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Adlabs Films

BUY Maintained

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Reason for report: Company update and Earnings revision

This report is based on recent meetings with the senior management across various business groups at Adlabs. Though FY07E numbers are being revised downwards, we would like to reiterate the extremely robust growth outlook. The revision largely reflects transitory impact of change in the M-plex rollout schedule, movie production plans and foray into FM radio pursuant to takeover by the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group and equity infusion during the past fiscal. In fact, post the structural and strategic realignment, Adlabs is even more strongly positioned across the movie value-chain – from production to processing, distribution & exhibition. While value unlocking in FM radio is a short-term trigger, foraying into television content enhances the medium-term upside. Reiterate BUY.

- ▶ Box-office bumper harvest…boosts exhibition and distribution. The YTDFY07 box-office show has been stellar and the line-up for the festive season (October-December '06) is equally impressive. The signs of audiences coming to terms with the M-plex 'sticker shock' through rising income and affordability, are positive and set the stage for a J-curve play-out. Besides, a step-up in rollout of 'mass-market' refurbishment format screens would capture potential in the 'B category' towns.
- ▶ Movie processing, production gain from multiplex boom; TV content foray is timely. The new processing facility in Chennai is off to a good start and a smaller facility in Kolkata has also been inaugurated. With more M-plexes, the number of prints per movie is rising and demand for movie content is all set to surge. Similarly, the advent of DTH/CAS would raise the bar for TV content and the recent acquisition of Synergy Communication (of KBC and Jhalak Dikhla Ja fame) is the first step in this space, at a time when the broadcaster revenue pie is set to surge 47% over FY07E-09E.
- ▶ Expect 52% CAGR in EBITDA and 33% in earnings through FY06-08E. Our estimates factor in fairly conservative assumptions for occupancy & returns on production/distribution and do not account for FM radio & TV content potential. A sensitivity analysis indicates 100bps better M-plex occupancy boosts PAT by twice as much. Net of FM radio assets being de-merged, we see Adlabs' movie business RoCE expanding to 17.3% and RoE to 23.1% in FY08E.
- ▶ Sum-of-the-parts target price at Rs395. This includes Rs81/share for the FM radio entity. Accordingly, on post-demerger basis, Adlabs trades at an implied FY08E P/E of 17.1x. Maintain BUY.

Market Cap	Rs13.9bn/US\$305mn
Reuters/Bloomberg	ADLF.BO/ADLF IN
Shares Outstanding	(mn) 40
52-week Range (Rs) 455/189
Free Float (%)	45.1
FII (%)	12.6
Daily Volume (US\$/'	000) 3,300
Absolute Return 3m	(%) 30.6
Absolute Return 12r	n (%) 16.9
Sensex Return 3m (%) 15.1
Sensex Return 12m	(%) 45.3

Year to Mar	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
Revenue (Rs mn)	981	1,213	2,680	4,112
Net Income (Rs mn)	243	313	414	556
EPS (Rs)	11.3	7.8	10.4	14.0
% Chg YoY	34.8	(30.8)	32.6	34.4
P/E (x)	31.0	44.8	33.8	25.1
CEPS (Rs)	14.2	10.3	13.9	19.1
EV/E (x)	18.2	30.5	25.2	17.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.3
RoCE (%)	27.4	9.4	7.9	9.9
RoE (%)	20.5	13.3	11.6	14.2
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Earnings revision

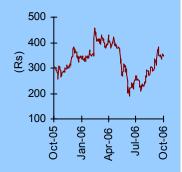
(%)	FY07E		
Sales	↓ 9.5		
EBITDA	↓ 20.9		
EPS	↓ 35.0		

Shareholding pattern

	Dec	Mar	Jun
	'05	'06	'06
Promoters	50.1	54.9	54.9
Institutional			
investors	15.5	16.4	16.9
MFs and UTI	5.1	5.2	4.3
Insurance Cos.	0.0	0.0	0.0
FIIs	10.5	11.2	12.6
Others	34.4	28.7	28.2

