Q2 FY24 Result Update

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Execution and ordering momentum continues

L&T reported a good quarter better than estimates largely led by strong execution displayed in the P&M segment (+24% YoY) and better ordering activity providing healthy execution visibility ahead. Ordering inflows surged 72% YoY predominantly attributed to securing two substantial international orders in the Hydrocarbon sector. Strong ordering led to the ordering backlog at ₹4.5tn growing 21% YoY translating into 3.2x TTM sales. Margins in P&M were lower impacted by the execution of weak margin orders bagged earlier. For H2FY24, the tender pipeline stands at ₹8.8tn, up by 39% YoY, primarily fueled by the infrastructure segment (₹5.06tn), including Transportation infrastructure (26%), Water (20%), Building & Factories (18%), Power (13%), Water (20%), Heavy Civil (13%), and Minerals & Metals (10%). Given the outperformance on the revenue and order inflow front in H1FY24, management has guided for an upward bias of beating the top end of its guidance on revenue (FY24 guidance: 12%-15% YoY growth) as well as on the order inflow front (FY24 guidance of 10%-12% YoY growth). However, management has revised its margin guidance for the P&M business to 8.5-9% from the earlier 9%. Cut in margin guidance is more a function of deferral in new orders getting to the margin threshold. Also, currently, the primary focus is on executing legacy projects, with expectations of completing the majority of them by Q3FY24. Notably, there has been also improvement in the Net Working Capital (NWC) intensity, at 16.7%, attributed to the enhancement in Gross Working Capital at 57.1% (compared to 65% in September 2022). This reflects the improved collection momentum in the core business. Consequently, the ROE has risen to 15.3%, up 310 bps since March 2023. Further, improving ridership in the Hyderabad metro and ToD monetization helped Hyderabad Metro book profits. Given record OB with strong order pipeline, revival in private capex healthy outlook ahead we remain positive on L&T earnings growth prospects. We have tweaked the estimates factoring strong execution and order inflow and marginally lowered margins given some delay in core margins recovery. We maintain 'BUY' with a SOTP based TP of ₹3,230.

Q2FY23 Result Summary: L&T (consolidated) performance was meaningfully ahead of estimates Sales at ₹510 bn (+19% YoY) were ahead of expectation wherein Core/ Non-core business were up 25%/ 10% YoY. EBIDTA at ₹56.3 bn (+15% YoY) supported by a better than estimated margin in the service business. EBITDA margin stood at 11% down 41 bps YoY. PAT stood at ₹32.2 bn (+44.6% YoY), supported by higher than estimated other income. EBIT margin for Core/ Non-core stood at 6.0%/ 20.6%, -78bps/ +359bps YoY. NWC intensity stood at 16.7% in Q2FY24, vs 19.8% in Sept'22. TTM RoE stood at 15.1%.

Key Financials	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total Sales (₹ bn)	1,360	1,565	1,833	2,125	2,439
EBITDA Margins (%)	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.9
PAT Margins (%)	5.1	5.6	5.7	6.1	6.8
EPS (₹)	49.0	63.0	74.0	93.0	117.0
P/E (x)	54.3	42.5	35.8	28.7	22.7
P/BV (x)	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	31.0	26.0	22.0	19.0	16.0
RoE (%)	10.0	11.0	12.0	14.0	15.0
RoCE (%)	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.6



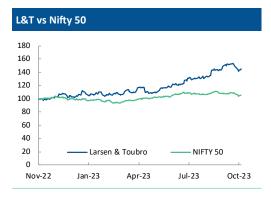
Rating	BUY
Current Market Price (₹)	2,895
12M Price Target (₹)	3,230
Potential upside (%)	12

Stock Data	
Sector :	Engineering & Construction
FV (₹) :	2
Total Market Cap (₹ bn): 3,978
Free Float Market Cap	(₹bn): 3,421
52-Week High / Low (₹): 3,115 / 1,970
BSE Code / NSE Symbo	I 500510 / LT
Bloomberg :	LT IN

Shareholding Pattern							
(%)	Sep-23	Jun-23	Mar-23	Dec-22			
FPIs	25.71	25.24	24.43	23.24			
MFs	16.59	17.46	17.60	17.66			
Insurance	17.79	17.85	18.49	19.65			
Employees Trust	14.19	13.87	13.87	13.88			
Others	25.72	25.58	25.61	25.57			
Source: BSE							

Price Performance						
1M	3M	6M	12M			
-4.2%	8.6%	22.5%	43.8%			
-3.3%	-3.8%	5.1%	5.0%			
	1M -4.2%	1M 3M -4.2% 8.6%	1M 3M 6M -4.2% 8.6% 22.5%			

* To date / current date : November 1, 2023



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Management also emphasized that improvement in working capital is not merely due to more customer advances from the large order inflows, more because the company ensured that there are no slippages in execution by ensuring better collection visibility.

