

27 September 2010

Maruti Suzuki India

Hold

Target price
Rs1353.00 (from Rs1230.00)

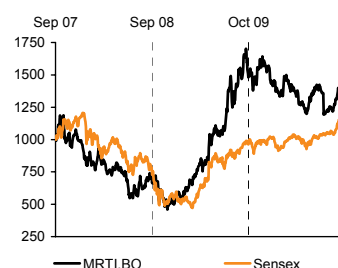
Price
Rs1481.75

Short term (0-60 days)
n/a

Market view
Underweight

Price performance

	(1M)	(3M)	(12M)
Price (Rs)	1233	1387	1635
Absolute (%)	20.2	6.8	-9.4
Rel market (%)	9.8	-5.5	-24.1
Rel sector (%)	10.8	-4.2	-13.3



Market capitalisation
Rs428.23bn (US\$9.40bn)

Average (12M) daily turnover
Rs1131.05m (US\$24.67m)

Sector: BBG AP Autos
RIC: MRTI.BO, MSIL IN
Priced Rs1481.75 at close 24 Sep 2010.
Source: Bloomberg

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Volumes impress, profits may not

Maruti's medium-term capacity build-up and import reduction plans will likely be marred by short-term pain from emission upgrade costs and currency till the Dec quarter. We expect the stock to perform in line with the market until then and improve once competition peaks in Jan 2011. Hold, with downside risk.

Key forecasts

	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Revenue (Rsm)	207,389	296,230	351,811	409,086	469,201
EBITDA (Rsm)	19,026	39,677	37,802	46,840	55,366
Reported net profit (Rsm)	12,187	24,976	23,737	28,145	33,341
Normalised net profit (Rsm) ¹	13,952	25,108	23,737	28,145	33,341
Normalised EPS (Rs)	48.30	86.90	82.10	97.40	115.4
Dividend per share (Rs)	3.50	6.00	6.00	8.25	9.25
Dividend yield (%)	0.24	0.40	0.40	0.56	0.62
Normalised PE (x)	30.70	17.10	18.00	15.20	12.80
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.40	9.26	10.00	7.96	6.40
Price/book value (x)	4.58	3.62	3.06	2.59	2.19
ROIC (%)	18.40	38.00	31.60	23.90	23.30

1. Post-goodwill amortisation and pre-exceptional items
Accounting standard: Local GAAP
Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

year to Mar, fully diluted

Volume and market share impress but profitability to remain subdued until December

Maruti's ability to overcome capacity constraints and marginally improve sales volumes in July-August surprised us. The strategy to hold onto market share despite its competitors' aggressive rollout since April will be at the cost of profitability. The September quarter will benefit from the recent price hike and marginal scale benefits, but will be impacted by higher material and engine upgrade costs and currency impact on exports/imports. We believe concerns over profitability and competition will peak around January 2011 given yen currency impact (30% of sales) and new launches from Toyota, GM and Hyundai.

Management has ambitious medium-term plans to fight competition

Maruti has announced an aggressive capex plan and expects to enhance capacity by 18% in early FY13 to meet rising car demand. This new capex together with existing projects will likely result in capacity rising to 1.75m by June 2012 from 1.26m currently. The capacity expansion will be accompanied by new product launches like *R3*, *Kizashi* and *Swift* upgrades aimed at servicing new segments. Further, Maruti plans to reduce dependence on imports by trimming imports at the vendor level to 9%, from 14% currently, over next three to four years.

Weak short term but bright medium term; Hold maintained

Maruti's share price rose 20% in September, sharply outperforming the Sensex, on the announced capex plan and marginal currency relief. However, we expect the short-term pain to persist until January 2011 given: 1) higher royalty rates on recent product launches, 2) higher yen-denominated import costs; and 3) the fact that the recent 1% rise in vehicle prices is yet to nullify the increase in steel prices. We expect competition to peak around early January 2011 on the back of new launches from Toyota, GM (diesel car) and Hyundai (*Santro* 800cc). We maintain our FY11-12F EPS and introduce our FY13 forecasts with improved visibility on capacity. On rolling forward our DCF-based valuation, our target price rises to Rs1,353, at which the stock would trade at 16.5x FY11F and 13.9x FY12F.

