HG Infra Engineering | BUY

Growth to remain intact; to churn assets in medium term

We met the management of HG Infra led by Chairman and Managing Director Mr. Harendra Singh. HG expects 17–18% YoY revenue growth and 15–16% EBITDA margins for FY26E, with order inflows of INR 110bn. HG has strong highways bid pipeline of INR 600bn. Additionally, it has submitted bids for projects worth c. INR 150bn where results are awaited. Increase in working capital during FY25 was mainly led by inventory in solar projects and delayed payments which is expected to normalize by 2Q26E. HG expects LoA for MSRDC projects in the near future and AD for major HAM projects by Dec-25. Monetization of solar/BESS assets is being considered through either InVIT mode or outright sale of assets. HG remains open to subcontracting work from major developers.

- FY26E guidance: Revenue: 17-18% YoY growth (appears optimistic); EBITDA margins: 15-16%; Order inflows: INR 110bn (FY25: INR 78bn); Capex: c.INR 250mn.
- Highways bid pipeline robust at INR 600bn. HG has also submitted bids of c.INR 150bn where results are awaited. HG is also exploring opportunities in airports, Metro and Power T&D verticals as well.
- NWC rise in FY25 was led by increase in solar inventory and delayed payments. The company expects it to come down by 1Q26E and normalise by 2Q26E.
- MSRDC projects: HG expects LOA by 2Q26 and delay is due to land acquisition issues. There is no risk of cancellation of projects. HG does not expect any major execution expected in FY26E from these projects.
- Appointed date update: HG expects to receive AD for VRK Pkg 10 & 13 in 2Q26E, Narol HAM by Sept-25 and Bahuvan HAM by Dec-25.
- EBITDA Margins: HG expects segment-wise EBITDA margins to remain between 11–18%, with highway projects likely to deliver margins upwards of 15%.
- > **Monetization update**: HG is considering monetization of its solar and BESS assets in the medium term, either through the InvIT mode or outright sale.
- > HG remains open to subcontracting opportunities, having previously worked with IRB Infrastructure and Adani group.
- Ganga Expressway project update: HG expects to complete the Ganga Expressway project within the next two months. It does not anticipate any early completion bonus.
- Reaping benefits of diversification; Maintain BUY: We like HG for its robust execution track record, strong growth and lean balance sheet. Monetization proceeds from 4 HAM assets have strengthened the balance sheet. We expect 14% EPS CAGR over FY25-27E. HG trades at an attractive valuation of 12x/10x FY26/27E EPS. We value HG's EPC business at 14x Mar-27 EPS and HAM/Solar/BESS assets at INR 287/share (0.7-1x P/B) to arrive at SOTP-based revised price target of INR 1,740. Maintain BUY.

| Financial Summary | | | | | (INR mn) |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Y/E March | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Net Sales | 51,217 | 60,519 | 66,571 | 78,522 | 86,352 |
| Sales Growth (%) | 15.9 | 18.2 | 10.0 | 18.0 | 10.0 |
| EBITDA | 8,220 | 9,507 | 10,480 | 11,935 | 12,953 |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.2 | 15.0 |
| Adjusted Net Profit | 4,387 | 5,197 | 5,683 | 6,765 | 7,474 |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 67.3 | 79.8 | 87.2 | 103.8 | 114.7 |
| Diluted EPS Growth (%) | 4.1 | 18.5 | 9.3 | 19.0 | 10.5 |
| ROIC (%) | 18.3 | 17.0 | 15.2 | 15.4 | 14.8 |
| ROE (%) | 21.4 | 20.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 16.7 |
| P/E (x) | 13.4 | 17.5 | 12.0 | 10.1 | 9,2 |
| P/B (x) | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 7.5 | 10.5 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| | | (| | | |

Source: Company data, JM Financial. Note: Valuations as of 23/May/2025



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| Recommendation and Price Target | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Current Reco. | BUY | | | |
| Previous Reco. | BUY | | | |
| Current Price Target (12M) | 1,740 | | | |
| Upside/(Downside) | 65.7% | | | |
| Previous Price Target | 1,740 | | | |
| Change | 0.0% | | | |

