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Awarding momentum continues

Sector Report

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Growth in ordering continues in Q2FY24 as well

Ordering momentum for the engineering, cap goods and infra sector (ex. Roads) continued with Apr-Aug 2023 reporting ~40% YoY growth. During the first two months of Q2FY24, growth has accelerated (Q1FY24 YoY growth at ~10%). Power T&D (Smart metering mainly), power equipment, railways, and irrigation drove the growth. For FY23, order inflow stood at ~Rs6.5trn, which was up 90% on a YoY basis and up 21% on a four-year CAGR basis. For FY23, orders excluding roads, were even better at 120% YoY and 23% on a four-year CAGR basis. Power Equipment, Power Distribution, Water, Irrigation, and Mining saw substantially strong growth in FY23.

Some softness on tendering post strong Q1FY24

Project tendering during Apr-Aug 2023 saw 15% YoY growth (ex. Roads stronger at 23%), though it seems to be flattish in Q2FY24 after a strong Q1FY24 (over 30% YoY growth). During FY19-FY23, tendering has seen 11-13% CAGR. There is an extremely strong traction on the railways side currently. The tenders-to-awards conversion rate (ex. Roads) stood at 69% during Apr-Aug 2023. It is important to note that FY23 tendering stood at Rs1,360bn – an all-time annual high.

Project announcements by the government continues, though private saw a lower number of announcements

Fresh project announcements during Apr-Sept 2023 (till September 25, 2023) declined by 15% YoY. While announcements by the government have seen 33% YoY growth, the private sector's announcements saw a decline of 37% YoY. It is important to note that FY22/FY23 had seen very high growth in project announcements – 86%/80% respectively. While the proportion of manufacturing in the overall announcements had increased from $\sim 30\%$ in FY19 to $\sim 53\%$ in FY23, the same has come down to 28% during Apr-Sept 2023. This remains one of the key parameters to be monitored.

Overall, Center + States + PSUs' capex growth for FY24E stands at \sim 20% vs. \sim 8% in FY23, though elections remain key

The Center has started with flat capex in April-23 over April-22, but data points for the last few years clearly suggest that it would achieve its target. Overall, Center + States + PSUs is expected to see $\sim 20\%$ capex growth for FY24E (assuming typical slippage by the States) as against high single-digit growth for FY23. Elections can have some on the ordering in the latter part of FY24.

Credit growth to industries/infra at ~6%/1.5% YoY in Jul-23

Credit to industries has been near-flat during the last few months with Jul-23 growth at $\sim\!6\%$ YoY. Notably, credit growth to the industry ex-infra stands at 8.4% YoY, as there has been decent growth in iron and steel, cement, and petroleum and coal products. Credit to industries (as a percentage of overall non-food credit) stands at $\sim\!23\%$ – the lowest in the last 15 years.

Valuations

We maintain HOLD on LT with Sept-24 TP of Rs2,874, based on Avg.+0.5SD (22.5x P/E) for the core EPC business. Value of IT and Finance subsidiaries currently stands at Rs967 (from Rs807 earlier). We maintain our BUY rating on KPP with Sept-24 TP of Rs810, based on 15x P/E (maintain 10-15% valuation discount to KECI). We maintain HOLD on KECI with Sept-24 TP of Rs654. KECI's Avg./Avg.+1SD during FY11-FY21 stood at \sim 15x/ \sim 20x. We believe the high P/E during the last two years is more to do with the sharp earnings cut (FY23/FY24 EPS cut by 70%/35%). We maintain BUY on HG Infra with Sept-24 TP of Rs1,153. We downgrade ACE to HOLD with a TP of Rs700, based on 24x P/E.

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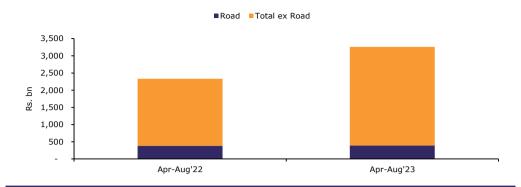
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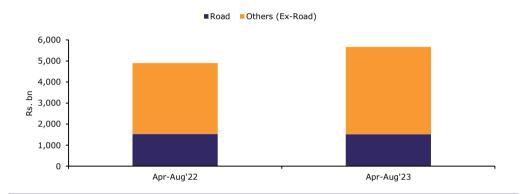
Awarding, tendering and announcements

