

Tata Steel

(RS MILLION)

STOCK INFO. BSE Sensex: 13,802	BLOOMBERG TATA IN	27 Jur	ne 2008									Buy
S&P CNX: 4,137	REUTERS CODE TISC.BO	Previo	us Recomm	endation:	Виу							Rs727
Equity Shares (m)	822.4	YEAR	NET SALES	PAT	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	ROE	ROCE	EV/	EV/
52-Week Range	970/466	END	(RS M)	(RS M)	(RS)	GROWTH (%)	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	SALES	EBITDA
9		3/07A	251,197	42,786	70.2	3.1	10.3	2.9	27.9	31.8	1.7	5.6
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%	b) -1/13/43	3/08A	1,315,359	70,335	85.5	21.8	8.5	1.7	20.5	18.7	0.7	5.2
M.Cap. (Rs b)	597.7	3/09E	1,690,213	104,221	126.7	48.2	5.7	1.4	24.2	20.4	0.6	4.3
M.Cap. (US\$ b)	14.0	3/10E	1,727,860	118,647	144.3	13.8	5.0	1.1	22.4	20.2	0.5	3.7

- Tata Steel consolidated 4QFY08 adjusted PAT increased 107% YoY to Rs21.8b v/s estimate of Rs20.8b. Reported PAT of Rs12.7b includes extra-ordinary expenses totaling Rs11.4b. US\$100m of provisions towards pension fund on account of increase in mortality age and US\$100m towards derivative losses. EBITDA (adjusted for EO items) increased 33% QoQ to Rs52.3b v/s our estimate of Rs45.3b and margins expanded 210bp to 14.5%.
- Net sales increased 15.2% YoY to Rs57.4b driven by saleable steel realization growth of 11.4% YoY to Rs39,157/ton. EBITDA increased 26.2% YoY to Rs24b in-line with our estimate.
- The earnings outlook for Indian operations has improved further after removal of export duty on flat rolled products and recent statement by the Steel minister that government will not intervene if steel price hikes are justified by cost increases. We expect Corus to deliver EBITDA of US\$2.4b during FY09 despite cost increase of Euro230/ton and under recovery of costs on annual contracts due to strong prevailing spot prices of steel products and performance improvement of US\$600m. EPS will grow 48% YoY to Rs127 in FY09. Stock trades at P/E of 5.7x FY09E and EV/

EBITDA of 4.3x FY09E. We re-iterate **Buy.** QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