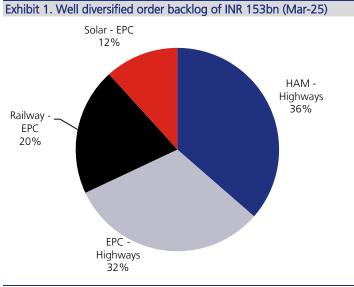
| Key Data – HGINFRA IN | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Current Market Price | INR1,050 |
| Market cap (bn) | INR74.2/US\$0.9 |
| Free Float | 28% |
| Shares in issue (mn) | 65.2 |
| Diluted share (mn) | 65.2 |
| 3-mon avg daily val (mn) | INR122.5/US\$1.4 |
| 52-week range | 1,880/921 |
| Sensex/Nifty | 81,721/24,853 |
| INR/US\$ | 85.2 |

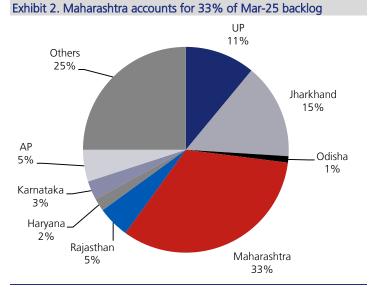
| Price Performance | | | |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|
| % | 1M | 6M | 12M |
| Absolute | 1.2 | -11.1 | -24.7 |
| Relative* | -1.9 | -12.9 | -30.5 |

* To the BSE Sensex

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Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 3. Key assumptions INR mn FY24 FY25 FY26E FY27E FY28E EBITDA Margins (%) 16.0 15.7 15.7 15.2 15.0 Net WC days 83 110 95 90 90 Capex 2,010 884 500 700 1,000 Investments (net)* 1,577 7,352 7,505 5,828 1,787

Source: Company, JM Financial

| Source: Company, JM Financial; | *: includes incremental equity investments in HAM and Solar projects |
|--------------------------------|--|
|--------------------------------|--|

| Exhibit 4. Portfolio of HAM projects (as on Mar-25) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| INR mn | Awarding Authority | State | Kms | BPC | Grant | Total Sanctioned Debt | Invested Equity till 31 [*] Mar'25 | Debt as on 31 [*] Mar'25 |
| Khammam Devarapalle Pkg-1 | NHAI | Telangana | 34 | 7,721 | 3,088 | 3,100 | 1,04 | 2,100 |
| Khammam Devarapalle Pkg-2 | NHAI | Telangana | 30 | 6,371 | 2,548 | 2,560 | 876 | 1,950 |
| Raipur Visakhapatnam AP-1 | NHAI | Andhra Pradesh | 32 | 10,601 | 4,240 | 4,520 | 1,397 | 3,448 |
| Raipur Visakhapatnam OD-5 | NHAI | Odisha | 44 | 14,921 | 5,968 | 6,670 | 2,083 | 5,550 |
| Raipur Visakhapatnam OD-6 | NHAI | Odisha | 46 | 11,231 | 4,492 | 5,150 | 1,411 | 4,500 |
| Karnal Ringroad | NHAI | Haryana | 35 | 9,971 | 3,988 | 4,650 | 1,071 | 2,300 |
| Varanasi Kolkata Pkg-10 | NHAI | Jharkhand | 36 | 13,031 | 5,212 | 6,200 | 259 | - |
| Varanasi Kolkata Pkg-13 | NHAI | Jharkhand | 29 | 9,251 | 3,700 | 4,470 | 321 | - |
| Chennai Tirupati II | NHAI | Andhra Pradesh | 37 | 8,621 | 3,448 | 4,350 | 686 | - |
| Narol – Sarkhej Junction | MoRTH | Gujarat | 11 | 7,811 | 3,124 | 4,050 | 2 | |
| Kosi Parikrama Pkg 6 | MoRTH | UP | 64 | 7,631 | 3,052 | TBD | 2 | |
| TOTAL | | | | 107,161 | 42,860 | 45,720 | 9,153 | 19,848 |

Source: Company, JM Financial

| INR mn | Valuation Methodology | Value driver | Multiple (x) | Valuation | INR/share |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| EPC business | PEx Mar-27 PAT | 6,765 | 14.0 | 94,716 | 1,453 |
| HAM assets* | P/Bx Mar-26E | 12,872 | 1.0 | 12,872 | 198 |
| Solar assets | P/Bx Mar-26E | 8,320 | 0.7 | 5,824 | 89 |
| Total | | | | 1,13,412 | 1,740 |

Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 6. 1 year forward P/E chart



Source: Bloomberg

Financial Tables (Standalone)

| Income Statement | | | | (| INR mn) |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Y/E March | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Net Sales | 51,217 | 60,519 | 66,571 | 78,522 | 86,352 |
| Sales Growth | 15.9% | 18.2% | 10.0% | 18.0% | 10.0% |
| Other Operating Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Revenue | 51,217 | 60,519 | 66,571 | 78,522 | 86,352 |
| Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp | 39,189 | 46,912 | 51,306 | 61,169 | 67,355 |
| Personnel Cost | 2,882 | 3,293 | 3,786 | 4,241 | 4,750 |
| Other Expenses | 927 | 807 | 999 | 1,178 | 1,295 |
| EBITDA | 8,220 | 9,507 | 10,480 | 11,935 | 12,953 |
| EBITDA Margin | 16.0% | 15.7% | 15.7% | 15.2% | 15.0% |
| EBITDA Growth | 15.7% | 15.7% | 10.2% | 13.9% | 8.5% |
| Depn. & Amort. | 1,412 | 1,440 | 1,594 | 1,714 | 1,840 |
| EBIT | 6,808 | 8,068 | 8,886 | 10,221 | 11,112 |
| Other Income | 126 | 152 | 141 | 202 | 240 |
| Finance Cost | 810 | 1,159 | 1,431 | 1,382 | 1,365 |
| PBT before Excep. & Forex | 6,124 | 7,060 | 7,595 | 9,041 | 9,988 |
| Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| РВТ | 6,124 | 7,060 | 7,595 | 9,041 | 9,988 |
| Taxes | 1,737 | 1,863 | 1,912 | 2,276 | 2,514 |
| Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-) | 1,067 | 574 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported Net Profit | 5,455 | 5,771 | 5,683 | 6,765 | 7,474 |
| Adjusted Net Profit | 4,387 | 5,197 | 5,683 | 6,765 | 7,474 |
| Net Margin | 8.6% | 8.6% | 8.5% | 8.6% | 8.7% |
| Diluted Share Cap. (mn) | 65.2 | 65.2 | 65.2 | 65.2 | 65.2 |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 67.3 | 79.8 | 87.2 | 103.8 | 114.7 |
| Diluted EPS Growth | 4.1% | 18.5% | 9.3% | 19.0% | 10.5% |
| Total Dividend + Tax | 98 | 130 | 143 | 170 | 187 |
| Dividend Per Share (INR) | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 |

| Balance Sheet | | | | | (INR mn) |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Y/E March | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Shareholders' Fund | 23,185 | 28,848 | 34,388 | 40,984 | 48,271 |
| Share Capital | 652 | 652 | 652 | 652 | 652 |
| Reserves & Surplus | 22,533 | 28,196 | 33,737 | 40,333 | 47,619 |
| Preference Share Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Minority Interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Loans | 4,512 | 10,679 | 11,500 | 12,000 | 10,500 |
| Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-) | -375 | -408 | -408 | -408 | -408 |
| Total - Equity & Liab. | 27,322 | 39,119 | 45,481 | 52,577 | 58,363 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 7,464 | 6,895 | 5,801 | 4,787 | 3,947 |
| Gross Fixed Assets | 12,523 | 13,407 | 13,907 | 14,607 | 15,607 |
| Intangible Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Less: Depn. & Amort. | 5,101 | 6,541 | 8,135 | 9,849 | 11,690 |
| Capital WIP | 42 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Investments | 6,276 | 13,687 | 21,192 | 27,020 | 31,642 |
| Current Assets | 26,898 | 37,267 | 30,427 | 35,641 | 39,145 |
| Inventories | 2,967 | 5,428 | 3,514 | 4,190 | 4,613 |
| Sundry Debtors | 9,177 | 13,766 | 13,679 | 15,704 | 16,561 |
| Cash & Bank Balances | 1,993 | 1,343 | 2,291 | 2,839 | 3,067 |
| Loans & Advances | 15 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Current Assets | 12,747 | 16,685 | 10,943 | 12,908 | 14,905 |
| Current Liab. & Prov. | 13,316 | 18,730 | 11,940 | 14,872 | 16,371 |
| Current Liabilities | 9,133 | 13,516 | 7,872 | 10,055 | 11,072 |
| Provisions & Others | 4,183 | 5,214 | 4,068 | 4,817 | 5,299 |
| Net Current Assets | 13,582 | 18,537 | 18,487 | 20,769 | 22,774 |
| Total – Assets | 27,321 | 39,119 | 45,481 | 52,577 | 58,363 |

