net Current Assets	13,46,185	15,48,008	18,65,306	22,13,787	25,96,191
Total – Assets	21,65,894	24,49,630	27,71,884	31,27,098	35,17,967

Source: Company, JM Financial

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Cash Flow Statement					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit before Tax	1,55,471	1,76,733	2,12,182	2,54,045	2,99,330
Depn. & Amort.	36,823	41,212	41,442	41,984	42,689
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	35,459	33,344	38,292	47,909	57,317
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-66,652	-1,76,651	-36,792	-42,929	-28,801
Others	-41,415	-40,954	-45,554	-57,826	-72,392
Taxes Paid	63,142	58,217	0	0	0
Operating Cash Flow	1,82,828	91,901	2,09,596	2,43,264	2,98,381
Capex	-42,105	-35,407	-46,398	-48,718	-51,153
Free Cash Flow	1,40,724	56,494	1,63,198	1,94,547	2,47,227
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-9,553	-89,419	-89,419	-89,419	-89,419
Others	73,288	-30,349	45,528	57,745	72,154
Investing Cash Flow	21,630	-1,55,175	-90,289	-80,392	-68,418
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-1,64,968	-38,496	-45,124	-54,027	-63,658
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-44,736	1,55,196	1,55,196	1,55,196	1,55,196
Others	-44,429	-51,134	-38,292	-47,909	-57,317
Financing Cash Flow	-2,54,134	65,566	71,780	53,260	34,221
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	-49,675	2,292	1,91,087	2,16,132	2,64,184
Opening Cash Balance	1,69,260	1,19,578	1,21,863	3,12,950	5,29,081
Closing Cash Balance	1,19,585	1,21,870	3,12,950	5,29,081	7,93,265

Dupont Analysis								
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Net Margin	5.9%	5.7%	6.0%	6.1%	6.4%			
Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2			
Leverage Factor (x)	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5			
RoE	14.8%	15.8%	17.3%	18.1%	18.6%			

Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
BV/Share (')	621.4	710.3	808.6	926.4	1,065.3
ROIC	8.0%	8.3%	9.4%	9.9%	10.6%
ROE	14.8%	14.9%	17.2%	17.4%	17.6%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
P/E (x)	38.2	34.1	27.5	22.9	19.5
P/B (x)	5.8	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.5	21.8	18.1	15.4	13.2
EV/Sales (x)	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.4
Debtor days	81	77	78	79	81
Inventory days	11	11	11	11	11
Creditor days	98	84	99	98	101

Source: Company, JM Financial

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History of Recommendation and Target Price					
Date	Recommendation	Target Price	% Chg.		
20-Jul-23	Buy	2,745			
26-Jul-23	Buy	2,835	3.3		
1-Nov-23	Buy	3,380	19.2		
1-Feb-24	Buy	3,875	14.6		
9-May-24	Buy	3,740	-3.5		
25-Jul-24	Buy	3,890	4.0		
31-Oct-24	Buy	3,825	-1.7		
31-Jan-25	Buy	4,015	5.0		
9-May-25	Buy	3,850	-4.1		
30-Jul-25	Buy	4,313	12.0		



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