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Q1FY24 Result Highlights

- Strong execution enabled robust performance in Q1FY24 coupled with orders secured in large projects - L&T reported strong growth of ~34%/23%/~47% YoY in consolidated revenues/EBITDA/PAT to ₹478.8bn/₹48.7bn/₹24.9bn for Q1FY24. The Core E&C (ex-services) sales grew 48.4% YoY (-24% QoQ) to ₹334bn as execution in infrastructure segment picked up pace. The growth was broad-based across segments and equally healthy for both domestic and overseas geographies. Core E&C order inflows remain healthy, +78% YoY to ₹504bn, excluding/including the large bullet train project win. Strong ordering led to the ordering backlog growing 14% YoY to ₹4.1tn (Domestic order book accounts for 71%, while international constitutes 29%- Middle East-87% and Africa- 5%, remainder coming from various countries in the SEA), enabling the management to retain its guidance of 12-15% revenue growth, order inflows at 10-12% and NWC/sales anticipated to be between 16-18% for FY24.
- Health working capital improvement enabled by collections despite decline in margin - Working capital improvement along with collections of ₹439bn (FY23- ₹1.7tn) helped improve RoE (12.8% on TTM basis, +130 bps YoY) in spite of the decline in margins to 10.2% in Q1FY24 (down 87/155) bps YoY/QoQ). The RoE is trending well toward L&T's 18% targeted levels by FY26 further enabled by the recently announced ₹100bn buyback program and ~₹8bn special dividend. NWC intensity stood at 17% in Q1FY24, up by 360bps YoY.
- Hydrocarbon prospects looks strong in Middle-east L&T's order prospect for 9MFY24 at ₹10.7tn is higher than the end-FY23 number of ₹9.7tn, primarily boosted by a sharp increase in Hydrocarbon order prospects. The ₹10.7tn quantum is higher than to the ₹7.5tn YoY, boosted by Hydrocarbon prospects at ₹3.5tn (₹1tn offshore, ₹2.5tn onshore) v/s ₹1tn YoY. Of the ₹10.7tn order pipeline, ₹5.8tn (₹5.4tn Q4FY23) is from Infrastructure (Domestic: ₹4.61tn, International: ₹1.24tn), in which Power T&D (including renewables) accounts for 15%, Water: 18%, Transportation: 23%, heavy Civil: 17%, Building & Factories: 21%, and remaining Minerals & Metals: 6%. While power segment is likely to see weak domestic order prospects worth ₹0.45tn. The bulk of the boost in prospects is coming from Saudi Arabia with plans for a large capex program. L&T has also seen Saudi Arabia start to account for ~13% of Core E&C sales in FY23; it may potentially increase in share in the next two years.
- **PSU dominate order inflow** Overall order inflow grew ~57% YoY to ₹655bn. The order inflow for Q1FY24 was dominated by state-owned enterprises having a mix of 39%, followed by state government at 29%, central government at 12% and private sector contributing 20%. The EBITDA margin of E&C business stood at 7.5%, despite a revenue growth of ~48% YoY. The weak margin is preceded by a weak segmental margin of 5.1% in Infrastructure v/s 7.5% QoQ, 9.1% in Energy v/s 9.2% QoQ, and 16.8% in Hi-Tech manufacturing v/s 18% QoQ. The group-level EBITDA dropped 87 bps YoY. The company said that the decline in margin is mainly because of the cost pressures in legacy projects. Currently slow moving orders in less

 Jayakanth Kasthuri - jayakanthk@way2wealth.com than 1%.In Q1FY24, the company cancelled orders worth ₹17bn (v/s Q4/ Q3/ Q2FY23: ₹53bn/ ₹19bn/ ₹16bn). Orders deleted were from Build & Factories, and real estate segment.

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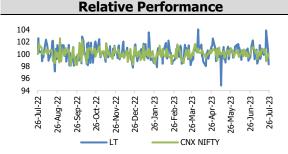
Important Statistics

Shareholding Pattern	Jun'23 (%)
Promoter	-
DII	38.1
FII	25.3
Public &Others	36.6

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Particulars	FY20	FY21	FY22	
Revenue	1,454,524	1,359,790	1.565,212	
EBITDA	163,290	156,241	182,241	
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.2	11.5	11.6	
Net Profit	88,945	69,010	86,693	
EPS (₹)	63.4	49.1	61.7	
DPS (₹)	18.0	36.0	22.0	
RoE (%)	12.2	8.3	9.4	
RoCE (%)	8.4	7.3	5.3	
P/E (x)	42.0	54.2	43.1	
EV/EBITDA (x)	31.1	31.5	27.5	
D/R\/ (v)	5.6	40	45	