Y/E MARCH		FY0	7			FYO	8		FY07	FY08
Standalone Financials	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q		
Sales (000 tons)	1,115	1,184	1,234	1,261	1,041	1,218	1,244	1,279	4,794	4,782
Change (YoY %)	27.4	0.4	11.5	0.4	-6.6	2.9	0.7	1.5	8.5	-0.3
Realization (Rs per ton)	31,133	31,656	32,236	35,135	36,665	35,280	35,201	39,157	32,599	36,598
Change (YoY %)	-10.1	6.0	8.5	21.8	17.8	11.4	9.2	11.4	6.9	12.3
Net Sales	39,159	41,858	44,700	49,804	41,976	47,851	49,739	57,367	175,520	196,933
Change (YoY %)	13.0	8.3	21.4	20.6	7.2	14.3	11.3	15.2	15.9	12.2
EBITDA	15,813	17,048	17,836	19,035	16,992	20,254	20,966	24,023	69,733	82,235
Change (YoY %)	-0.4	3.2	28.2	46.3	7.5	18.8	17.5	26.2	17.6	17.9
(% of Net Sales)	40.4	40.7	39.9	38.2	40.5	42.3	42.2	41.9	39.7	41.8
EBITDA(Rs/tss)	12,790	13,159	13,322	13,901	15,110	15,138	14,941	16,323	13,387	15,481
Interest	293	478	520	448	800	2,022	3,627	2,339	1,739	8,787
Depreciation	1,951	1,957	1,991	2,294	2,112	2,050	2,092	2,092	8,193	8,346
Other Income	779	1,772	987	798	1,461	943	670	275	4,337	3,350
PBT (before EO Inc.)	14,348	16,386	16,313	17,091	15,541	17,126	15,918	19,868	64,138	68,452
EO Income(exp)	-184	-443	-493	-401	3,484	340	-171	-1,442	-1,521	2,211
PBT (after EO Inc.)	14,164	15,943	15,820	16,690	19,025	17,466	15,747	18,426	62,617	70,664
Total Tax	4,630	4,928	5,183	5,655	6,804	5,558	5,061	6,371	20,395	23,793
% Tax	32.7	30.9	32.8	33.9	35.8	31.8	32.1	34.6	32.6	33.7
Reported PAT	9,534	11,015	10,638	11,035	12,221	11,908	10,686	12,055	42,222	46,870
Adjusted PAT	9,658	11,321	10,969	11,300	9,983	11,676	10,802	12,999	43,247	45,404
Change (YoY %)	2.3	6.3	41.9	48.6	3.4	3.1	-1.5	15.0	22.1	5.0
Consolidated Financials	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		
Net Sales	57,641	60,083	59,712	74,697	311,546	324,249	318,985	360,579	251,197	1,315,359
EBITDA	17,414	18,504	18,905	19,679	49,043	47,227	39,428	52,313	74,502	188,011
Adjusted PAT	10,128	11,233	10,889	10,533	20,227	15,220	13,112	21,776	42,782	70,335

E: MOSt Estimates: tss=ton of steel sales; Exchange rate assumed GBP=1.98 USD, USD=40.4 INR;

SUBSIDIARIES PERFORMANCE

	TA	ATA STANDAI	ONE		CORUS		N/	ATSTEEL AS	SIA	TI	HAILAND	
-	FY07	FY08	%	FY07	FY08	%	FY07	FY08	%	FY07	FY08	%
Turnover (US\$m)	4,494	5,005	11	20,919	23,935	14	1,100	1,915	74	646	1,020	58
Volumes (m tons)	4.8	4.8	0	21.6	23.1	7	2.2	2.5	13	1.1	1.4	28
Realizations (US\$/ton)	938	1,047	12	971	1,037	7	498	769	55	577	713	24
EBITDA (US\$m)	1,851	2,139	16	1,553	2,190	41	49	57	16	72	126	75
EBITDA (%)	41.2	42.7	1.5	7.4	9.1	1.7	4.5	3.0	(1.5)	11.1	12.4	1.2

Source: Company

Consolidated FY08 PAT increased 64%

Tata Steel consolidated FY08 revenues increased 5x YoY post Corus acquisition, achieving deliveries of ~32m ton during the year. Adjusted PAT increased 64.4% YoY to Rs70.3b v/s estimate of Rs~68b. Reported PAT of Rs123b includes extra-ordinary income of Rs53.2b. EBITDA increased 18% YoY to Rs188b, while margins declined from 29.7% to 14.3% due to consolidation of low margin business of Corus, which is not strictly comparable.

Standalone FY08 results: In line; earning outlook positive

Net sales increased 12% YoY to Rs197b driven by blended realization growth of 12.3% YoY to Rs36,598/ton despite marginally lower volumes of 4.782m tons. Record saleable production of 1.54 m ton at its Cold Rolling Mill and 3.27m ton at its Hot strip mill improved the product mix.

EBITDA increased 18% YoY to Rs 82b, while margins improved 210bp YoY on account of higher prices. EBITDA per ton posted impressive growth of 16% YoY to Rs15,481/ton due to higher realization and better operational efficiencies on account of lower specific energy consumption of 6.66 Gcal/ton (v/s 6.72 in FY07) and power consumption of 388 kwh/ton (v/s 400 in FY07). During the year, 270 projects were implemented which resulted in savings of US\$49.75m. Reported PAT of Rs46.9b included extra-ordinary income of Rs2.2b. Adjusted PAT increased 5% YoY to Rs45b dragged by higher interest costs on account of Corus acquisition.

