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JCT (JCTL.BO)

Discontinuing Coverage

- We are discontinuing coverage of JCT's stock due to limited investor interest and reallocation of coverage resources.
- The firm's final recommendation for the security is Sell / High Risk (3H), and our target price is Rs10. We have downgraded from Buy / High Risk (1H) given negative expected total return, and in light of 1) ongoing pressure on nylon yarn business (39% of revs); 2) slower-than-expected ramp-up of production at new polyester fabric plant and modernized facilities; and 3) unfavorable risk/reward given stock's solid 44% move over last three months, valuations at 13x FY08E PE (a premium to sector), and high risk to earnings growth.
- With stiff competition from imports/polyester yarn limiting price increases, high volatility of crude prices adversely impacting caprolactum prices (key input for nylon yarn), margins and profitability of nylon filament yarn remains under pressure. With concerns on appreciating rupee and rising cotton prices building, we see this adversely impacting export realizations and JCT's earnings of core textiles business (51% of revenues).
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Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2005A	21	0.06	109.6	nm	3.3	1.5	0.0
2006A	95	0.28	353.4	48.1	3.2	6.8	0.0
2007E	121	0.35	27.3	37.8	3.0	8.2	0.0
2008E	438	1.01	185.2	13.2	1.7	17.9	0.0
2009E	672	1.55	53.6	8.6	1.4	18.4	0.0

Source: Powered by dataCentral

See Appendix A-1 for Analyst Certification and important disclosures.

Change in opinion ☑ Rating change ☑

Sell/High Risk	3H
from Buy/High Risk	
Price (18 Dec 07)	Rs13.35
Target price	Rs10.00
Expected share price return	-25.1%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected total return	-25.1%
Market Cap	Rs4,588M
	US\$116M

Price Performance (RIC: JCTL.BO, BB: JCT IN)



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Fiscal year end 31-Mar	2005	2006	2007E	2008E	2009E
Valuation Ratios					
P/E adjusted (x)	nm	48.1	37.8	13.2	8.6
EV/EBITDA adjusted (x)	17.4	28.9	14.8	8.0	6.0
P/BV (x)	3.3	3.2	3.0	1.7	1.4
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per Share Data (Rs)					
EPS adjusted	0.06	0.28	0.35	1.01	1.55
EPS reported	0.06	0.28	0.35	1.01	1.55
BVPS	4.02	4.16	4.51	7.66	9.21
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Profit & Loss (RsM)					
Net sales	6,042	5,262	5,451	6,947	7,617
Operating expenses	-5,962	-5,264	-5,196	-6,333	-6,786
EBIT	80	-2	255	614	831
Net interest expense	-243	-195	-225	-245	-275
Non-operating/exceptionals	187	308	105	120	195
Pre-tax profit	24	111	135	489	751
Tax Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.	-3	-15	-14	-51	-79
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Reported net income Adjusted earnings	21	95	121	430 438	672
Adjusted EBITDA	397	237	500	458 964	1,216
Growth Rates (%)	007	207	500	504	1,210
Sales	11.5	-12.9	3.6	27.4	9.6
EBIT adjusted	193.9	-102.6	nm	140.4	35.4
EBITDA adjusted	78.6	-40.3	111.1	92.6	26.2
EPS adjusted	109.6	353.4	27.3	185.2	53.6
Cash Flow (RsM)					
Operating cash flow	325	1,491	315	808	720
Depreciation/amortization	317	239	245	350	385
Net working capital	-14	1,156	-52	20	-338
Investing cash flow	-181	-1,791	-1,879	-1,094	-873
Capital expenditure	-175	-1,467	-1,394	-1,619	-604
Acquisitions/disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	0	0	0 0	1,340	0 0
Borrowings Dividends paid	0 0	0 0	0	0 0	0
Change in cash	143	-300	-1,564	1,054	-154
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Balance Sheet (RsM)	E 000	E 010	7 901	0 104	0.040
Total assets Cash & cash equivalent	5,339 108	5,616 98	7,261 124	8,194 90	9,049 128
Accounts receivable	494	383	463	90 590	647
Net fixed assets	1,664	2,892	4,041	5,310	5,529
Total liabilities	3,584	3,824	5,421	4,650	4,906
Accounts payable	1,001	1,088	1,139	1,376	1,472
Total Debt	2,227	2,518	4,108	3,020	3,212
Shareholders' funds	1,755	1,791	1,840	3,544	4,143
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin adjusted	6.6	4.5	9.2	13.9	16.0
ROE adjusted	1.5	6.8	8.2	17.9	18.4
ROIC adjusted	2.1	-0.5	5.6	10.2	11.7
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Net debt to equity Total debt to capital	120.8 55.9	135.1 58.4	216.6 69.1	82.7 46.0	74.4 43.7

