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BSE Sensex: 17,528	LT IN
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S&P CNX: 5,249	LART.BO
Equity Shares (m)	601.8
52-Week Range	1,800/646
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%)	-3/-6/61
M.Cap. (Rs b)	978.6
M.Cap. (US\$ b)	21.8

31 M	arch 2010								N	leutral
Previo	ous Recomm	iendation	ı: Neutr	ral						Rs1,626
YEAR	NET SALES	PAT*	EPS*	EPS	P/E*	P/BV	ROE	ROCE	EV/	EV/
END	(RSM)	(RSM)	(RS)	GR. (%)*	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	SALES	EBITDA
3/09A	339,264	30,046	51.5	31.1	31.6	7.6	24.5	26.0	3.0	26.7
3/10E	364,662	33,404	55.5	8.2	29.3	5.3	18.7	21.3	2.7	22.6
3/11E	470,020	42,121	70.0	26.1	23.2	4.6	18.5	20.8	2.1	18.4
3/12E	623,130	53,085	88.2	26.0	18.4	4.0	20.1	21.9	1.7	14.7

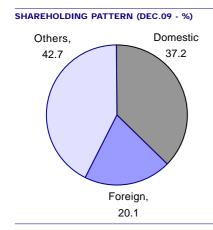
^{*} Consolidated; EPS is fully diluted

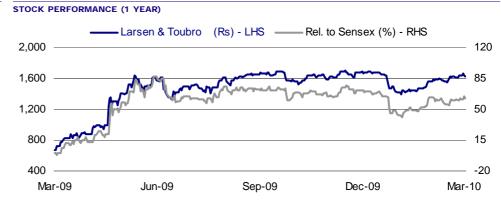
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EBITDA margin to decline given new business start-ups, higher commodity prices: We expect L&T's EBITDA margin to expand 65bp in FY10, largely due to lower commodity prices. However, in FY11 and FY12, we expect margins to decline 18bp and 25bp, respectively, given the following: 33-35% of the order book is on fixed price contract, increased share of manufacturing, and non crossing of the margin threshold in long gestation projects. We expect capex of Rs7b-8b in FY11 v/s Rs15b-20b in FY10, as FY11 capex will be largely maintenance-related.

Exciting long-term growth opportunities: Unlike several of its peers, L&T is continuously developing new skill sets, and entering new segments and geographies. We believe that its entry into new areas like power equipment, nuclear power plants, defense, shipbuilding, power development projects, and forgings (thermal and nuclear), increased presence in the Middle East, and its ability to take new PPP projects (due to strong balance sheet) will help L&T to ensure long-term sustainability of order flow. Further, some of these business segments could contribute meaningfully to consolidated revenues and profitability, going forward.

Maintain estimates; SOTP-based price target of Rs1,643: We expect L&T to report consolidated net profit of Rs33.4b in FY10 (up 11.2%), Rs42.1b in FY11 (up 26%) and Rs53.1b in FY12 (up 26%). Our SOTP-based target price for the stock is Rs1.643. We maintain our **Neutral** recommendation.





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Order intake driven by long gestation projects, industrial capex yet to witness meaningful recovery

FY10 has been a disappointing year in terms of order intake for L&T in most business segments. Order awards from segments like infrastructure (including roads, railways, urban infrastructure, etc), process industries (fertilizer feedstock conversion, metals, etc); hydrocarbons (upstream, clean fuel projects, etc) have been lower than initial estimates. Order intake excluding the power segment is down 13% YoY in 9MFY10. Power BTG has been a key driver in 9MFY10, contributing 23% of the order intake.

At the lower end of the management's order intake guidance of Rs650b, thermal power intake accounts for ~30% of the intake in FY10.

Thermal power equipment has witnessed strong traction, and L&T has reported order intake of 4GW worth Rs130b [comprising of Jaiprakash Nigrie (1.32GW), GMR Vemagiri expansion (0.8GW) and Mahagenco Koradi Project (1.98GW)]. Order award for Rajpura Power Project (1.32GW, on development basis by L&T) could also be booked in 4QFY10, as the PPA has been signed. Thus, power equipment should contribute Rs180b-200b (excluding boilers, etc for Nigrie Power Project, which is not part of standalone order book) in FY10. At the lower end of the management's order intake guidance of Rs650b, this accounts for ~30% of the intake in FY10.