Exhibit 1: Awards over Apr-Aug 2023 is up 37% YoY (Road/Ex. Road 3%/47% YoY growth)



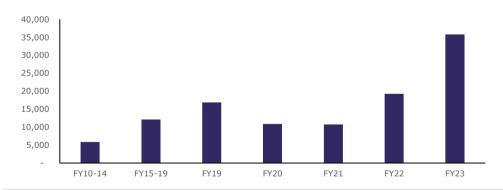
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Exhibit 2: Tenders over Apr-Aug 2023 is up 16% YoY (Road/Ex. Road -1%/23% YoY growth)



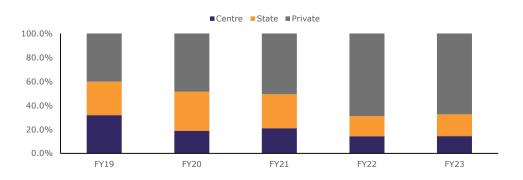
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Exhibit 3: Fresh project announcements on the rise (Rs bn)



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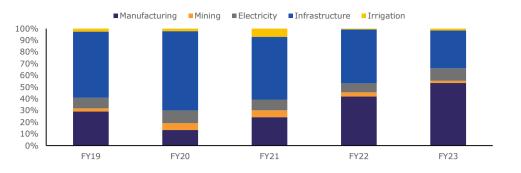
Exhibit 4: Project announcements — Ownership-wise; Private on the rise



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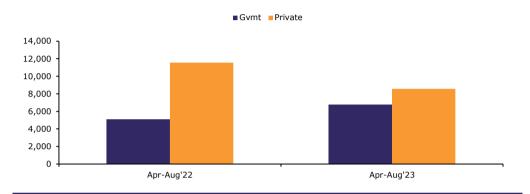
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Exhibit 5: Project announcements — Sector-wise; Manufacturing on the rise



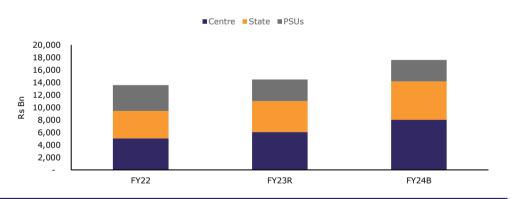
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Exhibit 6: For the Apr-Aug 2023 period, while government project announcements grew at 33%, private announcements declined by 37% - Rs bn



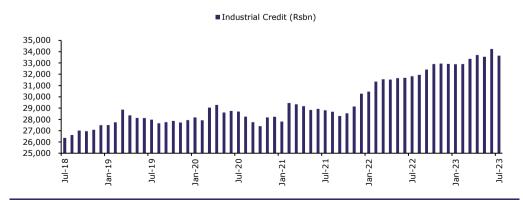
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Exhibit 7: Combined capex growth for FY24 budgeted at 20-25%



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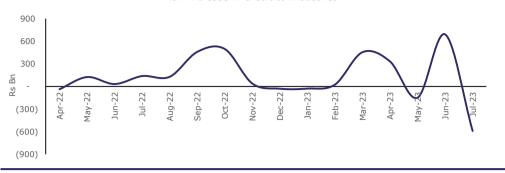
Exhibit 8: Credit growth to industries at 6% YoY



Source: Industry, Emkay Research

Exhibit 9: Credit to industries has remained flat for the last few months

MoM increase in Credit to Industries



Source: Industry, Emkay Research

Earning changes by Consensus

Exhibit 10: Changes in earnings estimate for FY23

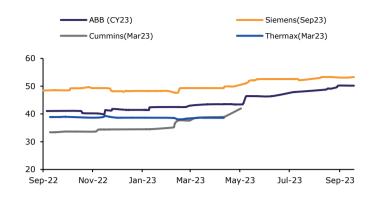
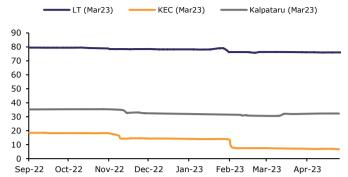


Exhibit 11: Changes in earnings estimate for FY23 - KEC saw a sharp cut



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Exhibit 12: Changes in earnings estimate for FY24

