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While 3Q results disappointed on revenues & margins, led by higher subscriber churn during the quarter, we believe the structural growth story is intact. Our DCF valuation stand reduce to Rs90 vs. Rs97 and factors increase in long term churn rate (11% vs. 10% earlier) and marginal reduction in subscriber growth assumptions during FY12. Expect churn rate to improve from 4Q and ARPUs to expand given recent hike in base level schemes by DTH operators. Retain Buy,

Revs, margin disappoint; Subscriber adds and SAC improve

3Q subscription revs grew by 32% yoy, missing BofAMLe by 4%, led by flattish growth in ARPUs & higher churn. EBITDA margins declined 75bps QoQ to 24.5 % and were led by lower revs and higher content cost given renegotiation of contract with two broadcasters. Recurring losses (excl forex loss) stood at Rs273mn vs Rs 68mn BofAMLe. Key positive was subscriber addition of 0.73mn vs. BofAMLe 0.71mn and decline in subscriber acquisition cost (SAC)

High churn cause of concern; likely to trend down

Subscriber churn increased to 19% (vs. 14% 2Q) and was driven by pullback in consumer spending leading to delay in renewals & down trading of monthly schemes and possible non renewal of schemes by subscribers post completion of key event such as cricket. We think subscribers who opted for cricket package last year are now getting churned, and churn rate could potentially trend down.

Retain FCF positive stance; valuations attractive

Expect FCF to turnaround in FY13. While we cut our EPS est for FY13E/FY14E by 8-9%, EBITDA CAGR at 52% remains healthy. Stock trading at 11X EV/EBITDA FY13 at lower end of trading band of 11 to 18x and attractive. Retain Buy.

Estimates (Mar)

| (Rs) | 2010A | 2011A | 2012E | 2013E | 2014E |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| Net Income (Adjusted - mn) | (2,622) | (1,920) | (770) | 1,145 | 1,782 |
| EPS | (2.47) | (1.81) | (1.07) | 1.08 | 1.68 |
| EPS Change (YoY) | 64.7% | 26.8% | 40.7% | NM | 55.6% |
| Dividend / Share | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.511 |
| Free Cash Flow / Share | (2.60) | (5.74) | (2.08) | 2.21 | 4.38 |

Valuation (Mar)

* For full definitions of iOmethod 5M measures, see page 9

| | 2010A | 2011A | 2012E | 2013E | 2014E |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| P/E | NM | NM | NM | 56.69x | 36.42x |
| Dividend Yield | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0.837% |
| EV / EBITDA* | 68.03x | 31.91x | 15.73x | 11.39x | 9.01x |
| Free Cash Flow Yield* | -4.26% | -9.41% | -3.41% | 3.63% | 7.18% |

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Stock Data

| Price | Rs61.05 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Price Objective | Rs90.00 |
| Date Established | 20-Jan-2012 |
| Investment Opinion | C-1-9 |
| Volatility Risk | HIGH |
| 52-Week Range | Rs54.05-Rs97.00 |
| Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn) | US\$1,288 / 1,063.0 |
| Market Value (mn) | Rs64,895 |
| Average Daily Volume | 4,346,050 |
| BofAML Ticker / Exchange | XCETF / NSI |
| Bloomberg / Reuters | DITV IN / DSTV.BO |
| ROE (2012E) | -5.1% |
| Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2011A) | 45.1% |
| Est. 5-Yr EPS / DPS Growth | 0% / 0% |
| Free Float | 35.0% |

Key Changes

| (Rs) | Previous | Current |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| Price Obj. | 97.00 | 90.00 |
| 2012E EBITDA (m) | 5,204.3 | 4,829.7 |
| 2013E EBITDA (m) | 6,927.0 | 6,672.5 |
| 2014E EBITDA (m) | 8,777.5 | 8,435.3 |