The standalone operations will have a volume growth of 22% in FY09 to 5.9m ton due to commissioning of new blast furnace. The outlook for steel prices has improved in

domestic market after removal of export duty on flat rolled products and recent statement by the steel minister that government will not intervene if steel price hikes are justified by cost increases. Non-integrated players like Ispat Industries are exposed to steep cost increases, which will justify higher price increases in domestic markets and drive the margins of Tata Steel's Indian operations on account of upstream integration into mining of raw materials.

Corus FY08 results; US\$600m performance improvements in FY09

Net sales increased 14.4% YoY to ~US\$24b driven by volume growth of 7.1% to 23.1mtons and blended realization growth of 7% YoY to US\$1,037/ton due to strong pricing environment.

EBITDA increased 41% YoY to US\$2.2b, while margins improved 200bp YoY on account of higher prices and operational efficiencies. EBITDA per ton posted impressive growth of 32% YoY to US\$95/ton.Performance improvement initiatives contributed US\$576m in FY08 up from US\$376m in FY07 which is further expected to increase above US\$600m in FY09.

The initiatives for FY09 include debottlenecking at Ijmuiden and Port Talbot improving their capacities by 0.5m ton each. Restructuring at the Scunthorpe long product plant will increase the capacity further from 4.2m ton to 4.5m ton. We expect Corus to deliver EBITDA of US\$2.4b during FY09 despite cost increase of Euro230/ton and under recovery of costs on annual contracts due to strong prevailing prices of steel products and performance improvement.

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Thailand FY08 results shine on higher realizations

Net sales increased 58% YoY to ~US\$1b driven by volume growth of 27% to 1.43m ton and blended realization growth of 23.8% YoY to US\$713/ton due to strong pricing environment and launch of new products altering its product mix. Reduction in project sales contract tenure from 18 months to 12 months to capture higher price realizations further boosted revenues.

EBITDA increased 75% YoY to US\$126m, while margins improved 100bp YoY on account of higher realizations. EBITDA per ton posted impressive growth of 37.5% YoY to US\$88/ton. Increasing hot charging from 66% to 80% helped improve productivity, contributing significantly to the margins.

NatSteel FY08 results disappoint

Net sales increased 74% YoY to ~US\$1.9b driven by volume growth of 13% to 2.49m tons and blended realization growth of 54% YoY to US\$769/ton. EBITDA increased 16% YoY to US\$57m while margins declined 100bp to 3% due to increased cost pressures.

Raw material security

Ownership of raw materials continues to be the prime focus of the group with the company owning raw material assets —coal, iron ore and limestone mines through joint ventures or completely, across geographies in countries such as Australia, Oman and Mozambique. The various initiatives taken for backward integration and the progress on the projects is discussed below.

2010: Tata Steel has a 35% stake in JV with Riversdale Mining Ltd. in 25,000 hectares Benga and Tete Tenement in Moatize region. The inferred coal resource is ~1.94b ton in Benga Tenement and the company has an off-take agreement for 40% of coking coal on commercial terms. Production at the mines is expected to commence from 2010.

- 75% stake in 750m ton iron ore reserves at Mt. Nimba: The company has a 75% stake in JV with State owned company Sodemi for exploring & developing Mt Nimba iron ore mine. The estimated reserve is > 750m ton of Itabirite Iron ore. Issue of exploration license to SODEMI is being considered by the Ministry. The project envisages exploration & mine development at Nimba.
- Z50m ton of limestone reserves at Al-bahja group: Tata Steel entered into 70:30 JV with Al Bahja Group by participating in its existing mining company, Al RimalMining LLC. The scope of the JV is mining of metallurgical grade limestone from Uyun mine in Salalah, in Southern Oman. The estimated resource is greater than ~250m tons.