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Market share impresses, but profits may not

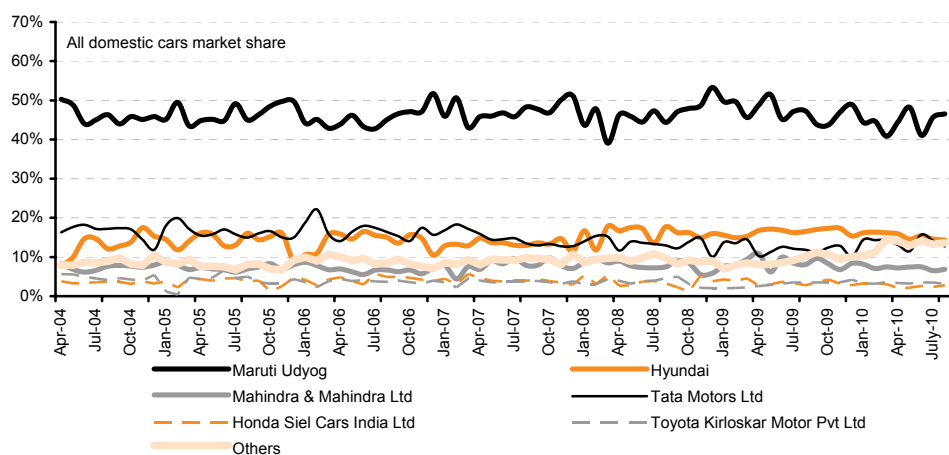
Maruti has been able to overcome its capacity constraints and sustain market share in recent months despite competition, as per its strategy. We expect this strategy to pay off in the medium term but continue to dampen profitability in the short term. Hold maintained.

Impressive volume and market share performance

With a refurbished product portfolio fitted with K-series and CNG engines, Maruti has recorded mom volume growth to reach a new peak in August on the back of strong demand pull. This comes as a surprise, given the capacity constraint of 100,000 units per month.

The company's market share was hit due to new compact car model launches in January-June 2010, but eventually its market share bounced back marginally from a low in June 2010.

Chart 1 : Market share trend in passenger vehicles (cars and UVs)



Source: SIAM

Can competition get desperate with response fading out for their new products?

The initial euphoria on new model launches in the compact car segment – such as Ford's *Figo*, GM's *Beat*, Nissa's *Micra* and VW's *Polo* – seems to be fading, especially since all models except the *Polo* are available off the shelf (ie. there is no waiting list). However, Maruti's *Swift*, *Dzire* and *Eeco* continue to enjoy waiting lists. This scenario may force newcomers to take desperate measures and offer price cuts to fill capacity in the coming quarters, which could hurt Maruti's (industry leader) profits.

We expect competition to peak around January 2011, once competition comes out with new launches, such as Toyota's *Etios*, Hyundai's *Santro 800cc*, GM's *Beat* (diesel variant) and Honda's small car. This, we believe, will impact Maruti's market share and in turn, pricing power.

Table 1 : Breakdown of Maruti's domestic sales volumes

Model	Aug 2010	Yoy growth (%)	Apr-Aug 2010	Yoy growth (%)
800	1,919	-29.8	10,505	-16.9
A-Star	2,592	13	14,680	8
Alto	28,430	30.2	120,569	24.3
Wagon R	12,976	13.0	58,460	-1.0
Estilo	3,838	41.6	23,175	132.7
Swift	11,508	28.9	57,800	38.3
Ritz	6,609	27	25,861	-1
Dzire	8,431	28.8	41,795	32.4
SX4	2,048	60.8	7,994	50.6
Omni	7,855	19.0	36,566	1.3
Eeco	6,302	na	24,729	-
Gypsy	161	-47.7	3,500	86.3
Vitara	5	-79.2	41	-18.0
Total domestic	92,674	32.5	425,675	27.1