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iQprofile[™] Dish TV India Ltd

| Voy Income Statement Data (Mar) | 2010A | 2011A | 2012E | 2012E | 2014E |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Key Income Statement Data (Mar) | 2010A | ZUTTA | 2012E | 2013E | 2014E |
| (Rs Millions) | 10.050 | 142/7 | 10 447 | 22.25/ | 2/ 407 |
| Sales Gross Profit | 10,850 | 14,367 | 19,447 | 23,356 | 26,487 |
| | 6,454 | 9,308 | 13,285 | 15,901 | 18,481 |
| Sell General & Admin Expense Operating Profit | (2,808) (2,111) | (4,125) (1,615) | (4,737) 302 | (4,752) 2,164 | (5,055) 2,720 |
| Net Interest & Other Income | (518) | (308) | (980) | (768) | (547) |
| Associates | NA | NA | (900) NA | NA | NA |
| Pretax Income | (2,628) | (1,923) | (678) | 1,396 | 2,173 |
| Tax (expense) / Benefit | (2,020) | 3 | 0 | (251) | (391) |
| Net Income (Adjusted) | (2,622) | (1,920) | (770) | 1,145 | 1,782 |
| Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding | 1,062 | 1,063 | 1,063 | 1,063 | 1,063 |
| Key Cash Flow Statement Data | .,,,,, | ., | 1,000 | 1,722 | ., |
| Net Income | (2,622) | (1,920) | (678) | 1,145 | 1,782 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 3,227 | 3,996 | 4,528 | 4,509 | 5,715 |
| Change in Working Capital | 1,125 | 1,602 | 1,154 | 1,841 | 1,791 |
| Deferred Taxation Charge | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Other Adjustments, Net | 601 | 271 | (412) | 1,162 | 1,074 |
| Cash Flow from Operations | 2,331 | 3,948 | 4,591 | 8,657 | 10,362 |
| Capital Expenditure | (5,096) | (10,052) | (6,801) | (6,304) | (5,704) |
| (Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments | (1,560) | 1,597 | (100) | (100) | (100) |
| Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow) | (2,079) | 1,706 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Flow from Investing | (8,735) | (6,749) | (6,901) | (6,404) | (5,804) |
| Shares Issue / (Repurchase) | 12,845 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost of Dividends Paid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (706) |
| Cash Flow from Financing | 11,219 | 655 | (588) | (2,162) | (2,580) |
| Free Cash Flow | (2,766) | (6,104) | (2,210) | 2,353 | 4,659 |
| Net Debt | 3,772 | 7,378 | 11,076 | 9,984 | 7,206 |
| Change in Net Debt | (6,660) | 3,915 | 3,698 | (1,091) | (2,778) |
| Key Balance Sheet Data | | | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 14,587 | 19,017 | 21,291 | 23,085 | 23,074 |
| Other Non-Current Assets | 16,137 | 18,007 | 18,107 | 18,207 | 18,307 |
| Trade Receivables | 359 | 227 | 426 | 512 | 581 |
| Cash & Equivalents | 5,550 | 3,385 | 487 | 579 | 2,557 |
| Other Current Assets | 4,993 | 2,602 | 2,762 | 2,922 | 3,082 |
| Total Assets | 41,626 | 43,238 | 43,074 | 45,305 | 47,600 |
| Long-Term Debt | 9,322 | 10,763 | 11,563 | 10,563 | 9,763 |
| Other Non-Current Liabilities | 0 NA | 0 NA | 0 NA | 0 NA | 0 NA |
| Short-Term Debt Other Current Liabilities | 15,960 | 16,098 | 17,611 | 19,698 | 21,718 |
| Total Liabilities | 25,282 | 26,861 | 29,174 | 30,261 | 31,481 |
| Total Equity | 16,344 | 16,377 | 13,807 | 14,952 | 16,027 |
| Total Equity & Liabilities | 41.627 | 43,238 | 42,982 | 45,213 | 47.508 |
| <i>iQmethod</i> [™] - Bus Performance* | 11,027 | 10,200 | 12,702 | 10,210 | 17,000 |
| Return On Capital Employed | -7.6% | -1.8% | 2.2% | 8.0% | 10.1% |
| Return On Capital Employed Return On Equity | -26.5% | -1.0 <i>%</i> -11.7% | -5.1% | 8.0% | 11.5% |
| Operating Margin | -19.5% | -11.7% | 1.6% | 9.3% | 10.3% |
| EBITDA Margin | 10.3% | 16.6% | 24.8% | 28.6% | 31.8% |
| <i>iQmethod</i> [™] - Quality of Earnings* | . 5.070 | . 3.070 | 2 | 25.070 | 51.570 |
| Cash Realization Ratio | NM | NM | NM | 7.6x | 5.8x |
| Asset Replacement Ratio | 1.6x | 2.5x | 1.5x | 1.4x | 1.0x |
| Tax Rate (Reported) | 0.2% | 0.2% | NM | 18.0% | 18.0% |
| Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 23.1% | 45.1% | 80.2% | 66.8% | 45.0% |
| Interest Cover | -2.2x | -1.1x | 0.2x | 1.9x | 2.5x |
| Key Metrics | | | | | |
| * For full definitions of <i>iOmethod</i> SM measures, see nage 9 | | | | | |