2.9mtpa expansion at Jamshedpur on schedule; equipments ordered

The Jamshedpur project envisages a capacity increase of 2.34mtpa of HRC and 0.5mtpa of Slab. The project includes upgradation of the existing blast furnaces and setting up of a pelletization Plant of 6mtpa capacity. Contracts for all major equipments have already been signed. The 1st strand will commence in October 2010. The project is on schedule.

6 mtpa greenfield project at Orissa; SMS, blast furnace ordered

The 6mtpa integrated steel making project in Orissa is to be completed in two phases of 3mtpa each. Orders for Steel Melting Shop, Blast Furnace, Sinter Plant and Coke Plant have already been placed. Structural drawings for over 22,000t have been released for fabrication. Orders for Hot Strip Mill, Raw Material Handling System, Water System, Oxygen Plant (on BOO basis) are in advanced stages of negotiation. Mines plan, Rapid EIA, Forest Dereservation proposal, pre-feasibility study, topography survey of proposed lease have been completed.

Thailand -0.5 mtpa Mini Blast Furnace

Tata Steel Thailand is undertaking a 0.5mtpa mini blast furnace project which is expected to be complete by September 2009. Contract for machinery supply and contractor employment have already been signed. The project is entitled to tax incentives from Board of Investments, Thailand.

Valuations attractive

We expect Corus to deliver EBITDA of US\$2.4b during FY09 despite cost increase of Euro230/ton and under recovery of costs on annual contracts due to strong prevailing spot prices of steel products and performance improvement of US\$600m. The outlook for Indian

operations has improved further after removal of export duty on flat rolled products and recent statement by the Steel minister that government will not intervene if steel price hikes are justified by cost increases. Non-integrated players like Ispat Industries are exposed to steep cost increases, which will justify higher price increases in domestic markets and drive the margins of Tata Steel's Indian operations on account of upstream integration into mining of raw materials.

We expect EPS to grow 48% YoY to Rs127 in FY09. Stock trades at P/E of 5.7x FY09E and EV/EBITDA of 4.3x FY09E. We maintain our positive outlook on the stock and reiterate **Buy**.

STOCK PERFORMANCE OF 25% CAGR OVER SIX YEARS - A CONSERVATIVE EXPECTATION

	UNIT	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	CAGR %
									FY08-13
Indian Steel Operations									
EBITDA	US\$m	1,726	2,036	2,864	3,048	3,153	5,100	5,525	18.1
	m tons	4.8	4.8	5.9	6.8	7.3	12.0	13.0	18.1
	US\$/ton	360	426	485	448	430	425	425	
Target multiple	х	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	
Target EV	US\$m	12,082	14,249	18,617	19,815	20,495	33,150	35,913	
Corus									
EBITDA	US\$m		2,163	2,365	2,412	2,461	2,510	2,560	2.8
	m tons		20.6	21.5	21.9	22.4	22.8	23.3	
	US\$/ton		105	110	110	110	110	110	
Target multiple	Х		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Target EV	US\$m		10,815	11,825	12,062	12,303	12,549	12,800	
FAMD & Others									
EBITDA	US\$m	138	203	203	203	234	269	309	7.2
Target multiple	x	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
Target EV	US\$m	963	1,422	1,422	1,421	1,635	1,880	2,162	
Combined Entity									
EV	US\$m	13,045	26,486	31,864	33,298	34,433	47,579	50,874	11.5
Net Debt	US\$m		9252	8248	6300	5300	4300	3300	
Residual Mkt Cap.	US\$m	13,045	17,233	23,616	26,998	29,133	43,279	47,574	
No. of Shares	m			822	822	822	822	822	
Target Price	US\$			29	33	35	53	58	
Target Price	INR			1,160	1,326	1,431	2,126	2,337	25
CMP	INR			726.8	726.8	726.8	726.8	726.8	
Upside (w.r.t. CMP)	%			60	82	97	193	222	