The buildings and factories segment has also witnessed traction, with order intake announcements of Rs75b in FY10. This segment has contributed ~17.6% to the intake during FY09/FY10. In 4QFY10 also, order intake from buildings and factories is Rs36.2b and accounts for 25% of the order intake announcements. Most segments including affordable housing, premium apartments, leisure, IT parks, etc are witnessing traction.

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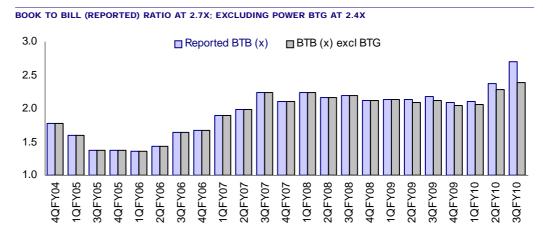
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ORDER INTAKE EXCLUDING POWER DOWN 13% YOY (RS B)

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	9MFY09	9MFY10	% CHG
									(YOY)
Process	19	21	22	43	63	80	63	46	-27.3
Oil &Gas	32	28	58	46	105	62	43	78	79.7
Power	19	22	22	37	59	129	83	187	127
Infrastructure	36	45	67	129	130	201	173	119	-31.3
Others	24	33	54	52	63	41	31	27	-12.8
Total	131	149	223	306	420	516	393	457	16.3
Total - Ex Power	111	127	201	269	361	387	311	270	-13.1

Source: Company

Excluding power BTG, BTB is 2.4x; in line with historical band



Source: Company/MOSL

BUILDINGS AND FACTORIES ACCOUNT FOR 17.6% OF THE ORDER INTAKE SINCE 4QFY08 (RS B)

Over past two years, buildings and factories have been key drivers of order intake

INTAKE IN	INTAKE
4QFY08	35.6
2QFY09	50.0
3QFY09	14.5
4QFY09	22.6
3QFY10	38.3
4QFY10	36.2
Total Intake	197.2
% of Total Intake	17.6

Source: Company

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Further, as power equipment projects entail gestation period of 54 months, we expect limited revenue bookings in FY11 and FY12. Also, given the accounting practice wherein margins are accounted post 25% project completion for execution of 24+ months, we expect initial margins on these projects to be accounted from FY13. Thus, increased order intake in FY10 will not entail increased revenues and margin recognition in FY11/FY12.

Higher competitive intensity in process industries, hydrocarbons, etc and tilt in medium-term revenue mix towards infrastructure / new business segments will again entail margin pressure in the medium-term.

Power equipment JV with Mitsubishi should report initial losses at least till **FY12**

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In the power BTG segment, L&T has witnessed initial success, with project wins of 3.3GW BTG in the supercritical segment and additional 1.6GW for turbine generators. This demonstrates the management's ability to successfully identify high growth segments, to tie up technological partners, project implementation, etc. We expect power equipment manufacturing companies to report losses of Rs2.3b in FY11 and Rs2.7b in FY12 (L&T's share at Rs1.2b and Rs1.4b respectively, 51% stake), given that projects are expected to cross margin recognition threshold of 25% project completion in FY13. Due to limited margin recognition, the charge of interest, depreciation and non-production related costs like marketing, administration, etc to the profit and loss account will result in initial losses.

We believe that the inflexion point in terms of earnings contribution from subsidiaries will be in FY13/FY14. We expect earnings contribution from subsidiaries and associate companies to increase from Rs6b in FY09, to Rs7.2b in FY10 (up 19% YoY), Rs8.3b in FY11 (up 14% YoY) and Rs10.6b in FY12 (up 28% YoY). Also, we believe that profit breakeven in other ventures like shipbuilding, defense, nuclear forging, etc will be in phases over FY13-15, as projects cross the margin recognition threshold.

STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED PERFORMANCE RECONCILIATION (EPS, RS/SHARE)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10E	FY11E	FY12E
Standalone	24.7	37.2	59.6	68.1	61.1	75.9
Consolidated	39.5	39.8	64.9	75.4	70.0	88.2
L&T Infotech	2.7	3.3	4.6	4.7	5.1	5.2
L&T Finance	1.1	2.7	3.0	3.9	5.4	6.9
L&T IDPL	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
L&T International FZE	2.3	-4.6	1.7	2.4	3.5	4.5
L&T Power Equipments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.9	-2.3
Power (India Infra Dev)	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Engg Services	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
Komatsu	0.5	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.1
Audco	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
EWAC	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Divestire Gains	7.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MTM Provision	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	17.9	3.5	10.4	12.0	13.7	17.6
Less: Dividend Recd.	-1.4	-1.0	-1.2	-1.8	-2.1	-2.7
Less: Gains on sale of Subs.	0.0	0.0	-1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less: Int. on Adv. to Subs.	-0.5	-0.8	-1.1	-3.0	-2.9	-2.7
Net Addition	16.0	1.6	6.8	7.2	8.8	12.2
				S	ource: Com	pany/MOSL

Decline in yield on treasury book; investment plans of Rs60b-80b over two years

L&T has a treasury book of Rs92b (as at December 2009), which has increased from Rs56b in September 2009 and Rs49b in March 2009. The recent increase in treasury book is largely being driven by fund raising of US\$600m through a QIP and FCCB issue. We understand that the treasury book has been invested in a combination of equity and debt instruments. Given decline in market yields for both equity and debt, the yield on treasury book now stands at 6-6.5%. This compares with cost of debt of 6.5-7% (debt Rs78b as at December 2009). Thus, there is a negative carry of 50-100bp. In FY09 and also in 1HFY10,

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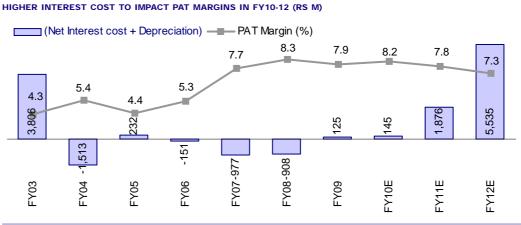
we estimate that L&T had a positive spread of ~250bp; the decline in yield on investment book will impact reported profits in 4QFY10.

Maintaining cash / treasury book is a conscious decision of the management to have sufficient liquidity for financing project investment, capex and other business requirements over the next 2-3 years. Incremental opportunities in infrastructure would be mostly through PPP route, particularly for transportation, ports, airports, thermal power and T&D. Given that L&T has a very strong balance sheet, it will have an edge over its smaller peers in participation in larger size projects.

Capex estimates now stand at Rs7b-8b for FY11 v/s Rs15b-20b in FY10; FY11 capex would be largely maintenance Large part of the current investment commitment is towards equity commitment in BOT projects, ship building, forging, power equipment JVs, and power development projects (thermal, nuclear, etc). Also, the company has capex plans of Rs5b-10b in 4QFY10 v/s Rs10b in 9MFY10. Capex estimates now stand at Rs7b-8b for FY11 v/s Rs15b-20b in FY10; FY11 capex would be largely maintenance.

Further, we expect deterioration in working capital (excluding cash and advances to subsidiary companies) from 7.2% in FY09 to 11.4% in FY11 and 16.1% in FY12, given the tilt in business mix towards manufacturing and government projects.

We expect net interest cost
plus depreciation to
increase given substantial
capex, investments in
subsidiaries and
deterioration in working
capital



Source: Company/MOSL

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Certain business segments like nuclear power plants, shipbuilding and defense have witnessed strong support and initial actions from the government; which entails that the first few orders could be received over the next 12-18 months. In the nuclear power segment, L&T has tied up with four global nuclear equipment suppliers to cater to India's planned addition of 16GW of nuclear power by 2020. This will entail

investments of Rs1,600b over the next 8-10 years and ordering of these projects is expected from FY11.

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Service businesses will attain critical scale in next 2-3 years; meaningful value creation possible for parent company L&T has presence in financial services (L&T finance/infra finance) and IT/ITES (L&T Infotech). In the last 2-3 years, these businesses have attained critical scale. With L&T's plan to grow these businesses to 40% of group level revenues by FY14, we see substantial organic and inorganic scaling up of these two verticals in the next 2-3 years. L&T is also exploring opportunities to grow inorganically in the IT services segment.

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Maintain estimates; SOTP-based price target of Rs1,643

We expect L&T to report consolidated net profit of Rs33.4b in FY10 (up 11.2%), Rs42.1b in FY11 (up 26%) and Rs53.1b in FY12 (up 26%). This translates into an EPS of Rs55.5 in FY10 (up 8.2%), Rs70 in FY11 (up 26%) and Rs88.2 in FY12 (up 26%). The stock quotes at 29.3x FY10E, 23.3x FY11E and 18.5x FY12E reported earnings.

