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Raise PO on strong momentum

Post strong 2QFY11 results, we raise our EBITDAR estimates by 3%/12% for FY11E/12E on (a) raising traffic assumptions for FY11/12 by 2% to 8%, (b) raising yields assumption for FY11/12 by 2% to 4% and (c) load factor assumptions for FY11/12 raised by 1%. To factor this strong growth, we raise our PO to Rs107 (from Rs91) on a similar target multiple of 8X FY12E EV/EBITDAR.

Riding the demand wave; Buy

2QFY11: Results beat estimates on strong yields

In a seasonally weak quarter, SpiceJet reported net profit of Rs101mn in Q2FY11 compared to loss of Rs1bn in 2QFY10. This was ahead of our estimates of a loss of Rs480mn. Operating revenues at Rs6.3bn (+40% YoY) was 7% ahead of BofAMLe. This was largely due to better than expected growth (+19% YoY) in yields. Despite a seasonally weak quarter, yields showed just 2% sequential decline. EBITDAR margins at 17.2% were ahead of our estimate of 6.5%.

Future capacity addition plan unveiled

SpiceJet has 6 deliveries of B737 scheduled until FY12 (roughly 1 each quarter). Company is additionally expected to get 3 more B737s by end of FY11. SpiceJet has further started negotiations with Bombardier to get up to 30 aircrafts starting from mid-FY12. With this, coupled with the earlier Boeing order of 30 aircrafts, SpiceJet has tied up its fleet expansion plans for the next 5-7 years. This will enable SpiceJet to capture the strong domestic demand.

Look out for strong Q3 on strong traffic and yields

The coming holiday season would enable the industry to clock strong seat factors on an expected 12%-15% higher yield. The coming of new capacity would enable SpiceJet to grow faster than the market and gain market share.

Estimates (Mar)

(Rs)	2009A	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	(3,336)	614	2,934	3,741	3,873
EPS	(13.8)	2.5	7.3	9.2	9.6
EPS Change (YoY)	-149.5%	NM	185.8%	27.2%	3.5%
Dividend / Share	0	0	0	0	0
Free Cash Flow / Share	(6.4)	8.7	2.9	2.5	1.6

Valuation (Mar)

* For full definitions of iQmethod SM measures, see page 6

	2009A	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E
P/E	NM	34.7x	12.1x	9.5x	9.2x
Dividend Yield	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
EV / EBITDA*	NM	246.07x	22.63x	15.40x	13.73x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	-4.3%	5.9%	3.3%	2.8%	1.8%

Stock Data

Price	Rs88.15
Price Objective	Rs107.00
Date Established	2-Nov-2010
Investment Opinion	C-1-9
Volatility Risk	HIGH
52-Week Range	Rs33.40-Rs88.95
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	US\$801 / 404.1
Average Daily Volume	2,481,101
BofAML Ticker / Exchange	MDLFF / BSE
Bloomberg / Reuters	SJET IN / SPJT.BO
ROE (2011E)	NA
Net Dbt to Eqty (Mar-2010A)	NA
Est. 5-Yr EPS / DPS Growth	15.0% / NA
Free Float	60.0%

Key Changes

(Rs)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	91	107
2011E EPS	7.2	7.3
2012E EPS	8.6	9.2
2013E EPS	8.9	9.6