Segment wise Results

Infrastructure segment sales saw a growth of 27% YoY to ₹246 bn where domestic business saw a growth of 12% YoY, while overseas infra grew 90% YoY. Domestic and international ordering momentum continued in Q2FY24 and the order book continues to remain robust leading to strong execution during the quarter. Order inflow stood at ₹280 bn registering a growth of 12% YoY supported by high-value orders. The prospect pipeline for FY24 remains strong at ₹5.06 trn (+11% YoY). Infrastructure margin declined 120 bps YoY to 5.4% due to job mix and execution of legacy contracts.

Energy segment sales grew by 22% YoY to ₹68 bn, where domestic business declined 22% YoY whereas overseas business registered healthy growth of 103% YoY. Robust execution momentum in international projects drove hydrocarbon revenue growth; lower revenue in power is reflective of a depleting order book. Order inflow stood at ₹401 bn (+376% YoY) with receipt of two ultra-mega hydrocarbon orders in the offshore vertical and a FGD order in power business. The prospect pipeline for FY24 improves drastically to ₹3.4 trn (+125% YoY). Margin stood at 9.5% (+100 bps YoY) despite inline margin in the hydrocarbon business supported by strong margin improvement in a power business job.

Hi-tech manufacturing segment witnessed a growth of 30% in sales supported by both heavy engineering and defence business. EBITDA margin contracted 3.6 pps YoY to 14.9% mainly reflecting the execution phase of jobs in the portfolio. Order inflow witnessed a 35% YoY growth to ₹24 bn supported by a key order in the defence business; however, deferrals impacted order inflow in heavy engineering business. The prospect pipeline for FY24 remains stable at ₹0.26 trn.

IT&TS segment witnessed 7% YoY growth to ₹112 bn, led by manufacturing & resources, BFSI, transportation, medical devices, and industrial products. EBITDA margin for the business saw a decline of 120 bps coming in at 20.2% on account of higher employee costs, though operational efficiencies partially negated the impact.

L&T Finance reported a 2% decline in sales to ₹30.8 bn while PAT witnessed a strong 46% growth to ₹3.9 bn due to strong retail disbursements, lower credit costs, better asset quality, and run down of wholesale and expansion of retail (88% of book).

Developmental project sales saw 38% YoY growth to ₹18.5 bn supported by monetization of a commercial property and improved ridership in Hyderabad Metro. Margin witnessed a 33.5 pps expansion to 38.7% primarily due to TOD monetization in Hyderabad Metro and consolidation of the Nabha profits. Profit consolidation of L&T IDPL at PAT level has been discontinued from Q4FY23, post signing of a definitive agreement for the stake sale. The investment in the JV is classified as "Held for Sale".

Others segment reported 14% YoY growth during the quarter to ₹16.2 bn mainly due to higher handover of residential flats in the Realty business. EBIDTA margin witnessed a 250 bps YoY expansion to 20.0% supported by the same.

Order Book and Inflow

L&T's order backlog stood at ₹4.5tn. The domestic order book comprises of 13% from the central government, 30% from the state government, 37% from state-owned enterprises, and 20% from the private sector. 20% of OB is funded by bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies.



Strong prospect pipeline of ₹8.8 tn in H2FY24

The aggregate prospective pipeline of the company has increased to ₹8.8 tn from ₹6.2 tn last year. i.e., Infrastructure constitutes ₹5.06 tn from ₹4.4 tn last year, Hydrocarbon at ₹2.2 tn from ₹1.3 tn last year, Power at ₹0.55 tn from ₹0.38 tn last year and rest all unchanged at ₹0.26 tn. The Q2FY23 revenue mix has been Central-13%, State-30%, PSUs/State owned-37%, Private-20%.