We value L&T based on sum of the parts (SOTP) methodology. We arrive at a price target of Rs1,643/share, based on: core business – Rs1,317/share (18x FY12E EPS), L&T Infotech – Rs63/share (12x FY11E EPS), L&T Infrastructure Development Projects – Rs52/share, L&T Finance – Rs29/share, L&T Infrastructure Finance – Rs14/share, International Ventures – Rs68/share, Manufacturing Ventures – Rs113/share and L&T Power (BTG) – Rs68/share (10x FY14E EPS). We have valued L&T IDPL at Rs31b (Rs52/share), comprising of road portfolio: Rs15b (P/BV 1.56x), Ports: Rs3.4b (P/BV 1.3x), Urban Infra: Rs6b (P/BV 1.2x) and Cash: Rs7b (BV). Maintain **Neutral**.

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L&T: SUM OF PARTS VALUE

	BUSINESS	METHOD	VALUATION	VALUE	VALUE	RATIONALE
	SEGMENT		(X)	(RS M)	(RS/SH)	
L&T Standalone	Engineering,	FY12E PER (x)	18	792,823	1,317	Premium to industry average
	Const.,& Electrical	S				Net of dividend received
L&T Infotech	Infotech	FY12E PER (x)	12	37,802	63	At par to niche second tier IT companies
(100% stake)						
L&T Infrastructure	Infrastructure			31,400	52	Road portfolio Rs15b (P/BV 1.56x),
Dev.Projects Ltd.						Ports Rs3.4b (P/BV 1.3x), Urban Infra Rs6b
						(P/BV 1.2x), Cash Rs7b
L&T Finance	Hire Purchase,	Book Value	2	17,525	29	BV of investments till Mar 10; L&T has
	Leasing, Bill					advantage of catering to in house
	Discounting					requirement of L&T's dealers / vendors /
						customers, etc
L&T Infrastructure Fin.	Infrastructure Fin.	Book Value	2	8,469	14	BV of investments till Mar 10
International Ventures		FY12E PER (x)	15	40,936	68	Discount to L&T's valuations
(L&T FZE)						
Manufacturing Ventures						
- Power Equipment	Thermal BTG	FY14E PER (x)	10	41,188	68	At par with industry average; FY14 to be
						the year of meaningful revenue and margin
						ramp up
- L&T Komatsu	Excavators and	FY12E PER (x)	15	20,443	17	In line with industry average
	Hydraulic System					
- Audco India	Industrial Valves	FY12E PER (x)	15	11,483	10	Revenue growth, margins show consistency
- EWAC Alloys	Welding	FY12E PER (x)	15	5,156	4	In line with industry average
Total					1,643	
						Source: MOSI

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INCOME STATEMENT			(R	s Million)
Y/E MARCH	2009	2010E	2011E	2012E
Total Revenues	343,248	368,945	475,540	630,448
Growth Rate (%)	35.8	7.5	28.9	32.6
Excise Duty	3,985	4,283	5,520	7,319
Net Revenues	339,264	364,662	470,020	623,130
Growth Rate (%)	36.0	7.5	28.9	32.6
Manufacturing Expenses	262,320	273,827	353,295	472,228
Staff Cost	19,980	24,975	31,219	39,024
S G &A Expenses	18,640	22,137	29,959	39,718
EBITDA	38,324	43,724	55,547	72,160
Change (%)	32.7	14.1	27.0	29.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.2	14.0	13.5	12.7
Depreciation	2,828	4,223	4,951	5,731
EBIT	35,495	39,501	50,596	66,429
Net Interest	3,503	5,130	6,197	7,772
Recurring Other Income	6,451	9,208	9,272	7,968
Non-recurring Other Income	947	0	0	0
Add: Trf to Revaluation Reserv	13	13	13	13
Profit before Tax	39,404	43,592	53,684	66,638
Tax	12,312	13,731	16,911	20,991
Effective Tax Rate (%)	31.2	31.5	31.5	31.5
Reported Profit	27,092	40,958	36,774	45,647
Extra-ordinary Adjustments	7,910	11,098	0	0
Adjusted Profit	26,968	29,860	36,774	45,647
Growth (%)	30.5	10.7	23.2	24.1
Consolidated Profit	30,046	33,404	42,121	53,085
Growth (%)	31.1	11.2	26.1	26.0