Source: CRISIL

Table 2 : Monthly sales volumes of recently launched cars

Model	Aug 2010	Apr-Aug 2010
Ford Figo	6382	31,714
VW Polo	3,211	9,131
GM Beat	2,461	13,696
Nissan Micra	1,182	2,110

Source: CRISIL

Profitability may remain subdued until the December quarter

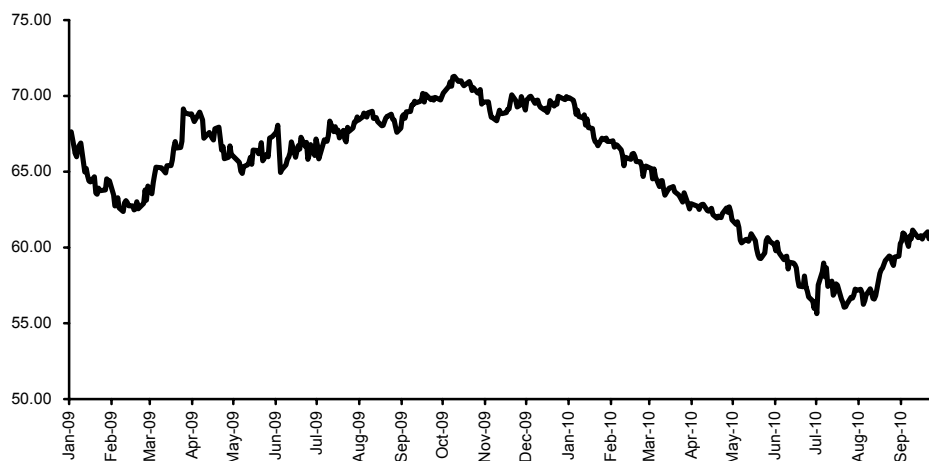
Maruti's sales volumes have improved marginally in the last two months, better than we had expected, resulting in a qoq scale benefit along with pricing action. However, we believe profitability will remain under pressure until the December 2010 quarter given the downside from: higher steel costs; K10 engine costs (for its largest volume product *Alto*); higher royalties for *Alto K10*; and a weak yen impacting imports (28% of net sales).

Maruti's strategy of expanding into new geographies has helped reduce its dependency on European exports (from 80% of export volume at the start of April 2010 to 67% currently). This, coupled with marginal strengthening of the euro from recent lows, should serve Maruti well given the weak demand in Europe's compact car industry.

However, we expect both direct and vendor yen imports to be impacted by December quarter fluctuations in the yen, which, despite recent relief from a peak of 0.56, remains on average 6% higher than in the June quarter. From the March 2011 quarter onwards, we expect EBITDA margins to bounce back to 11.5%, from 10.4% currently, as competition eases.

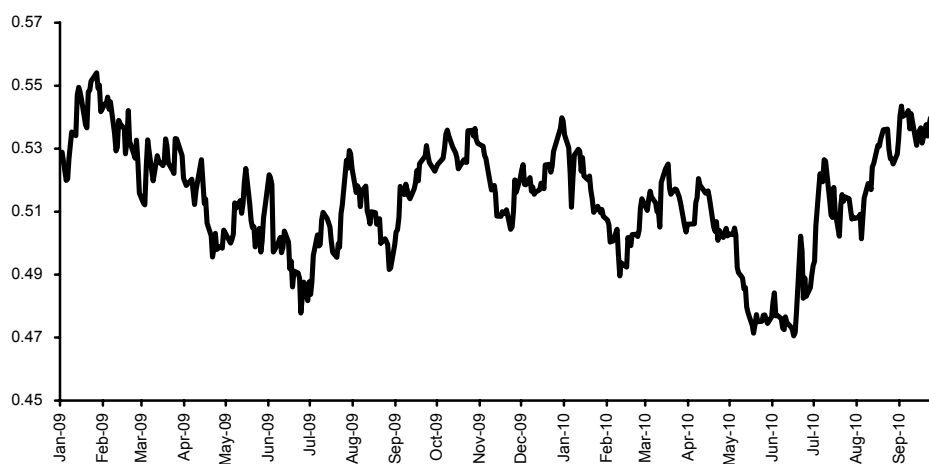
Marginal relief in euro exports and yen imports from their recent worst. The pain will likely continue until the Dec quarter