Guidance

Management had previously guided for FY24 with order inflow growth of 10-12% and revenue growth of 12-15%. Due to strong H1FY24 performance, they anticipate surpassing these targets. Management believes execution will continue at a healthy pace with a focus on managing working capital. Revenue guidance is open-ended, with expected outperformance. Order inflow growth would be subject to election uncertainty and geopolitical factors. However, management remains constructive about FY24 order inflows growth mainly due to international projects. Guidance of NWC intensity of 16-18% remains unchanged.). However, management has revised its margin guidance for the P&M business to 8.5-9% from the earlier 9%. Cut in margin guidance is more a function of deferral in new orders getting to the margin threshold. Also, currently, the primary focus is on executing legacy projects, with expectations of completing the majority of them by Q3FY24.

Outlook & Valuation

Record OB with strong order pipeline and gradual revival in private capex provides healthy outlook ahead. We believe execution for Core E&C business should pick-up meaningfully given the strong inflow and improving working capital cycle. Overall, a robust order book, strong balance sheet, diversified business portfolio and proven execution capabilities gives L&T an edge in the current volatile and challenging economic environment. With continued focus on selective order acquisition, efficient execution of large order book, foray into new businesses like electrolysers, green energy and its focus on improving its RoE, we believe L&T will continue to perform well in such challenging times. Further, L&T's 'Lakshya 2026 Plan' is focusing on scaling up new business opportunities which are now in the incubation phase and are expected to bring significant benefits in future. We have tweaked the estimates factoring strong execution and order inflow and marginally lowered margins given some delay in core margins recovery. We maintain 'BUY' with a SOTP based TP of ₹3230.

Key Risks

Slowdown in the domestic macro-economic environment or weakness in international capital investment can negatively affect business outlook and earnings growth.



SoTP Valuation

Business Segment	Method	Valuation multiple	Value (₹ bn)	Value (₹/sh)	Rationale
L&T Standalone	FY25E PER (x)	25	3,024	2,152	On Core Engg Business
International Ventures (L&T FZE)	FY25E PER (x)	20	150	107	Discount to L&T standalone
LTI Mindtree	Market cap	-	1,032	734	As per current market cap
L&T technologies	Market cap	-	328	233	As per current market cap
L&T Finance	Market cap	-	217	154	As per current market cap
Infrastructure Development Projects	P/BV	1	37	26	
Other subsidiaries	FY25E PER (x)	15	28	20	
Less: Holding Company Discount (20%)			(247)	-195	Holding Company discount of 20% on investments
Total				3,230	

Source: LKP Research

Consolidated Quarterly Result

YE Mar (₹ mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	YoY (%)	Q1FY24	QoQ (%)
Total revenues (net)	510,240	427,626	19.3	478,824	6.6
RM	324,728	267,416	21.4	307,634	5.6
% of Sales	64	63	111 bps	64	-61 bps
Staff cost	102,989	91,663	12.4	98,894	4.1
% of Sales	20	21	125 bps	21	-47 bps
Other operating expenses	26,204	19,553	34.0	23,610	11.0
% of Sales	5	5	56 bps	5	20 bps
Total expenditure	453,921	378,632	19.9	430,137	5.5
EBITDA	56,320	48,994	15.0	48,686	15.7
EBITDA Margin(%)	11	12	42 bps	10	87 bps
Depreciation	9,099	8,602	5.8	8,305	9.6
Interest	8,640	8,357	3.4	8,514	1.5
Other income	11,330	7,385	53.4	11,456	(1.1)
PBT	49,911	39,421	26.6	43,324	15.2
Тах	11,355	11,229	1.1	12,163	(6.6)
Tax rate (%)	23	29	573 bps	28	532 bps
Minority Interest & Share in associates	6,128	5,224	17.3	5,821	5.3
Reported net profit	32,226	22,290	44.6	24,930	29.3
Adjusted net profit	32,226	22,290	44.6	24,930	29.3
EPS (₹)	23.0	15.9	44.6	17.8	29.3
Oder Inflow	891,530	519,140	71.7	655,200	36.1
Order Book	4,507,340	3,723,810	21.0	4,126,480	9.2