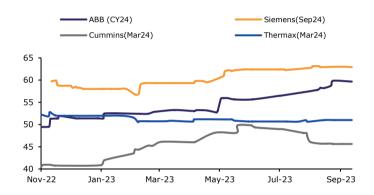
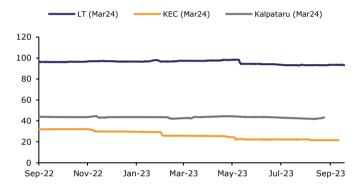


Exhibit 13: Changes in earnings estimate for FY24 - Cut in KEC

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Exhibit 14: Changes in earnings estimate for FY25

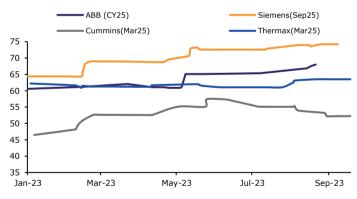
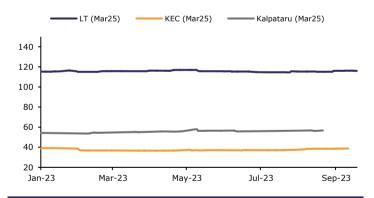


Exhibit 15: Changes in earnings estimate for FY25

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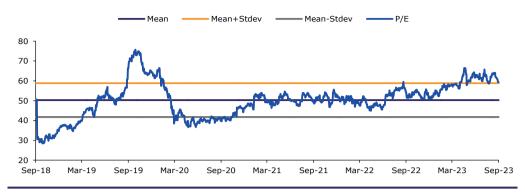


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Valuations

Exhibit 16: Siemens — Five-year average P/E



Source: Emkay Research, Bloomberg

Exhibit 17: Cummins — P/E

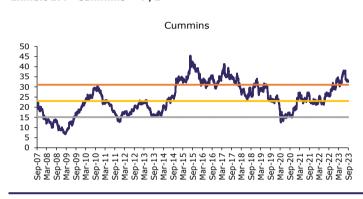
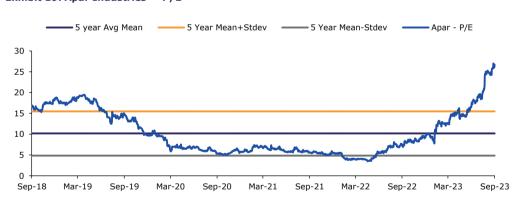


Exhibit 18: Cummins — Five-year average P/E



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Exhibit 19: Apar Industries - P/E



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Exhibit 20: BEL - P/E



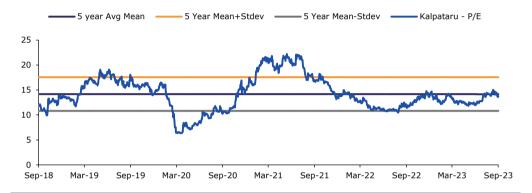
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Exhibit 21: KEC - P/E



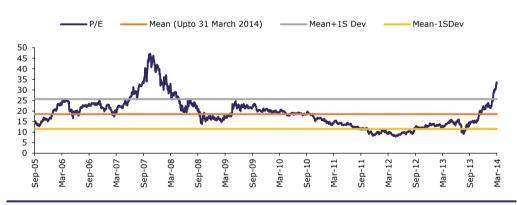
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Exhibit 22: Kalpataru — P/E



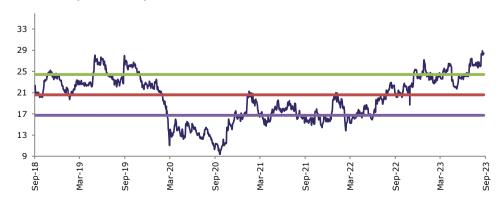
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Exhibit 23: BHEL - P/E



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Exhibit 24: LT (Ex. Services) - P/E



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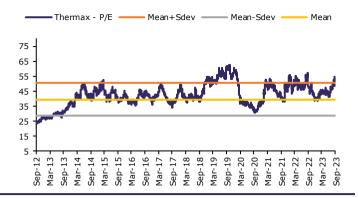
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Exhibit 25: Thermax P/E Chart