Chart 2 : Currency – EUR to INR



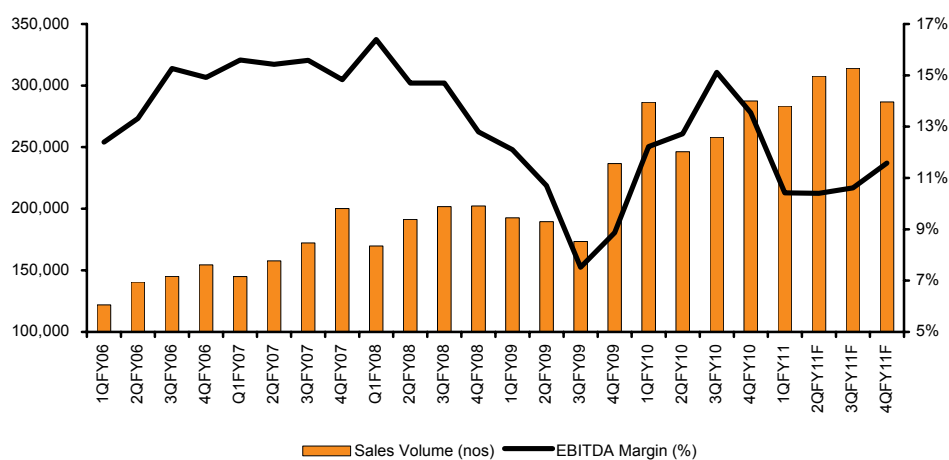
Source: Bloomberg

Chart 3 : Currency – JPY to INR



Source: Bloomberg

Chart 4 : Quarterly EBITDA margin trend



Source: Company data, RBS

Ambitious medium-term plans on capacity, localisation and market share

The Maruti management is ambitious on capacity, localisation and market share for the medium term.

It plans to add an additional assembly line in Manesar by 1QFY13 and increase its total capacity to 1.76m vs 1.26m currently. The capacity expansion from 1.26m to 1.51m is expected to be completed by September 2011.

Management is aiming to reduce the amount of components it imports at the vendor level to 9% of net sales by FY14, from 14% currently. It plans to achieve this by reducing imports at key vendors such as Motherson Sumi and Denso.

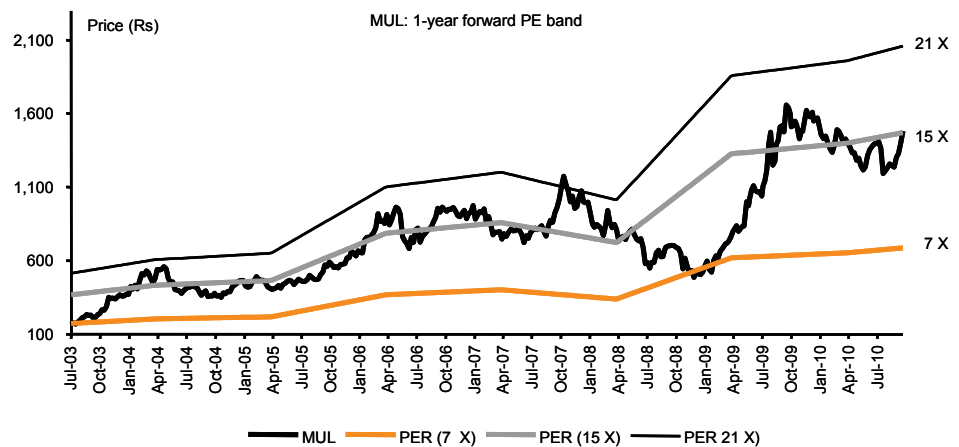
Management wants to push its market share back above 50% in the medium term with the launch of new models such as *R3*, *Kizashi* and the new *Swift*, supported by additional capacity coming on stream in FY13.