Source: www.nseindia.com

Price chart



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Box-office - Blockbuster year

A combination of better content coupled with high-voltage promos has reignited the box-office. Coupled with this, the revenue mix for good movies is more diversified today - while domestic box-office accounts for 50-55% (earlier 70%) of total revenues, satellite TV rights make up 20% and overseas territories 10-15%; the home video segment is also growing, accounting for 10% of revenues. As a result, the 'hit ratio' for *Bollywood* has significantly improved, attracting greater investments into Hindi movies. This in turn augurs well for superior content supply-chain, thereby boosting occupancy rates at multiplexes. Recently, there have been a few instances of producers demanding higher share of box-office revenues for their movies from M-plex operators. We note that such instances are few and far between and linked solely to extremely successful content (*Lage Raho Munnabhai* and *Fanaa*). In these circumstances, parting with a slightly higher share does not pinch as such blockbusters translate into a rise in ticket prices, enhanced occupancy and a longer run at the theatres. Thus, the exhibitors too actually benefit from a share of an enlarged box-office pie.

As per data available from industry websites, CY06 has been a blockbuster year for *Bollywood*, with almost one-half of releases labelled as 'successful' at the box-office versus just a third that earned this sobriquet last year. And, if H1FY07 had its long list of big budget movies to woo M-plex audiences, H2FY07 appears all set to deliver an encore and more. The second-half line-up through the festive season (October '06-January '07) includes *Don*, *Jaan-e-mann*, *Namaste London*, *Salaam-E-Ishq*, *Dhoom 2*, *Umrao Jaan*, *Babul* and *Guru* to name a few.

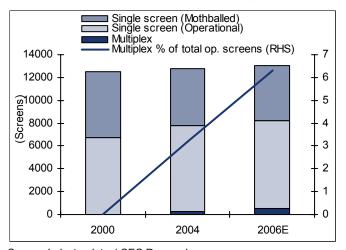
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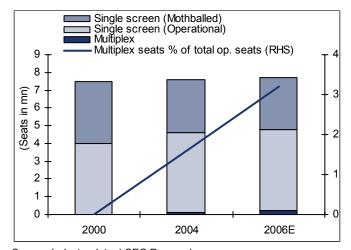
Chart 1: Box-office collections to GDP ratio

The extremely low ratio underscores the potential for a J-curve play-out in the medium term

Source: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Wilkofsky Gruen Associates, World Bank, i-SEC Research

Chart 2: Screens and seats - Unchanged at CY00 levels



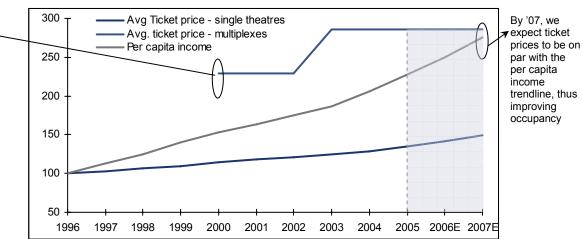


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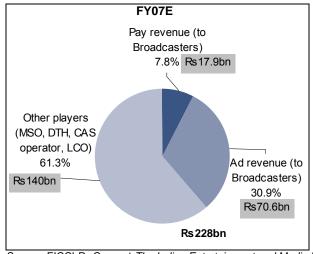
Chart 3: Rising per capita income to narrow 'affordability gap'

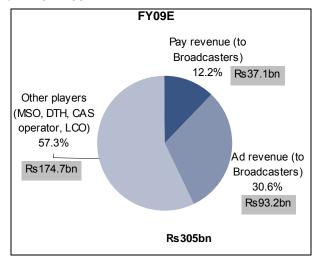




Note: All figures are indexed to base (1996 = 100) for ticket prices and per capita income Source: World Bank indicators, CMIE, Industry estimates, i-SEC Research

Chart 4: Broadcaster revenues to surge 47% over FY07E-09E





Source: FICCI-PwC report The Indian Entertainment and Media Industry, '06, i-SEC Research