Source: Company, JM Financial

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| Cash Flow Statement | | | | (| INR mn) |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Y/E March | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
| Profit before Tax | 7,192 | 7,634 | 7,595 | 9,041 | 9,988 |
| Depn. & Amort. | 1,412 | 1,440 | 1,594 | 1,714 | 1,840 |
| Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-) | 684 | 1,007 | 1,291 | 1,179 | 1,124 |
| Inc (-) / Dec in WCap. | -3,938 | -6,462 | 998 | -1,734 | -1,777 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxes Paid | -1,912 | -1,891 | -1,912 | -2,276 | -2,514 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 3,438 | 1,727 | 9,566 | 7,925 | 8,661 |
| Capex | -1,809 | -871 | -500 | -700 | -1,000 |
| Free Cash Flow | 1,628 | 856 | 9,066 | 7,225 | 7,661 |
| Inc (-) / Dec in Investments | 315 | -6,554 | -7,505 | -5,828 | -4,622 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investing Cash Flow | -1,495 | -7,425 | -8,005 | -6,528 | -5,622 |
| Inc / Dec (-) in Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividend + Tax thereon | -98 | -130 | -143 | -170 | -187 |
| Inc / Dec (-) in Loans | -525 | 6,167 | 821 | 500 | -1,500 |
| Others | -1,121 | -989 | -1,291 | -1,179 | -1,124 |
| Financing Cash Flow | -1,743 | 5,048 | -613 | -849 | -2,812 |
| Inc / Dec (-) in Cash | 200 | -650 | 948 | 548 | 228 |
| Opening Cash Balance | 1,794 | 1,993 | 1,343 | 2,291 | 2,839 |
| Closing Cash Balance | 1,993 | 1,343 | 2,291 | 2,839 | 3,067 |

Dupont Analysis Y/E March FY24A FY25A FY26E FY27E FY28E Net Margin 8.5% 8.7% 8.6% 8.6% 8.6% Asset Turnover (x) 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.6 1.6 Leverage Factor (x) 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.2 RoE 21.4% 20.0% 18.0% 18.0% 16.7%

| Y/E March | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | FT24A | FIZDA | FIZOE | FIZ/C | FIZOE |
| BV/Share (INR) | 355.8 | 442.6 | 527.7 | 628.9 | 740.7 |
| ROIC | 18.3% | 17.0% | 15.2% | 15.4% | 14.8% |
| ROE | 21.4% | 20.0% | 18.0% | 18.0% | 16.7% |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| P/E (x) | 13.4 | 17.5 | 12.0 | 10.1 | 9.2 |
| P/B (x) | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 7.5 | 10.5 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| EV/Sales (x) | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Debtor days | 65 | 83 | 75 | 73 | 70 |
| Inventory days | 21 | 33 | 19 | 19 | 20 |
| Creditor days | 78 | 97 | 51 | 55 | 55 |

Source: Company, JM Financial

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| History of Recommendation and Target Price | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Date | Recommendation | Target Price | % Chg. | | | |
| 20-Jul-23 | Buy | 1,200 | | | | |
| 1-Aug-23 | Buy | 1,200 | 0.0 | | | |
| 10-Nov-23 | Buy | 1,150 | -4.1 | | | |
| 5-Feb-24 | Buy | 1,190 | 3.5 | | | |
| 12-May-24 | Buy | 1,380 | 16.0 | | | |
| 7-Aug-24 | Buy | 1,900 | 37.6 | | | |
| 13-Nov-24 | Buy | 1,850 | -2.6 | | | |
| 7-Feb-25 | Buy | 1,790 | -3.2 | | | |

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|-----------------------|---|
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