Short-term under pressure; turnaround expected in the January quarter. Hold reiterated

Maruti posted an impressive 20% return in one month on the back of aggressive capacity expansion plans and currency (yen) improvement. The marginal surprise in volumes and market share maintenance is as per management strategy but comes at the cost of profitability. For FY11, we estimate an aggressive 17% growth in Maruti's sales volume, which we believe will ease to 14% growth in FY12 owing to a higher base effect and rising interest rates (100bp from April 2010 to now, further 75bp expected by March 2011). We expect this to result in demand cooling from March 2011. We introduce our FY13 sales volume growth forecast of 13% leading to EPS growth of 18.5%.

We expect a short-term impact on Maruti's profits caused by the cost of emission upgrade of cars, rising royalty on new cars, and weak pricing power due to rising competition in the compact car segment. These factors will nullify the marginal relief in currency from their worst in August 2010 levels. We reiterate our Hold rating on the stock with a revised target price of Rs1,353/share. The revision in target price is caused by a rollover of our DCF model to incorporate the numbers from the recently released FY10 annual report. At our target price, the stock would trade at 16.5x FY11F EPS and 13.9x FY12F with 5.9% EPS CAGR over FY10-12F.

Chart 5 : Forward PE band



Source: Bloomberg, RBS estimates

Volume and operating assumptions

Table 3 : Volume and operating matrix assumptions

	FY09	FY10	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Domestic sales volume	722,144	870,790	1,046,587	1,193,409	1,349,002
Growth (%)	1.4%	20.6%	20.2%	14.0%	13.0%
Export sales volume	70,023	147,575	145,000	165,000	186,000
Growth (%)	32.1%	110.8%	-1.7%	13.8%	12.7%
Total sales volume	792,167	1,018,365	1,191,587	1,358,409	1,535,002
Growth (%)	3.6%	28.6%	17.0%	14.0%	13.0%
Gross sales realisation	296,223	318,863	328,514	332,128	667,910
Growth (%)	5.9%	7.6%	3.0%	1.1%	101.1%
Net sales realisation per vehicle	261,800	290,888	295,246	301,151	305,668
Growth (%)	9.4%	11.1%	1.5%	2.0%	1.5%
Contribution per vehicle	56,477	70,505	68,574	71,072	72,749
Growth (%)	-6.9%	24.8%	-2.7%	3.6%	2.4%
EBITDA per vehicle	24,017	38,962	31,724	34,482	36,069
Growth (%)	-31.1%	62.2%	-18.6%	8.7%	4.6%
EBITDA margin (%)	9.2%	13.4%	10.7%	11.5%	11.8%

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

Income statement

Rsm	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Revenue	207389	296230	351811	409086	469201
Cost of sales	-162650	-224430	-270100	-312542	-357531
Operating costs	-25713	-32123	-43910	-49704	-56304
EBITDA	19026	39677	37802	46840	55366
DDA & Impairment (ex gw)	-7065	-8250	-9561	-13250	-15858
EBITA	11960	31427	28241	33591	39508
Goodwill (amort/impaird)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
EBIT	11960	31427	28241	33591	39508
Net interest	6563	4630	5428	6050	6800
Associates (pre-tax)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Forex gain / (loss)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Exceptionals (pre-tax)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other pre-tax items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reported PTP	18523	36057	33669	39641	46308
Taxation	-4571	-10949	-9932	-11496	-12966
Minority interests	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Exceptionals (post-tax)	-1765	-132.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other post-tax items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reported net profit	12187	24976	23737	28145	33341
Normalised Items Excl. GW	-1765	-132.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normalised net profit	13952	25108	23737	28145	33341

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

year to Mar

Balance sheet

Rsm	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Cash & market secs (1)	47297	68912	55635	60953	79405
Other current assets	35521	36742	56835	65869	75563
Tangible fixed assets	49321	54123	74562	101312	110454
Intang assets (incl gw)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oth non-curr assets	3826	3836	5037	6037	7037
Total assets	135965	163613	192069	234172	272458
Short term debt (2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Trade & oth current liab	30169	29394	36316	55358	63421
Long term debt (3)	6989	8214	6949	5449	5449
Oth non-current liab	5358	7654	8738	7935	7935
Total liabilities	42516	45262	52003	68742	76804
Total equity (incl min)	93449	118351	140066	165430	195654
Total liab & sh equity	135965	163613	192069	234172	272458
Net debt	-40308	-60698	-48686	-55504	-73956