BALANCE SHEET			(R	s Million)
Y/E M ARCH	2009	2010E	2011E	2012E
Equity Capital	1,171	1,204	1,204	1,204
Reserves and Surplus	123,426	183,981	210,141	242,613
Net Worth	124,597	185,185	211,344	243,817
Debt	65,560	81,024	96,024	126,024
Deferred Tax Liability	485	485	485	485
Capital Employed	190,642	266,693	307,853	370,325
Gross Fixed Assets	55,905	81,208	95,208	110,208
Less: Depreciation	14,762	18,985	23,935	29,666
Add: Capital WIP	10,803	3,500	4,500	4,500
Net Fixed Assets	51,946	65,723	75,772	85,042
Investments	82,637	81,835	92,558	97,223
Inventory	58,051	65,703	88,594	117,453
Sundry Debtors	100,555	111,189	148,525	202,089
Cash & Bank	7,753	58,396	41,165	31,943
Loans & Advances	67,906	78,895	99,997	125,461
Other Current Assets	216	0	0	0
Current Assets	234,480	314,182	378,281	476,947
Current Liabilities	178,424	195,048	238,759	288,887
Net Current Assets	56,056	119,134	139,522	188,060
Miscellaneous Expenditure	3	0	0	0
Capital Deployed	190,642	266,693	307,853	370,325

E: MOSL Estimates

RATIO				
Y/E M ARCH	2009	2010E	2011E	2 0 12 E
Basic (Rs)				
Adjusted EPS	46.0	48.2	61.1	75.8
Con. EPS (Fully Diluted)	51.5	55.5	70.0	88.2
Growth (%)	31.1	7.8	26.1	26.0
Cash Earning per Share	49.9	55.2	69.3	85.4
Book Value	212.7	307.7	351.2	405.1
Dividend Per Share	10.2	12.0	15.3	19.0
Div. Payout (Incl. Div Tax) %	26.5	28.0	28.9	28.9
Valuation (x)				
P/E (Standalone)	35.3	33.7	26.6	21.4
P/E (Consolidated)	31.7	29.3	23.2	18.4
P/E (Consolidated) (Fully Dilute	31.6	29.3	23.2	18.4
Price / CEPS	32.6	29.5	23.5	19.0
EV/EBITDA	26.7	22.6	18.4	14.7
EV/ Sales	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.7
Price / Book Value	7.6	5.3	4.6	4.0
Dividend Yield	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2
Return Ratio (%)				
RoE	24.5	18.7	18.5	20.1
RoCE	26.0	21.3	20.8	21.9
Turnover Ratios				
Debtors (Days)	106.9	110.0	114.0	117.0
Inventory (Days)	61.7	65.0	68.0	68.0
Asset Turnover (x)	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.7
Leverage Ratio				
Current Ratio (x)	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.7
D/E (x)	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5

CASHFLOW STATEMENT			(R	s Million)
Y/E M ARCH	2009	2010E	2011E	2 0 12 E
PBT before EO Items	39,404	43,592	53,684	66,638
Add: Depreciation	3,073	4,223	4,951	5,731
Interest	3,503	5,130	6,197	7,772
Less : Direct Taxes Paid	12,312	13,731	16,911	20,991
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-31,720	-12,435	-37,618	-57,760
CF from Operations	1,948	26,778	10,303	1,389
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-18,495	-18,000	-15,000	-15,000
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-13,415	802	-10,723	-4,665
CF from Investments	-31,910	-17,198	-25,723	-19,665
(Inc)/Dec in Networth	9,021	39,100	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in Debt	29,720	15,464	15,000	30,000
Less: Interest Paid	3,503	5,130	6,197	7,772
Dividend Paid	7,168	8,370	10,614	13,175
CF from Fin. Activity	28,071	41,063	-1,810	9,053
Inc/Dec of Cash	-1,892	50,643	-17,231	-9,222
Add: Beginning Balance	9,645	7,753	58,396	41,165
Closing Balance	7,753	58,396	41,165	31,943
F: MOSL Estimates	•	•		

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