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Company Description

Dish TV is the first Indian direct-to-home (DTH) satellite television operator and is the leading DTH operator in the country in terms of subscribers. It was promoted in May 2005 by India's largest media conglomerate Essel Group. Being a part of Zee Network Enterprises (an Essel Group venture), Dish TV holds the advantage of having the largest offerings of channels and services among all the six DTH operators.

Investment Thesis

We believe Dish TV is a secular growth story. We expect DTH subscriber base to double over the next five years driven by 1) rising income level, and 2) adoption of DTH technology given bandwidth constraints with analogue network. Dish is the leader with 32% market share and is at an inflection point now. We forecast EBITDA to jump 4x and FCF turnaround by FY13.

Stock Data

Price to Book Value 4.7x



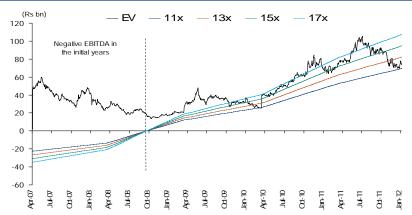
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Valuations attractive

We cut our EPS est for FY13E and FY14E by 8-9% to factor cut in subscriber growth and higher churn rates. Forecast 52% EBITDA growth over FY12-14E led by strong subscriber growth and increase in ARPU. Stock trading at 11X EV/EBITDA FY13 at lower end of trading band of 11 to 18x and attractive.

Chart 1: Dish TV trading at lower band of EV/EBITDA

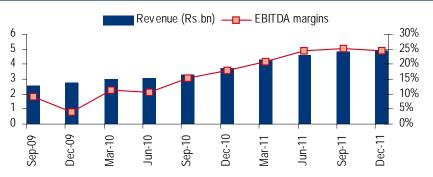


Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

3Q disappoints on revenues, margins

Total revenues for the quarter grew at 31% yoy, 5% lower than our estimates. EBITDA margins at 24.5% vs our estimates of 26% improved by 664 bps on a yoy basis. Net losses (excluding the forex loss of Rs156 mn) stood at Rs273mn.

Chart 2: Improvement in margins to continue



Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

ARPU tad lower; likely to expand

Subscription revs (87% of revs) stood at Rs4254mn, 4% lower than our estimates and was impacted by higher churn and flattish growth in ARPU. ARPUs during the quarter stood at Rs152 vs our assumption of Rs155. Management attributed the flattish growth in ARPU to shift to lower priced packages amongst high end subscribers, delay in renewals of schemes given sluggish environment and higher churn. Management revised it 4Q ARPU guidance from Rs160-165 to Rs155-156.

We expect ARPUs to expand given potential impact from price hikes effected in month of November in its base pricing schemes and our view that digitalisation of cable TV should help increase tariffs at retail level leading to higher ARPUs for the industry.

Chart 3: Potential expansion in ARPU is expected



Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

Subscriber adds better than expected.....

Gross subscriber additions stood at 0.76mn vs. our expectation of 0.71mn. Management highlighted that while subscriber additions for the month of October was healthy, additions slipped during November and December given weak macro and due to increase in prices effected during November.

Consequently we have now lowered our gross sub additions for 4Q. We now expect Dish to add around 2.65mn gross subscribers during FY12 vs our earlier assumption of 2.9mn. Management has now guided at 2.6-2.7m subscriber additions vs earlier guidance of 3-3.5mn adds.

Table 1: Operational metrics for 3QFY12

| | 3Q FY11 | 2Q FY 12 | 3Q FY12 | %YoY | %QoQ | BofAMLe | Variance |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|------|------|----------------|----------|
| Gross Subscribers(in mn) | 9.44 | 12 | 13 | 32% | 6% | 12 | 0% |
| Net Subscribers(in mn) | 7.73 | 9 | 10 | 23% | 3% | 10 | -2% |
| ARPU(Rs) | 142 | 152 | 152 | 7% | 0% | 156 | -3% |

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

Expect churn rates to reduce

Net subscriber addition stood 0.3mn, lower than estimates of 0.5mn for the quarter driven by higher than expected churn. Subscriber churn increased to 19% (vs. 14% 2Q) led by 1) pullback in consumer spending leading to delay in renewals & down trading of schemes and 2) tendency amongst subscribers to not renew post completion of key events such as cricket. We suspect consumers who opted for world cup package last year are now getting churned, and hence churn rate could potentially trend down in coming months.