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

year ended Mar

Cash flow statement

Rsm	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
EBITDA	19026	39677	37802	46840	55366
Change in working capital	15790	-4479	-7744	-5268	-1482
Net interest (pd) / rec	6563	4630	5428	6050	6800
Taxes paid	-4689	-11230	-9764	-11099	-12966
Other oper cash items	-19618	4828	-4511	14076	-148.7
Cash flow from ops (1)	17072	33426	21211	50599	47569
Capex (2)	-16058	-13052	-30000	-40000	-25000
Disposals/(acquisitions)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other investing cash flow	-675.0	-10.0	-1201	-1000	-1000
Cash flow from invest (3)	-16733	-13062	-31201	-41000	-26000
Incr / (decr) in equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Incr / (decr) in debt	-2013	1225	-1265	-1500	0.00
Ordinary dividend paid	-1182	-2021	-2022	-2780	-3118
Preferred dividends (4)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other financing cash flow	-1743	2047	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash flow from fin (5)	-4938	1251	-3287	-4280	-3118
Forex & disc ops (6)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inc/(decr) cash (1+3+5+6)	-4599	21615	-13277	5319	18451
Equity FCF (1+2+4)	1013	20374	-8789	10599	22569

Lines in bold can be derived from the immediately preceding lines.

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

year to Mar

Standard ratios	Maruti Suzuki					Mahindra & Mahindra			Tata Motors		
Performance	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
Sales growth (%)	13.3	42.8	18.8	16.3	14.7	19.3	13.1	11.3	32.0	14.2	8.98
EBITDA growth (%)	-28.6	108.5	-4.73	23.9	18.2	5.89	12.7	7.67	13.9	14.5	8.60
EBIT growth (%)	-43.0	162.8	-10.1	18.9	17.6	4.54	11.8	6.88	6.02	16.4	7.83
Normalised EPS growth (%)	-15.6	80.0	-5.46	18.6	18.5	14.8	12.8	8.31	10.7	19.6	87.1
EBITDA margin (%)	9.17	13.4	10.7	11.4	11.8	14.6	14.5	14.1	10.4	10.4	10.3
EBIT margin (%)	5.77	10.6	8.03	8.21	8.42	12.6	12.5	12.0	6.98	7.11	7.04
Net profit margin (%)	6.73	8.48	6.75	6.88	7.11	10.6	10.6	10.3	3.60	3.77	6.47
Return on avg assets (%)	7.42	14.7	11.3	11.3	11.4	12.9	12.0	11.5	4.89	5.36	6.26
Return on avg equity (%)	15.7	23.7	18.4	18.4	18.5	25.7	23.3	21.5	10.5	10.9	18.8
ROIC (%)	18.4	38.0	31.6	23.9	23.3	23.0	20.0	17.8	7.01	7.40	7.51
ROIC - WACC (%)	5.18	24.8	18.4	10.7	10.1	10.9	7.85	5.64	-3.29	-2.91	-2.79
	year to Mar					year to Mar			year to Mar		
Valuation	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
EV/sales (x)	1.87	1.24	1.08	0.91	0.76	1.68	1.48	1.28	1.64	1.42	1.32
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.4	9.26	10.0	7.96	6.40	11.5	10.2	9.12	15.8	13.7	12.8
EV/EBITDA @ tgt price (x)	18.4	8.33	9.06	7.16	5.73	12.1	10.7	9.55	15.6	13.6	12.7
EV/EBIT (x)	32.4	11.7	13.4	11.1	8.97	13.3	11.8	10.7	23.4	20.0	18.8
EV/invested capital (x)	7.09	6.23	4.08	3.33	2.87	3.55	2.94	2.62	2.22	2.08	2.01
Price/book value (x)	4.58	3.62	3.06	2.59	2.19	3.90	3.31	2.84	3.83	3.35	3.26
Equity FCF yield (%)	0.24	4.76	-2.05	2.48	5.27	3.21	5.24	7.25	0.42	2.47	3.33
Normalised PE (x)	30.7	17.1	18.0	15.2	12.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	39.3	32.9	17.6
Norm PE @tgt price (x)	28.0	15.6	16.5	13.9	11.7	18.1	16.1	14.8	38.8	32.4	17.3
Dividend yield (%)	0.24	0.40	0.40	0.56	0.62	1.45	1.63	1.81	1.40	1.86	2.14
	year to Mar					year to Mar			year to Mar		
Per share data	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F	Solvency					FY09A FY10A FY11F FY12F FY13F
Tot adj dil sh, ave (m)	289.0	289.0	289.0	289.0	289.0	Net debt to equity (%)	-43.1	-51.3	-34.8	-33.6	-37.8
Reported EPS (INR)	42.2	86.4	82.1	97.4	115.4	Net debt to tot ass (%)	-29.6	-37.1	-25.3	-23.7	-27.1
Normalised EPS (INR)	48.3	86.9	82.1	97.4	115.4	Net debt to EBITDA	-2.12	-1.53	-1.29	-1.18	-1.34
Dividend per share (INR)	3.50	6.00	6.00	8.25	9.25	Current ratio (x)	2.75	3.59	3.10	2.29	2.44
Equity FCF per share (INR)	3.51	70.5	-30.4	36.7	78.1	Operating CF int cov (x)	-2.32	-8.64	-4.71	-9.20	-7.90
Book value per sh (INR)	323.4	409.5	484.7	572.4	677.0	Dividend cover (x)	11.8	12.4	11.7	10.1	10.7
	year to Mar						year to Mar				