Particulars	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	1,833,407	2,051,491	2,322,475
EBITDA	207,533	245,571	284,688
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.3	12.0	12.3
Net Profit	104,707	135,384	166,418
EPS (₹)	74.5	96.4	118.4
DPS (₹)	24.0	26.0	28.0
RoE (%)	10.4	14.3	15.9
RoCE (%)	6.2	6.9	7.6
P/E (x)	35.7	27.6	22.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.1	20.0	17.2
P/BV (x)	4.2	3.8	3.5
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- There is also improving ridership in the Hyderabad metro and growing support from the state government, enhancing the case for monetisation of the asset. The Hyderabad metro's loss for Q1FY24 stands at ₹3.35bn v/s ₹3.25bn Q1FY23, despite the avg daily ridership rising to 420,000 versus 280,000 YoY. The key reason sighted was the increase in interest cost of the project. On the funding front, the company received close to ₹5.5bn of interest free loan from the state government and expects this quantum to grow to ₹30bn (as budgeted by the state government) in the next two years. The NABHA power on the other hand hasn't received any prospective buyer so far, though the company aims to increase its RoE by FY26, as the asset is sold at an attractive valuation. NABHA power continues to run at 85% capacity utilization with a setback in the current quarter owing to weak electricity demand in Punjab. The IDPL subsidiary (8 road +1 transmission assets) is classified as held for sale on the balance sheet of the company, and is likely going to be executed by Q3FY24.
- The company's Hazira hydrogen plant is expected to start operations in nine months with plans to manufacture electrolysers up to 4 MW range. It is estimated to produce 45kg of high purity green hydrogen daily. It expects to start witnessing orders and enquiries from end of FY24 (start of FY25) onwards mainly from domestic market and later from global players. The company has entered into technology licence agreement with France-based company for manufacture of pressurised alkaline electrolysers. It also entered into MoU to develop floating green ammonia project with Norwaybased company.
- At standalone level, investible surplus or cash is at ₹250bn, while at the group level, it ranges from ₹350- 400bn. L&T announced that it will acquire the entire shareholding of Sapura Nautical Power Pte Ltd, their JV partner, in L&T Sapura Offshore Private Limited.

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L&T business performance in O1FY24 was healthy as order inflow surged ~57% YoY to ₹655bn driven by Rail, Renewables, Rural Water Supply, Power T&D, Building & Factories, and Onshore & Offshore verticals of the Hydrocarbon business. Tender pipeline for 9MFY24 stands at ₹10.1trn, +34% YoY (surprisingly it is higher than guided earlier for FY24) diversified across Hydrocarbon (34%), Water (10%), Buildings & Factories (12%), Transport infra (13%), Power/ Renewables (13%) & Heavy Civil (10%). The management has retained its inflow growth guidance at 10-12% as FY24 would be partially truncated year due to the upcoming general election. With continued focus on selective order acquisition, efficient execution of large order book, foray into new businesses like electrolysers, green energy, large prospects in both India (public capex, manufacturing, real estate, energy and private capex) and the Middle East (clean energy, hydrocarbons, smart infra), infra margins bottoming out, and superior balance sheet discipline, we believe L&T will continue to perform well. Hence, we continue to remain *ACCUMULATE* on the stock with **TP** of ₹2960- 2980.

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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Particulars	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	YoY(%)	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	FY23	FY22	YoY(%)
Net Sales	478,824	358,532	33.6	583,352	(17.9)	1,833,407	1,565,212	17.1
Material Expenses	307,634	209,771	46.7	394,872	(22.1)	1,166,153	998,870	16.7
Employee Expenses	98,894	85,560	15.6	99,811	(0.9)	372,141	296,958	25.3
SG&A Expenses	23,610	23,635	(0.1)	20,339	16.1	87,580	87,339	0.3
EBITDA	48,686	39,567	23.0	68,330	(28.7)	207,533	182,046	14.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	11.0	(87)	11.7	(155)	11.3	11.6	(31)
Interest Cost	8,514	7,561	12.6	8,130	4.7	32,072	31,257	2.6
Depreciation	8,305	9,634	(13.8)	8,535	(2.7)	35,023	29,480	18.8
Exceptional Item	-	-	-	-	-	1,360	969	40.3
Other Income	11,456	6,947	64.9	7,409	54.6	29,292	22,671	29.2
PBT	43,324	29,319	47.8	59,074	(26.7)	171,090	144,950	18.0
Tax	12,163	6,389	90.4	14,606	(16.7)	44,842	42,039	6.7
Minority Interest	(6,026)	(5,263)	14.5	(4,718)	27.7	(20,599)	(17,499)	17.7
Associate Profits	(205)	(647)	(68.3)	118	(273.4)	(943)	1,282	(173.5)
Reported PAT	24,930	17,021	46.5	39,868	(37.5)	104,707	86,693	20.8
EPS (₹)	17.7	12.1	46.4	28.4	(37.5)	74.5	61.7	
Adjus.PAT	24,930	17,021	46.5	39,868	(37.5)	103,347	85,724	20.6
Adjus.EPS (₹)	17.7	12.1	46.4	28.4	(37.5)	73.5	61.0	