Table 2: Annualized churn rate

| | Dec-10 | Mar-11 | Jun-11 | Sep-11 | Dec-11 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Annualised Churn | -12% | -11% | -14% | -14% | -19% |

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

3QFY12 Results

Table 3: 3QFY12 results

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|----------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|----------|
| Rs in mn | 3Q FY11 | 2Q FY 12 | 3Q FY12 | %YoY | %QoQ | BofAMLe | Variance |
| Subscription revenue | 3091 | 4124 | 4254 | 38% | 3% | 4415 | -4% |
| Rental revenue | 520 | 550 | 449 | -14% | -18% | 580 | -23% |
| Income from sales and services | 3722 | 4823 | 4905 | 32% | 2% | 5096 | -4% |
| Total Income | 3732 | 4823 | 4906 | 31% | 2% | 5141 | -5% |
| Cost of Goods and Services | 2101 | 2380 | 2540 | 21% | 7% | 2599 | -2% |
| Programming and other costs | 1426 | 1472 | 1576 | | 7% | 1682 | |
| Other cost of goods and services | 675 | 908 | 964 | 43% | 6% | 917 | 5% |
| Personnel Cost | 134 | 171 | 173 | | 1% | 204 | -15% |
| Admin. and other expenses | 148 | 235 | 232 | | -1% | 248 | |
| Selling & Distribution expenses | 682 | 818 | 758 | | -7% | 739 | |
| Advertisement expenses | 152 | 181 | 192 | | 6% | 280 | |
| Commission | 256 | 491 | 408 | 59% | -17% | 433 | -6% |
| Total Expenditure | 3065 | 3604 | 3703 | | 3% | 3790 | -2% |
| PBITDA | 667 | 1218 | 1202 | 80% | -1% | 1351 | -11% |
| Less : Depreciation | 902 | 1162 | 1232 | 37% | 6% | 1167 | 6% |
| PBIT | -235 | 56 | -30 | -87% | -153% | 184 | -116% |
| Less : Interest | 225 | 330 | 321 | 42% | -3% | 352 | -9% |
| Other Income | 17 | 92 | 78 | 347% | -15% | 100 | -22% |
| PBT | -443 | -182 | -273 | -38% | 50% | -68 | 301% |
| Forex loss | 0 | 304 | 156 | NA | -49% | 0 | NA |
| PAT reported | -443 | -486 | -429 | -3% | -12% | -68 | |
| PAT recurring | -443 | -274 | -273 | -38% | 0% | -68 | 301% |
| Margins | 3Q FY11 | 2Q FY 12 | 3Q FY12 | YoY bps | QoQ bps | BofAMLe | Var bps |
| EBITDA % | 18% | 25% | 25% | 664 | -75 | 26% | -177 |
| EBIT% | -6% | 1% | -1% | 568 | -178 | 4% | -419 |
| PBT % | -12% | -4% | -6% | 630 | -179 | -1% | -424 |
| PAT % | -12% | -10% | -9% | 312 | 133 | -1% | -742 |

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

Other key highlights

- Content costs increased during 3Q largely driven by annual renegotiation of contracts with Sony and Neo Sports.
- Management guided for a full year advertisement spend of Rs 90crs, of which Rs 40 crs will be seen next quarter, given company's initiative of brand repositioning.