Priced as follows: MRTI.BO - Rs1481.75; MAHM.BO - Rs690.95; TAMO.BO - Rs1072.90
Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

Valuation methodology

Economic Profit Valuation			Rs m	%	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation			Rs m	%
Adjusted Opening Invested Capital			80038.8	24	Value of Phase 1: Explicit (2011 to 2013)			16428.0	5
NPV of Economic Profit During Explicit Period			32755.0	10	Value of Phase 2: Value Driver (2014 to 2024)			111914.1	34
NPV of Econ Profit of Remaining Business (1, 2)			60954.9	18	Value of Phase 3: Fade (2025 to 2035)			114766.0	35
NPV of Econ Profit of Net Inv (Grth Business) (1, 3)			156576.5	47	Terminal Value			87187.0	26
Enterprise Value			330325.3	100	Enterprise Value			330295.1	100
Plus: Other Assets			0.0	0	FCF Grth Rate at end of Phs 1 implied by DCF Valuation				8
Less: Minorities			0.0	0	FCF Grth Rate at end of Phs 1 implied by Current Price				9
Less: Net Debt (as at 27 Sep 2010)			-60698.0	-18					
Equity Value			391023.3	118					
No. Shares (millions)			289.0						
Per Share Equity Value			1353.0						
Current Share Price			1481.8						

Sensitivity Table						
		No of Years in Fade Period				
		15	18	20	23	25
WACC	11.2%	1,869	2,022	2,127	2,290	2,403
	12.2%	1,653	1,769	1,849	1,970	2,053
	13.2%	1,470	1,559	1,619	1,710	1,770
	14.2%	1,316	1,384	1,429	1,497	1,541
	15.2%	1,185	1,237	1,271	1,321	1,354

Performance Summary				
	2011	2012	2013	Phase 2 Avg hase 2 Avg (2014 - 2024)
Invested Capital Growth (%)	57.4	20.4	10.5	15.5
Operating Margin (%)	9.6	9.7	9.9	9.4
Capital Turnover (x)	6.0	4.4	4.2	3.6