Source: Company/Motilal Oswal Securities

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Tata Steel: an investment profile

Company description

Tata Steel (TATA), lowest cost producer, after acquisition of Corus (which is several times its size) has become the sixth largest steel maker globally. The combined entity (Tata-Corus) currently has its business spread over Europe (37%), UK (22%), Asia (24%), North America (8%) and Rest of the World (9%). Tata-Corus (26mtpa) now has 17% raw material security and plans to increase it to 50-60%. The production will increase to 34mtpa through brown-field expansions at Jamshedpur and green-field projects in Orissa.

Key investment arguments

- Tata Steel is leveraging the low cost advantage in India to feed the finishing mills of its global subsidiaries. The brown-field expansion at Jamshedpur to raise capacity to 10mtpa by 2010 and the green-field project in Orissa will raise total capacity from 5mtpa currently to 13mtpa by 2010 in India.
- Tata Steel is focusing to expand the thin margins of Corus through reworking of product pricing, procurement policies, asset sweating and further improvement in operating efficiencies. Corus now has a focused promoter.

COMPARATIVE VALUATIONS

		TATA STEEL	SAIL	JSW STEEL
P/E (x)	FY08A	8.5	7.8	11.6
	FY09E	5.7	7.2	9.7
P/BV (x)	FY08A	1.7	2.9	2.4
	FY09E	1.4	2.2	1.9
EV/Sales (x)	FY08A	0.7	1.4	2.0
	FY09E	0.6	1.1	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	FY08A	5.2	4.3	7.2
	FY09E	4.3	3.9	5.9

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	MAR-08	DEC-07	MAR-07
Promoter	34.0	33.8	30.5
Domestic Inst	21.8	20.0	21.8
Foreign	19.5	20.6	17.4
Others	24.8	25.7	30.2

Key investment risks

Earnings of Tata Steel now have high leverage to steel prices while Corus remains exposed to raw material price risk.

Recent developments

Plans to form an international company for consolidating its raw material assets that are spread across the world which could eventually be used to raise funds for future acquisitions.

Valuation and view

The stock trades at attractive valuations of 4.3x FY09E EV/EBITDA, 5.7x FY09E P/E.

Sector view

Strongly growing global demand for steel, rising industry consolidation (ex-China) leading to greater production discipline, declining exports of steel from China due to rising costs of metallic's and trade friction with the Western world and shortage of metallic' is keeping steel prices high. We prefer companies that will deliver stronger volume growth, reduce operating costs and have the security of raw material supply.

EPS: MOST FORECAST VS CONSENSUS (RS)

	MOST	CONSENSUS	VARIATION
	FORECAST	FORECAST	(%)
FY09	126.7	110.1	15.1
FY10	144.3	120.2	20.1

TARGET PRICE AND RECOMMENDATION

CURRENT	*TARGET	UPSIDE	RECO.
PRICE (RS)	PRICE (RS)	(%)	
727	922	27	Buy

^{*} Based on 5x FY09E EV/EBITDA

STOCK PERFORMANCE (1 YEAR)