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iQprofile[™] SpiceJet Ltd

Key Income Statement Data (Mar)	2009A	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E
(Rs Millions)					
Sales	16,894	21,811	30,786	38,346	43,184
Gross Profit	5,892	11,854	16,600	20,534	22,025
Sell General & Admin Expense	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Operating Profit	(4,304)	185	2,759	4,051	4,560
Net Interest & Other Income	934	549	632	626	919
Associates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pretax Income	(3,370)	734	3,392	4,677	5,479
Tax (expense) / Benefit	(33)	(64)	(458)	(935)	(1,606)
Net Income (Adjusted)	(3,336)	614	2,934	3,741	3,873
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	241	242	404	405	405
Key Cash Flow Statement Data					
Net Income	(3,403)	670	2,934	3,741	3,873
Depreciation & Amortization	73	76	84	126	126
Change in Working Capital	1,857	1,458	(2,131)	(3,617)	(4,635)
Deferred Taxation Charge	0	0	0	0	C
Other Adjustments, Net	21	64	458	935	1,481
Cash Flow from Operations	(1,453)	2,268	1,345	1,186	845
Capital Expenditure	(93)	(174)	(182)	(192)	(201)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	4	0	0	0	(
Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow)	3,136	(1,297)	0	0	(224)
Cash Flow from Investing	3,047	(1,471)	(182)	(192)	(201)
Shares Issue / (Repurchase)	0	0	3,680	0	(
Cost of Dividends Paid	(F.47)	(5(4)	0	(574)	(110
Cash Flow from Financing	(547)	(566)	230	(574) 994	419
Free Cash Flow Net Debt	(1,546)	2,095 (124)	1,163	994 (7,708)	644 (11,190)
Change in Net Debt	1,808 (1,476)	(736)	(3,439) (4,775)	(920)	(11,190)
· ·	(1,470)	(730)	(4,773)	(720)	(302)
Key Balance Sheet Data	/7/	7/0	050	0.10	4.000
Property, Plant & Equipment	676	769	858	942	1,020
Other Non-Current Assets	1,853	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150
Trade Receivables	124	190	273	374	464
Cash & Equivalents	3,080	4,507	4,439	8,208	12,190
Other Current Assets Total Assets	1,776 7,508	1,275 9,891	2,298 11,018	2,646 15,320	3,023 19,847
Long-Term Debt	4,555	4,150	837	386	750
Other Non-Current Liabilities	4,555	4,130	037	0	730
Short-Term Debt	333	233	163	114	250
Other Current Liabilities	6,914	8,929	8,943	9,994	10,274
Total Liabilities	11,802	13,312	9,943	10,494	11,274
Total Equity	(4,293)	(3,420)	1,075	4,826	8,573
Total Equity & Liabilities	7,510	9,892	11,019	15,320	19,847
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Return On Capital Employed	-125.2%	21.4%	157.2%	87.6%	43.3%
Return On Equity	-123.270 NM	21.470 NM	137.270 NM	126.8%	57.8%
Operating Margin	-25.5%	0.8%	9.0%	120.6%	10.6%
EBITDA Margin	-25.0%	1.2%	9.2%	10.9%	10.9%
<i>iQmethod</i> ^{sм} - Quality of Earnings*	23.070		7.270	. 3., 70	10.770
Cash Realization Ratio	NM	3.7x	0.5x	0.3x	0.2
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.3x	2.3x	2.2x	0.5x 1.5x	1.6
Tax Rate (Reported)	NM	8.7%	13.5%	20.0%	29.3%
	NM	NM	-319.9%	-159.7%	-130.5%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio					
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio Interest Cover	-36.2x	3.0x	41.0x	NM	NM

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Company Description

SpiceJet is a dedicated low-cost domestic carrier which has rapidly gained market share in the last and is now in top-5 domestic carriers. It began its services in May-2005. Currently it has a single-aircraft-type fleet of 22 B-737s and has an extensive network between 20 destinations in India and 2 destinations in the South East Asia.

Investment Thesis

SpiceJet is one of India's leading low cost carriers. We expect the company to post strong EBITDAR growth in FY11 on the back of strong passenger growth over FY10-12, rising yields and efficient cost structure. Its business model exploits the changing preference of price sensitive Indian flyers.

Stock Data

Price to Book Value 33.1x



Key result takeaways

SpiceJet reported 2QFY11 results ahead of our expectations. EBITDAR margin at 17% was ahead of our expectations of 6%. This was largely driven by higher than- expected yield growth and other operating revenues.

Table 1: SpiceJet - Quarterly results

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Rs. Mn	2QFY11	2QFY10	YoY (%)	1QFY11	QoQ(%)
Operating Revenues	6,282	4,504	39.5%	7,079	-11.3%
Non Operating Revenues	126	149	-15.4%	160	-21.4%
Total Revenues	6,408	4,653	37.7%	7,239	-11.5%
Employees Remuneration & Benefits	529	417	27.0%	615	-13.9%
Aircraft Fuel Expenses	2,608	2,098	24.3%	2,591	0.6%
Airport Charges	406	363	11.8%	392	3.7%
Aircraft Maintenance	720	820	-12.1%	745	-3.3%
Other Operating Costs	690	589	17.1%	765	-9.7%
Other Expenditure	249	277	-9.8%	398	-37.4%
Total Other Operating Expenses	2,066	2,111	-2.1%	2,327	-11.2%
EBITDAR	1,078	(122)	-981.9%	1,545	-30.2%
Margin	17.2%	-2.7%	19.9%	21.8%	-4.7%
Interest	14	15	-10.1%	13	3.5%
Depreciation	22	19	15.4%	20	9.4%
Aircraft Lease Rental	1,043	982	6.1%	960	8.6%
Prior period adjustments	-	29		23	-100.0%
PBT	126	(1,019)	-112.4%	690	-81.7%
Taxes	25	(7)		137	-81.7%
Recurring PAT	101	(1,012)	-110.0%	552	-81.7%