Source: Company, Way2Wealth

CONSOLIDATED SEGMENTAL REVENUE

(₹ mn) YoY(%) **Segment Q1FY24 Q1FY23** YoY(%) **Q4FY23 QoQ(%)** FY23 FY22 Infrastructure 223,956 144,005 55.5 315,488 (29.0)878,232 735,601 19.4 66,904 50,875 31.5 79,292 (15.6)Energy 249,563 237,134 5.2 13,881 41.8 Hi- Tech Manufacturing 19,683 23,208 (15.2)62,645 14.3 71,609 23,472 16,319 43.8 21,605 Others 8.6 70,716 62,619 12.9 334,015 225,080 48.4 439,593 (24.0)**Ex-Services** 1,270,118 1,097,999 15.7 IT&TS 109,607 94,602 15.9 107,393 2.1 409,885 26.3 324,553 **Financial Services** 30,196 29,581 2.1 31,163 (3.1)125,749 119,711 5.0 **Development Projects** 12,964 13,454 (3.6)12,321 5.2 50,288 43,675 15.1 Services 152,767 137,638 11.0 150,877 1.3 585,922 487,939 20.1 **Gross Revenue** 486,782 362,717 34.2 590,470 (17.6)1,856,040 1,585,938 17.0 7,959 4,185 90.2 11.8 Less: Intersegment 7,118 22,633 20,726 9.2 478,824 358,532 33.6 583,352 (17.9)**NET REVENUE** 1,833,407 1,565,212 17.1

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SEGMENTAL ORDER INFLOW TREND

																		(₹ bn)
Order inflows	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	YoY	QoQ												
Order Illiows	FY20	FY20	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY22	FY22	FY22	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY24	(%)	(%)
Infrastructure	157	281	412	113	145	456	314	112	121	252	451	184	251	325	411	400	117.8	(2.8)
Energy	192	8	34	12	9	128	46	19	146	82	76	42	84	91	91	72	65.0	(21.1)
HI-Tech	13	7	12	6	16	15	20	11	11	30	61	33	18	19	84	12	(62.5)	(94.4)
manufacturing	13	,	12	0	10	15	20	11	11	30	01	33	10	19	04	13	(62.5)	(04.4)
Others	15	4	73	5	10	22	15	11	23	15	24	21	20	22	23	20	4.6	(13.9)
Ex Services	377	300	531	136	180	621	395	152	301	379	611	280	373	457	609	504	79.6	(17.2)
Services	107	116	47	99	106	111	112	114	120	126	128	138	146	150	152	151	9.7	(1.0)
TOTAL	484	416	578	235	287	732	507	266	421	504	739	418	519	607	761	655	56.7	(13.9)

Source: Company, Way2Wealth

SEGMENTAL ORDER BOOK TREND

																		(₹ bn)
Order Book	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	YoY	QoQ												
Order Book	FY20	FY20	FY20	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY21	FY22	FY22	FY22	FY22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY24	(%)	(%)
Infrastructure	2,153	2,236	2,249	2,197	2,212	2,450	2,456	2,460	2,446	2,485	2,610	2,653	2,681	2,575	2,836	3,012	13.5	6.2
Energy	667	643	608	580	538	596	589	550	628	647	644	654	708	679	719	743	13.5	3.3
HI-Tech manufacturing	151	123	121	123	120	132	98	97	99	136	179	182	186	179	280	248	36.2	(11.5)
Others	61	61	61	153	120	132	131	129	132	136	143	145	149	143	160	124	(14.8)	(22.5)
TOTAL	3,032	3,063	3,039	3,053	2,990	3,311	3,274	3,237	3,305	3,404	3,576	3,634	3,724	3,576	3,995	4,126	13.5	3.3

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FINANCIALS & VALUATIONS

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Particulars	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Order Inflow	1,768,340	1,863,560	1,754,970	1,929,970	2,305,280	2,616,585	2,991,809
Order Book	2,907,800	3,038,570	3,273,540	3,574,780	3,995,260	4,543,619	5,130,831
Revenue	1,352,203	1,454,524	1,359,790	1,565,212	1,843,761	2,051,491	2,322,475
EBITDA	153,296	31,715	156,241	182,173	207,533	245,571	284,688
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.3	2.2	11.5	11.6	11.3	12.0	12.3
Net Profit	80,410	88,945	115,829	86,693	104,707	135,384	166,418
EPS (₹)	57.3	63.4	49.1	61.7	57.3	96.4	118.4
DPS (₹)	18.0	18.0	36.0	22.0	18.0	26.0	28.0
RoE (%)	13.2	12.2	8.3	9.4	13.2	14.3	15.9
RoCE (%)	9.2	8.4	7.3	5.3	9.2	6.9	7.6
P/E (x)	46.5	42.0	54.2	43.1	35.7	27.6	22.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.9	31.1	31.5	27.5	23.1	20.0	17.2
P/BV (x)	6.0	5.6	4.9	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.5
Net Debt/Equity (x)	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.7
Cash Balances	117,262	151,178	162,415	189,532	117,262	340,162	414,735
FCF	(81,915)	33,944	219,218	161,237	(81,915)	131,046	123,161

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