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COME STATEMENT (CO				S MILLION)	Y/E MARCH	2007	
EMARCH	2007	2008	2009E	2 0 10 E	Basic (Rs)	2007	
t Sales	251,197	1,315,359	1,690,213	1,727,860	EPS	70.2	
Change (%)	24.1	423.6	28.5	2.2	Cash EPS	89.2	
Il Expenses	176,695	1,127,348	1,467,970	1,494,176	BV/Share	252.1	
					DPS	16.3	
ITDA	74,502	188,011	222,243	233,684	Payout (%)	25.8	
6 of Net Sales	29.7	14.3	13.1	13.5	Valuation (x)		
					P/E	10.3	
n. & Amortization	10,110	41,370	44,094	44,297	Cash P/E	8.2	
IT	64,392	146,642	178,149	189,387	P/BV	2.9	
Interest	4,112	41,838	30,739	23,956	EV/Sales	1.7	
er income	4,381	5,742	3,080	4,050	EV/EBITDA	5.6	
					Dividend Yield (%)	2.2	
T before EO	64,660	110,546	150,490	169,481			
ncome	-1,521	53,164	-2,262	-2,262	Return Ratios (%)		
Γafter EO	63,139	163,711	148,228	167,219	EBITDA Margins (%)	29.7	
urrent tax	21,629	27,929	30,855	42,130	Net Profit Margins (%)	17.0	
effered tax	-155	10,447	16,561		RoE	27.9	
	21,474	40,493	47,416	52,001	RoCE	31.8	
ate (%)	34.0	36.6	32.0	31.1	RoIC	42.2	
orted PAT	41,665	123,218	100,812	115,218	Working Capital Ratios		
ority interests	675	1,399	800	800	Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.5	
re of asso. PAT	792	1,682	2,670	2,670	Asset Turnover (x)	1.2	
ibutable PAT	41,782	123,500	102,682	117,088	Debtor (Days)	20.0	
usted PAT	42,786	•		· ·	Inventory (Days) Working Capital Turnover (C	9.6 4.1	
	-	70,335	104,221	118,647	Working Capital Turnover (L	7.1	
Change (%)	13.5	64.4	48.2	13.8	Growth (%)		
ANCE SHEET			(R	S MILLION)	Sales	24.1	
MARCH	2007	2008	2009E	2010E	EBITDA	17.5	
e Capital	5,807	8,224	8,224	8,224	PAT	13.5	
erves	140,584	335,561	422,849	521,342	Leverage Ratio (x)		
Worth	146,390	343,785	431,073	529,566	Current Ratio	1.9	
ority Interest	1,911	3,560	4,360	5,160	Interest Cover Ratio	15.7	
Il Loans	30,899	410,422	394,424	346,428	Debt/Equity	0.0	
erred Tax Liability	23,513	28,423	45,446	55,779	E: M OSt Estimates		
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ital Employed	202,714	786,190	875,302	936,933	CASHFLOW STATEMENT		_
ss Block	172,447	706,970	780,968	854,966	Y/E MARCH Pre-tax Profit	2007 63,139	
: Accum. Deprn.	82,110	123,619	167,713	212,010	Depreciation	10,110	
Fixed Assets	90,337	583,352	613,255	642,956	(Inc)/Dec in Wkg. Cap.	-2,613	
					Tax Paid	-21,629	
ital WIP	28,574	13,574	13,574	13,574	Other operating activities		
stments	40,160	52,239	52,239	52,239	CF from Op. Activity	49,007	
r. Assets	93,959	464,037	590,604	628,699	(Inc)/Dec in FA +CWIP	-20,000	
ntory	24,229	226,688	286,465	290,520	(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-5,371	
ount Receivables	13,768	180,869	225,008	226,225	Others	3,5. 1	
n and Bank Balance	33,391	26,929	41,065	70,644	CF from Inv. Activity	-25,371	
ers	22,571	29,552	38,065	41,309	•		
r. Liability & Prov.	50,316	327,012	394,370	400,534	Equity raised/(repaid)	270	
ount Payables	34,175	245,730	310,322	315,432	Chg in minorities Debt raised/(repaid)	675 -2,875	
visions & Others	16,142	81,281	84,048	85,103	Dividend (incl. tax)	-2,875 -11,043	
Current Assets	43,642	137,025	196,233	228,164	Other financing activities	14,961	
					CF from Fin. Activity	1,988	
I. of Funds	202,714	786,190	875,302	936,933	-		
OSt Estimates					(Inc)/Dec in Cash Add: opening Balance	25,624 7,768	

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