

## **Research Notes**

## Market Outlook

The market is confused of the outcome of election 2009 that begins on April 16 and ends on May 13.

It seems that there are no clear national issues or big expectations.

The best case scenario for the market is the UPA government without the left allies is back in power or the NDA forms a new government. But these outcomes have very low probability.

It seems better to be cautious in these uncertain times and stick on to defensive stocks. Sun Pharmaceuticals, Bharti Airtel, M&M etc appear to be the top choices.

## BHEL – Downgraded from 'Buy' to 'Hold' –TP unchanged at Rs.1600

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd has been downgraded from **buy** to **hold** while the target price is maintained at Rs.1600.

It appears that the order growth is lower than expected because of the delay in the 12th plan ordering and tight credit market.

A revival in the order growth is expected by FY11.

Growth rate for FY10 is maintained at around 26.7%.

At the current price, the stock is quoted at 24.4P/E of FY09 expected earnings and 16.9 P/E of FY10 earnings.

## Sector watch -Telecom growth in top gear

Subscriber additions at a new high in March 09.

GSM subscriber additions at a record high of 10.8 million in March 09.

Vodafone overtakes Bharti in net additions while Idea maintained net additions.

The new player Aircel launched its operations in four new circles and has crossed 1 million net additions.

Focus has been shifted to revenue market share and this appears to be a big positive.

Buy calls have been maintained on Bharti and Idea. Reliance Communication and MTNL are looking comparatively weaker and it seems better to pare exposure in these stocks.

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