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JCT

Company description

JCT enjoys a strong presence in the cotton and blended fabrics segments. It is a leader in textile-grade nylon filament yarn in India. Its integrated facilities — from yarn to finished fabric — give the company the flexibility to offer superior quality and a wide product range to customers. It is a vendor to global brands such as Nike, Esprit, Columbia Sports, Zara, Wal-Mart, and an established supplier to the defense forces in India. It is a preferred vendor of cotton trouser fabrics to exporters. It is the flagship company of the Thapar Group in textiles, with the major shareholders owning a 52% stake. JCT has three plants in Northern India.

Investment thesis

We rate JCT shares as Sell / High Risk (3H) with target price of Rs10 based on 10x FY08E PE, a premium to the sector. Our negative view is premised on 1) ongoing pressure on nylon yarn business (39% of revenues); 2) slower-than-expected ramp-up of production at new polyester fabric plant and modernized facilities; and 3) unfavorable risk/reward given stock's solid 44% move over last three months, valuations at 13x FY08E PE (a premium to sector target), and high risk to earnings growth.

The key growth drivers for JCT include initiatives to modernize its weaving and processing facilities and focus on value-added fabric for garment exports with superior margins. The company's strategy to focus on niche businesses, such as polyester fabric for sportswear leveraging on its solid relationship with Nike, should also reduce the risk in its business model. This apart, incremental benefit likely to accrue from recent approval received for sales of carbon credit (presently not factored in our estimates) for newly commissioned captive power plants should be positive. However, delays in stabilizing production at polyester fabric plant and pace of modernization are likely to impact earnings growth in the near-term. Factoring this, increased pressure on nylon filament yarn profits and execution risk for rolling out timely expansion, we downgrade the stock to Sell (3H) from Buy (1H).

Valuation

We continue to believe P/E is an appropriate tool to value the stock. Our target price of Rs10 is based on a target P/E of 10x FY08E; this is a 10% premium to our target sector valuation of 8x, in recognition of the company's diversification into value-added products.

Risk

We rate JCT shares High Risk based on our quantitative risk-rating system. The main upside risks that could cause the shares to continue to trade above our target price include:

Any news flows on plans to develop JCT's real-estate assets of approx.50acres around its Phagwara plant, would be positive trigger– potential to unlock some hidden value in real estate owned by the company

- Long-term sourcing contracts with global retailer for its upcoming new nylon/polyester fabric facility – provide higher earnings growth visibility
- Increased visibility on consistency in income from sale of carbon credit would significantly boost overall earnings and cash flows

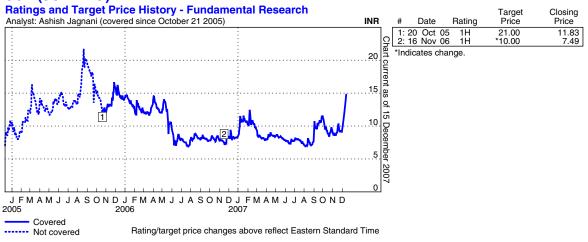
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