Returns, WACC and NPV of Free Cash Flow

Year	Phase 1 NPV of FCF (RHS)	Phase 2 NPV of FCF (RHS)	Total Business ROIC	Growth Business ROIC	Remaining Business ROIC	WACC
2006	8,000	-	11.2%	-	-	11.2%
2007	3,000	-	11.2%	-	-	11.2%
2008	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2009	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2010	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2011	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2012	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2013	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
2014	-	10,000	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
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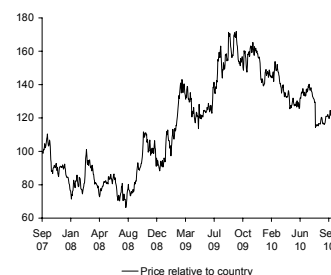
Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

Company description

Hold

Price relative to country

Maruti is a 54.2% subsidiary of Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan. The company is also the largest car manufacturer in India, with a market share of 46%. Maruti's strategy is focused on leveraging its increasing penetration of the Indian car market, where it has a 67% share of the small car & van segment. Suzuki is also developing Maruti as a global base to develop and manufacture small cars. Apart from a volume focus, the company has undertaken intensive cost-reduction and productivity-improvement programmes. As a result of these programmes, Maruti has consistently beaten its profitability and productivity targets. The recent expansion into the sedan market with new launches has helped it expand the addressable market.



Strategic analysis

Average SWOT company score:

3

Sales mix, FY10

Strengths

4

The company enjoys exceptionally high customer goodwill. It is also one of the lowest-cost car manufacturer in India with the widest range of small car models.

Weaknesses

2

The company has relatively weak presence in the mid-size and premium car segments. This may put it at a disadvantage if the market shifts towards premium cars.

Opportunities

4

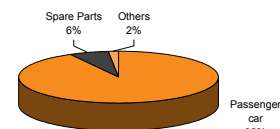
Strong demand in the small and compact car segments in India, where 70m motorcycle owners aspire to own a car. It can also tap related services such as car insurance, financing and old car refurbishing.

Threats

2

Increasing competition and pricing pressures in the medium term are the two main threats to the company going forward.

Scoring range is 1-5 (high score is good)



Source : Company Data

Market data

Headquarters

Plot #1, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070

Website

www.marutisuzuki.com

Shares in issue

289.0m

Freefloat

46%

Majority shareholders

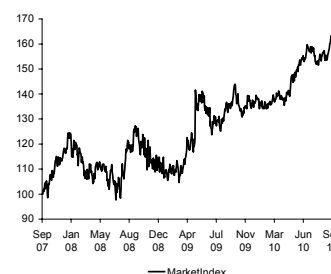
LIC (11%), HSBC Global (6%), ICICI Pru Life (2%)

Country view: India

Country rel to Asia Pacific

The macro picture for India has been constructive recently, with GDP and industrial production tracking in line with expectations, while portfolio allocators continue to favour the market for its domestic consumption orientation. However, these positives have already been priced in and we believe risks are rising from the increasing double deficit, demanding valuations and tightening liquidity.

The country view is set in consultation with the relevant company analyst but is the ultimate responsibility of the Strategy Team.



Competitive position

Average competitive score:

3+

Broker recommendations

Supplier power

4+

Most of Maruti's suppliers are either captive or highly dependent on the company. As a result, it enjoys significant bargaining power.

Barriers to entry

2+

High capital investment, technology and the ability to absorb losses in the initial years are key entry barriers. The cost and time involved in setting up a service network also act as entry barriers.

Customer power

3-

Increasing competition, excess capacities and increasing financing options are resulting in a shift of power from manufacturers to customers.

Substitute products

2+

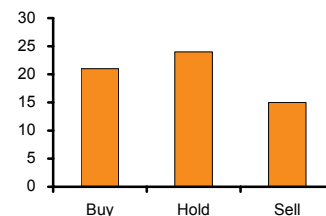
Cars in the premium segment are facing competition from SUVs, whereas in the compact segment, there is no substitute available. But alternative fuel options increase technology challenge for companies

Rivalry

3-

Almost all of global car majors are present in India, but with the top three accounting for 83% of the market share limits rivalry in domestic market. But export market is highly competitive.

Scoring range 1-5 (high score is good) Plus = getting better Minus = getting worse



Source: Bloomberg

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