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research estimates

Strong performance

- Operating revenue was at Rs. 6.2bn, rising sharply by 39% YoY on account of good yields and improving traffic.
- Load factors at 74% continue to be strong in a seasonally weak quarter.
- Yield was the major surprise during quarter at Rs. 3.3/RPK, showing a 19% annual improvement. On a sequential basis, yields were down just 2.5%.
- Passengers carried during the quarter were at 1.81mn vs. 1.56mn in Q2FY10 and 2.06mn in Q1FY11.
- Cost/ASK has come down by 2% YoY, while Revenue/ASK increased 22%.
 Ex fuel cost/ASK has gone down by 9%.
- SpiceJet improved its mkt share from 12.6% in Q2FY10 to 12.8% in Q1FY11.

Table 2: SpiceJet operating metrics

(Rs mn)	2QFY11	2QFY10	YoY (%)	1QFY11	QoQ(%)
Operating Revenue	6,282	4,504	39.5%	7,079	-11.3%
EBITDAR	1,078	(122)	-981.9%	1,545	-30.2%
EBITDAR Margin	17%	-3%	19.9%	22%	-4.7%
RPKs (mns)	1,821	1,620	12.4%	2,083	-12.6%
ASKs (mns)	2,474	2,169	14.1%	2,367	4.5%
Load Factor (%)	73.6%	74.7%	-1.1%	88.0%	-14.4%
Revenue Passengers (mn)	1.81	1.56	15.6%	2.06	-12.5%
Passenger Yield (Rs per RPK)	3.31	2.77	19.5%	3.40	-2.5%

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research estimates



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Price objective basis & risk SpiceJet Ltd (MDLFF)

Our PO of Rs.107 is based on 8x FY11E EV/EBITDAR, which is in line with the regional airlines with similarly high EBITDAR growth in the mid cycle. Downside risks to our price objective: Rising fuel costs and an increase in competition. Upside risks would be a decline in fuel prices and faster-than-expected economic recovery.

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	Fortis Healthcare Limited	XFFTF	FORH IN	Prasad Deshmukh
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	Sobha Developers	SBDRF	SOBHA IN	Gagan Agarwal
	SpiceJet Ltd	MDLFF	SJET IN	Anand Kumar
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	Assoc. Cement	ADCLF	ACC IN	Reena Verma Bhasin, CFA
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	Balrampur Chini	BMPRF	BRCM IN	Sanjaya Satapathy
	Container Corp	CIDFF	CCRI IN	Sanjaya Satapathy
	India Cements	INIAF	ICEM IN	Reena Verma Bhasin, CFA
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	Omaxe Limited	XOMXF	OAXE IN	Gagan Agarwal
	Tata Chemicals Ltd	TTCXF	TTCH IN	Prasad Deshmukh
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	Welspun Corp Ltd	XUQRF	WLCO IN	Sanjaya Satapathy
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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 Shareholder

Return On Equity Net Income Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin Operating Profit Sales

 Operating Margin
 Operating Profit
 Sale

 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

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings RatioCurrent Share PriceDiluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)Price / Book ValueCurrent Share PriceShareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Dividend Yield Annualised Declared Cash Dividend Current Share Price

Free Cash Flow Yield Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex Market Cap. = Current Share Price * Current Basic Shares

Enterprise Value / Sales EV = Current Share Price * Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Sales

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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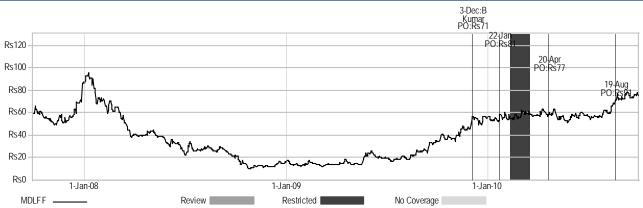
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Buy	93	61.18%	Buy	35	39.77%
Neutral	20	13.16%	Neutral	9	45.00%
Sell	39	25.66%	Sell	7	18.42%
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