Source: Company, Bloomberg

Exhibit 26: Thermax five-year P/E Chart



Source: Company, Bloomberg

ACTION CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENTS RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
01-Jun-23	475	500	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Mar-23	375	402	Buy	Abhineet Anand
26-Feb-23	360	402	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-Feb-23	381	402	Buy	Abhineet Anand
08-Feb-23	362	402	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-Jan-23	316	345	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Dec-22	323	345	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Nov-22	311	345	Buy	Abhineet Anand
11-Nov-22	324	345	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Aug-22	246	240	Buy	Abhineet Anand
25-May-22	187	240	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-22	219	270	Buy	Abhineet Anand
07-Feb-22	221	285	Buy	Abhineet Anand
09-Nov-21	262	300	Buy	Abhineet Anand
01-Nov-21	251	300	Buy	Abhineet Anand

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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research

HG INFRA ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
01-Aug-23	933	1,135	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Jun-23	860	1,130	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-May-23	944	1,130	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Mar-23	786	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
26-Feb-23	727	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-Feb-23	764	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-Jan-23	669	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Dec-22	622	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Nov-22	571	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Sep-22	623	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Aug-22	574	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-22	615	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
06-Feb-22	630	870	Buy	Abhineet Anand
02-Dec-21	624	820	Buy	Abhineet Anand
13-Aug-21	531	800	Buy	Abhineet Anand

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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KALPATARU PROJECTS RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
13-Aug-23	642	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
10-May-23	535	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-23	508	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Mar-23	571	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
26-Feb-23	522	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-Feb-23	513	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
10-Feb-23	495	701	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-Jan-23	519	615	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Dec-22	547	615	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Nov-22	508	565	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Nov-22	509	565	Buy	Abhineet Anand
08-Nov-22	497	615	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Sep-22	428	545	Buy	Abhineet Anand
07-Sep-22	421	545	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Aug-22	372	500	Buy	Abhineet Anand
07-Aug-22	372	500	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-May-22	342	500	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-22	390	490	Buy	Abhineet Anand
03-Feb-22	403	540	Buy	Abhineet Anand
01-Nov-21	410	555	Buy	Abhineet Anand
27-Aug-21	388	565	Buy	Abhineet Anand
04-Aug-21	472	560	Buy	Abhineet Anand
15-May-21	384	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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KEC INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
06-Aug-23	658	635	Hold	Abhineet Anand
05-May-23	518	525	Hold	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-23	491	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Mar-23	451	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand
26-Feb-23	473	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-Feb-23	475	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand
02-Feb-23	474	525	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-Jan-23	490	505	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Dec-22	484	505	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Nov-22	413	505	Buy	Abhineet Anand
08-Nov-22	436	505	Buy	Abhineet Anand
15-Sep-22	451	540	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Sep-22	435	495	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Aug-22	405	495	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Feb-22	467	495	Buy	Abhineet Anand
10-Jan-22	483	530	Buy	Abhineet Anand
28-Oct-21	477	530	Buy	Abhineet Anand
02-Aug-21	419	490	Buy	Abhineet Anand
17-Jun-21	417	475	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-May-21	382	460	Buy	Abhineet Anand

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RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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LARSEN & TOUBRO **RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS**

Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
26-Jul-23	2,646	2,550	Hold	Abhineet Anand
11-May-23	2,242	2,303	Hold	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-23	2,217	2,303	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Mar-23	2,144	2,303	Buy	Abhineet Anand
26-Feb-23	2,134	2,303	Buy	Abhineet Anand
16-Feb-23	2,178	2,303	Buy	Abhineet Anand
31-Jan-23	2,124	2,303	Buy	Abhineet Anand
12-Jan-23	2,160	2,215	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Dec-22	2,195	2,215	Buy	Abhineet Anand
21-Nov-22	2,011	2,215	Buy	Abhineet Anand
14-Sep-22	1,954	2,131	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Aug-22	1,895	1,960	Buy	Abhineet Anand
27-Jul-22	1,797	1,960	Buy	Abhineet Anand
11-Jul-22	1,663	1,960	Buy	Abhineet Anand
13-May-22	1,535	2,160	Buy	Abhineet Anand
18-Apr-22	1,738	2,195	Buy	Abhineet Anand
30-Jan-22	1,898	2,320	Buy	Abhineet Anand
23-Dec-21	1,878	2,320	Buy	Abhineet Anand
28-Oct-21	1,814	2,200	Buy	Abhineet Anand
01-Sep-21	1,686	2,000	Buy	Abhineet Anand
27-Jul-21	1,608	1,870	Buy	Abhineet Anand
07-Jun-21	1,558	1,770	Buy	Abhineet Anand

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