Financials

Table 4: Profit and loss statement

| Rs in mn | FY10 | FY11 | FY12E | FY13E | FY14E |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sales and Services | 10850 | 14367 | 19445 | 23356 | 26487 |
| Other Income | 453 | 1226 | 408 | 394 | 526 |
| Total Income | 11303 | 15593 | 19853 | 23751 | 27013 |
| Operating expenses | 6902 | 7838 | 9855 | 11905 | 12966 |
| License fees | 1096 | 1499 | 1944 | 2336 | 2649 |
| Programming and other costs | 4373 | 5036 | 6137 | 7427 | 7975 |
| Other operating chgs | 104 | 113 | 100 | 105 | 110 |
| Administration and other expenses | 1047 | 1585 | 1902 | 2055 | 2219 |
| Selling and Distribution expenses | 1771 | 2572 | 3086 | 2969 | 3129 |
| Total Expenditure | 9733 | 11986 | 14617 | 16684 | 18051 |
| EBITDA | 1117 | 2380 | 4828 | 6672 | 8435 |
| Depreciation | 3227 | 3996 | 4528 | 4509 | 5715 |
| EBIT | -2111 | -1615 | 301 | 2164 | 2720 |
| Financial Expenses (Net) | 971 | 1534 | 1388 | 1162 | 1074 |
| PBT | -2628 | -1923 | -679 | 1396 | 2173 |
| Less : Forex loss/Exceptional Item | | | -460 | | |
| Taxes | -6 | -3 | 0 | 251 | 391 |
| PAT reported | -2622 | -1920 | -1139 | 1145 | 1782 |
| PAT recurring | -2622 | -1920 | -771 | 1145 | 1782 |
| Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research | | | | | |
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| Rs in mn | FY10 | FY11 | FY12E | FY13E | FY14E |
|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share Capital | 1062 | 1063 | 1063 | 1063 | 1063 |
| Reserves and Surplus | 15282 | 15314 | 12836 | 13981 | 15056 |
| Total Networth | 16344 | 16377 | 13899 | 15044 | 16119 |
| Total Loans | 9322 | 10763 | 11563 | 10563 | 9763 |
| Total | 25667 | 27140 | 25462 | 25607 | 25882 |
| Application of funds | | | | | |
| Gross Block | 18344 | 25131 | 31932 | 38230 | 43929 |
| Net Block | 11046 | 14437 | 16710 | 18500 | 18484 |
| Capital WIP | 3541 | 4580 | 4580 | 4585 | 4590 |
| Investments | 3561 | 2000 | 2100 | 2200 | 2300 |
| Current Assets, Loans and advances | | | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | 359 | 227 | 426 | 512 | 581 |
| Cash and Bank Balances | 5550 | 3385 | 487 | 579 | 2557 |
| Loans and advances | 4959 | 2539 | 2689 | 2839 | 2989 |
| Total | 10902 | 6214 | 3676 | 4013 | 6219 |
| Less : Current Liabilities and Provision | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | 14243 | 13077 | 14590 | 16677 | 18697 |
| Provisions | 1718 | 3021 | 3021 | 3021 | 3021 |
| Total CL & Provisions | 15960 | 16098 | 17611 | 19698 | 21718 |
| Net Current Assets | -5058 | -9884 | -13936 | -15685 | -15499 |
| Profit and Loss account | 12576 | 16007 | 16007 | 16007 | 16007 |
| Total | 25666 | 27140 | 25462 | 25607 | 25882 |
| | | | | | |

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research



Table 6: Cash Flow statement

| Rs in mn | FY10 | FY11 | FY12E | FY13E | FY14E |
|--|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net Profit/ Loss before taxation | -2628 | -1923 | -678 | 1396 | 2173 |
| Adjustments for: | | | | | |
| Depreciation/ Amortisation | 3227 | 3996 | 4528 | 4509 | 5715 |
| Interest Expenses | 878 | 1302 | 1388 | 1162 | 1074 |
| Operating Profit before working capital changes | 1242 | 2487 | 5237 | 7067 | 8962 |
| (Inc)/Dec in receivables | 153 | 124 | -210 | -96 | -79 |
| Decrease in loans and advances | 2418 | 5319 | -150 | -150 | -150 |
| Inc/ (Dec) in payables | -1451 | -3825 | 1513 | 2087 | 2020 |
| Cash Generated from Operations | 2367 | 4089 | 6391 | 8908 | 10753 |
| Net cash flow from operating activities | 2331 | 3948 | 4591 | 8657 | 10362 |
| Purchases of FA/ CWIP | -5096 | -10052 | -6801 | -6304 | -5704 |
| Purchase of investments | -6561 | -5924 | -100 | -100 | -100 |
| Net cash flow from investing activities | -8735 | -6749 | -6901 | -6404 | -5804 |
| Interest paid | -979 | -1152 | -1388 | -1162 | -1074 |
| Proceeds from Long term borrowing | 1598 | 3579 | 800 | -1000 | -800 |
| Net Cash flow from financiing activities | 11219 | 655 | -588 | -2162 | -2580 |
| Net cash flow during the year | 4814 | -2145 | -2898 | 91 | 1978 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 805 | 5550 | 3385 | 487 | 579 |
| Cash and Cash equivalent at the end of the year | 5550 | 3385 | 487 | 579 | 2557 |