Source: Company, LKP Research



Segment-wise details

YE Mar (₹ mn)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	YoY (%)	Q1FY24	QoQ (%)
Sales					
Infrastructure	246,130	193,700	27.1	220,580	11.6
Hydrocarbon	67,880	55,860	21.5	66,820	1.6
Heavy Engineering	18,860	14,560	29.5	17,810	5.9
E&C total	332,870	264,120	26.0	305,210	9.1
IT&TS	111,820	101,500	10.2	108,510	3.1
Financial Services	30,840	31,520	(2.2)	30,200	2.1
Development Projects	18,490	13,440	37.6	12,940	42.9
Others	16,220	17,040	(4.8)	21,970	(26.2)
Total Revenues	510,240	427,620	19.3	478,830	6.6
EBITDA					
Infrastructure	13,320	12,784	4.2	11,250	18.4
Hydrocarbon	6,460	4,636	39.3	6,081	6.2
Heavy Engineering	2,810	2,694	4.3	2,992	(6.1)
E&C total	22,590	20,114	12.3	20,322	11.2
IT&TS	22,570	22,229	1.5	22,353	1.0
Financial Services	8,250	6,410	28.7	7,440	10.9
Development Projects	7,150	699	923.1	2,040	250.5
Others	3,240	2,658	21.9	4,086	(20.7)
Total EBITDA	63,800	52,110	22.4	56,242	13.4
EBITDA Margins (%)					
Infrastructure	5.4	6.6	-119 bps	5.1	31 bps
Hydrocarbon	9.5	8.3	122 bps	9.1	42 bps
Heavy Engineering	14.9	18.5	-360 bps	16.8	-190 bps
E&C total	6.8	7.6	-83 bps	6.7	13 bps
IT&TS	20.2	21.9	-172 bps	20.6	-42 bps
Financial Services	26.8	20.3	641 bps	24.6	212 bps
Development Projects	38.7	5.2	3347 bps	15.8	2290 bps
Others	20.0	15.6	438 bps	18.6	138 bps
Total EBITDA	12.5	12.2	32 bps	11.7	76 bps

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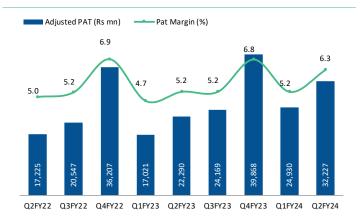
Financials in charts

Revenue trend



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Net profit and profit margin trend



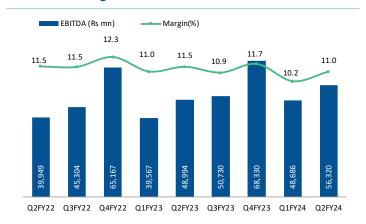
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Order book and growth trend



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EBITDA and margin trend



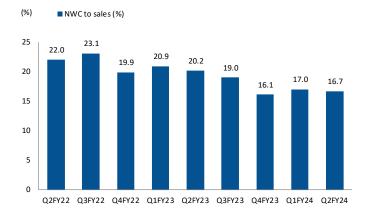
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Order Intake and growth trend



Source: Company, LKP Research

Net Working Capital to Sales



Source: Company, LKP Research





Profit and Loss Statement - Consolidated

(₹ mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total Income	1,359,790	1,565,212	1,833,407	2,125,304	2,438,649
Raw material Cost	433,668	547,676	681,002	809,702	966,805
Employee Cost	247,620	296,958	372,141	401,912	434,065
Other expenses	522,262	538,532	572,731	673,786	748,605
Total operating Expenses	1,203,549	1,383,175	1,625,874	1,885,400	2,149,475
EBITDA	156,241	182,037	207,533	239,904	289,174
% margins	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.9
Depreciation & Amortisation	29,042	29,480	35,023	37,361	40,152
EBIT	127,199	152,558	172,510	202,543	249,022
Interest	39,134	31,257	32,072	26,943	29,104
Other Income	34,294	22,671	29,292	30,005	32,254
Recurring PBT	122,358	143,972	169,730	205,606	252,171
Add: Extraordinaries	(35,560)	969	1,360	-	-
Add: Share in associates					
PBT	86,798	144,941	171,090	205,606	252,171
Less: Taxes	40,108	42,039	44,842	54,074	66,321
Less: Minority Interest & Share in associates	13,240	14,935	20,403	21,249	21,112
Net Income (Reported)	33,450	87,967	105,845	130,282	164,738
Adjusted Net Income	69,010	87,967	104,485	130,282	164,738



Balance Sheet

(₹ mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Assets					
Total Current Assets	2,420,727	2,519,509	2,598,733	2,948,385	3,273,794
of which cash & cash eqv.	162,415	189,532	225,196	271,553	303,453
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	869,196	975,039	1,047,703	1,214,940	1,383,908
Net Current Assets	1,551,531	1,544,470	1,551,031	1,733,445	1,889,886
Investments	273,995	273,995	273,995	273,995	273,995
Net Fixed Assets	310,844	305,578	324,098	324,525	324,429
Capital Work-in-Progress	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	80,670	74,770	77,987	77,987	77,987
Total Assets	2,217,040	2,198,813	2,227,110	2,409,952	2,566,296
Liabilities					
Borrowings	1,326,053	1,234,682	1,185,134	1,224,682	1,212,682
Deferred Tax Liability	11,787	10,393	6,304	6,304	6,304
Minority Interest	120,515	129,661	142,413	165,031	187,763
Equity Share Capital	2,809	2,810	2,811	2,811	2,811
Face Value per share (₹)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Reserves & Surplus	755,876	821,267	890,449	1,011,123	1,156,735
Net Worth	758,685	824,077	893,260	1,013,934	1,159,546
Total Liabilities	2,217,040	2,198,813	2,227,110	2,409,952	2,566,296

Cash Flow Statement

(₹ mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Operating Cash flow	355,080	109,711	130,620	158,887	193,749
Working Capital Changes	(126,639)	9,062	(30,323)	(136,058)	(124,540)
Capital Commitments	18,719	11,166	(21,737)	(427)	97
Free Cash Flow	247,160	129,938	78,560	22,401	69,306
Cash flow from Investing Activities	(73,007)	81,619	87,451	30,005	32,254
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Buyback of shares	-	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(84,019)	(91,370)	(49,548)	39,548	(12,000)
Interest paid	(39,134)	(31,257)	(32,072)	(26,943)	(29,104)
Dividend paid	(25,282)	(35,574)	(37,258)	(45,599)	(57,658)
Extraordinary Items/Others	(14,481)	(26,239)	(11,469)	5,763	29,104
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	11,237	27,117	35,664	25,177	31,901



Key Ratios

YE/Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share Data (in ₹.)					
Diluted adjusted EPS	49.0	62.6	74.3	92.7	117.2
Recurring Cash EPS	53.9	94.2	114.7	134.4	160.8
Dividend per share (DPS)	18.0	21.9	26.5	32.7	42.4
Book Value per share (BV)	539.8	586.3	635.5	721.4	825.0
Growth Ratios (%)					
Operating Income	(6.5)	15.1	17.1	15.9	14.7
EBITDA	(4.3)	16.5	14.0	15.6	20.5
Recurring Net Income	(22.4)	27.5	18.8	24.7	26.4
Diluted adjusted EPS	(22.5)	27.6	18.7	24.7	26.4
Diluted Recurring CEPS	(40.0)	74.8	21.8	17.1	19.6
Valuation Ratios					
P/E	54.3	42.5	35.8	28.7	22.7
P/CEPS	49.4	28.3	23.2	19.8	16.6
P/BV	4.9	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.2
EV / EBITDA	30.5	25.5	22.0	19.0	15.6
EV / Operating Income	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.9
EV / Operating FCF (pre -Capex)	20.9	39.1	45.5	199.6	65.2
Operating Ratio					
Raw Material/Sales (%)	31.9	35.0	37.1	38.1	39.6
SG&A/Sales (%)	21.7	19.9	19.0	18.7	18.4
Other Income / PBT (%)	28.0	15.7	17.3	14.6	12.8
Effective Tax Rate (%)	32.8	29.2	26.4	26.3	26.3
NWC / Total Assets (%)	62.7	61.6	59.5	60.7	61.8
Inventory Turnover (days)	15.6	13.9	13.6	14.2	15.0
Receivables (days)	113.4	107.6	89.1	90.0	90.0
Payables (days)	138.2	135.7	114.9	116.6	120.0
D/E Ratio (x)	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0
Return/Profitability Ratio (%)					
Recurring Net Income Margins	5.1	5.6	5.7	6.1	6.8
RoCE	7.3	7.9	9.1	10.0	11.3
RoNW	9.7	11.1	12.2	13.7	15.2
Dividend Payout Ratio	36.7	35.0	35.6	35.3	36.2
Dividend Yield	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.6
EBITDA Margins	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.9



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