Table 7: Ratios and valuations

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ratios | FY10 | FY11 | FY12E | FY13E | FY14E |
| Growth% yoy | | | | | |
| Subscription revenues | 42% | 43% | 39% | 24% | 14% |
| Lease rentals | 49% | 32% | 12% | -3% | 10% |
| Total revenues | 47% | 32% | 35% | 20% | 13% |
| EBITDA | NM | NM | 103% | 38% | 26% |
| EBIT | NM | NM | NM | 616% | 26% |
| PAT | NM | NM | NM | NM | 56% |
| Margins | | | | | |
| EBITDA % | 10% | 17% | 25% | 29% | 32% |
| EBIT% | -19% | -11% | 2% | 9% | 10% |
| PAT % | -23% | -12% | -6% | 5% | 7% |
| Valuations | | | | | |
| EPS (Rs) | -2.5 | -1.8 | -1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| CEPS (Rs) | 0.6 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 7.1 |
| BV (Rs)/ share | 3.5 | 0.3 | -2.0 | -0.9 | 0.1 |
| P/E (x) | -27.5 | -37.7 | -63.5 | 63.1 | 40.6 |
| P/CEPS (x) | 119.3 | 34.8 | 21.3 | 12.8 | 9.6 |
| P/BV (x) | 19.2 | 195.4 | -34.3 | -75.1 | 644.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 58.2 | 29.5 | 15.3 | 10.88 | 8.3 |
| EV/ EBIT (x) | -30.8 | -43.5 | 244.3 | 33.6 | 25.6 |
| ROCE (%) | -10% | -6% | 1.1% | 7% | 9% |
| ROE (%) | -26% | -12% | -8% | 8% | 11% |
| | | | | | |

Source: Company, BofA Merrill Lynch Global research



Price objective basis & risk Dish TV India Ltd (XCETF)

We value Dish TV on a DCF basis given the investment required in subsidizing set-top boxes for new subscribers and the gestation period involved. Our DCF value is Rs90 and implies EV/EBITDA of 16x FY13E. Our valuations are at a premium to global DTH peers such as DirecTV and Dish Network. We believe this is justified given the high growth in EBITDA for Dish vs peers.

While global peers trade at 6-9x EV/EBITDA currently, we note that historically during their growth phase these peers have traded at valuations of 12-15x EV/EBITDA.

We see upside risk from a potential reduction in license cost from 10% to 6% of revenue based on the court judgment. Downside risk is from higher-than-expected churn impacting valuations adversely.

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| Business Performance | Numerator | Denominator |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Return On Capital Employed | NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) * (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill | Total Assets - Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill |
| | Amortization | Amortization |
| Return On Equity | Net Income | Shareholders' Equity |
| Operating Margin | Operating Profit | Sales |
| Earnings Growth | Expected 5-Year CAGR From Latest Actual | N/A |
| Free Cash Flow | Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex | N/A |
| Quality of Earnings | | |
| Cash Realization Ratio | Cash Flow From Operations | Net Income |
| Asset Replacement Ratio | Capex | Depreciation |
| Tax Rate | Tax Charge | Pre-Tax Income |
| Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio | Net Debt = Total Debt, Less Cash & Equivalents | Total Equity |
| Interest Cover | EBIT | Interest Expense |
| Valuation Toolkit | | |
| Price / Earnings Ratio | Current Share Price | Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified) |
| Price / Book Value | Current Share Price | Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares |
| Dividend Yield | Annualised Declared Cash Dividend | Current Share Price |
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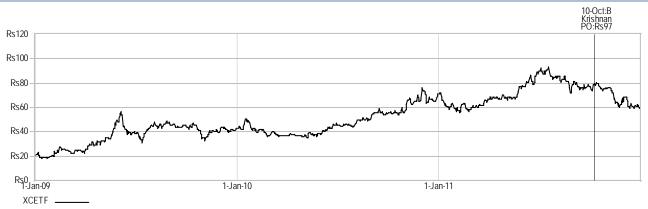
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22.14%

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| Neutral | 49 | 27.53% | Neutral | 34 | 80.95% |
| Sell | 39 | 21.91% | Sell | 22 | 64.71% |
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| Coverage Universe | Count | Percent | Inv. Banking Relationships* | Count | Percent |
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Sell

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60.20%

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