Table 1: Key assumptions

	FY07E	FY08E
No of screens		
Beginning of year		
M plex	34	68
Refurbishment theatres	-	12
End of year		
M plex	68	98
Refurbishment theatres	12	48
Ticket Prices (Rs)		
Mumbai	111	122
Other Metros	86	95
Other Cities	81	90
Refurbishment theatres	45	48
Occupancy Levels (%)		
Mumbai	40.0	41.0
Other Metros	37.5	38.3
Other Cities	35.0	35.7
Refurbishment	30.0	31.5

Source: i-SEC Research

The decline in earnings reflects a change in the M-plex rollout schedule after review of locations, formats in FY06 under the new management. Further, the entry into FM radio has resulted in funds being used as initial investments in that business, which would generate returns going forward

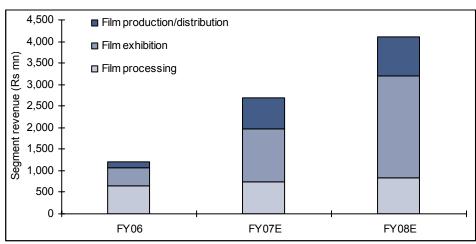
Table 2: Earnings revision

(Rs mn)

	FY07E		
	Old	New	% change
Revenues	2,961	2,680	(9.5)
EBITDA	883	699	(20.9)
Recurring PAT	636	414	(35.0)
EPS (Rs)	16.0	10.4	(35.0)

Source: i-SEC Research

Chart 5: Segment wise revenue and EBITDA



EBITDA (Rs mn)	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
Film processing	262	320	338
Film Exhibition	170	236	532
Film Production/ distribution	34	142	199

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

Table 3: Estimated FM Radio business balance sheet

Radio BIG is expected to have nine stations on air by October 15, '06 and all 45 stations by

March '07

Radio BIG	FY07E
Share Capital (mn)	398
No of shares (mn)	80
Reserves & Surplus	1,304
Net Worth .	1,702
Debt	2,500
Liabilities	4,202
Net Block	3,820
Net current Assets	382
Assets	4,202

Source: i-SEC Research

Table 4: Valuation and ratios, ex-FM business

Adjusted for demerger of FM radio business, RoCE and RoE of film business to expand sharply

	FY07E	FY08E
Per Share Data (in Rs.)		
Diluted Recurring EPS	12.2	15.8
Recurring Cash EPS	15.7	21.0
Dividend per share (DPS)	3.4	4.6
Book Value per share (BV)	50.7	60.6
Growth Ratios (%)		
Operating Income	121.0	53.4
EBITDA	49.9	53.1
Recurring Net Income	31.9	34.4
Diluted Recurring EPS	55.9	29.3
Diluted Recurring CEPS	51.9	33.4
Return Ratios (%)		
RoCE	13.2	17.3
RoE	20.5	23.1
Valuation Ratios (x)		
P/E	22.1	17.1
P/CEPS	17.2	12.9
P/BV	5.33	4.46
EV / EBITDA	17.1	12.2
EV / Operating Income	4.4	3.2
EV / Operating FCF	(8.4)	(18.9)

Note: Above table is for Adlabs movie business valued at Rs270 per share i.e. after netting out FM radio at Rs81 per share from current market price of Rs351

Source: i-SEC Research

Table 5: Sum-of-the-parts valuation

			Value	
Business segment	Rationale	Multiple	(Rs mn)	Comment
Film processing	DCF value		3,206	Valuation implies movie industry goes totally 'digital' in FY09 and cash accruals from this business <u>halve</u>
Film Exhibition	EV/E of FY08E	15.0	7,985	thereafter with 3% terminal growth & WACC 11% Growth trajectory to mirror mall, retailing consumption J-curve; at 10% discount to adjusted Pantaloon multiples
Film Production / Distribution	EV/E of FY08E	11.0	2,189	Multiple in line with 2 wheeler stocks
Value of stake in Prime Focus	At 10% discount to market value		146	
Less : Net debt			1,013	adjusted for advances of Rs2.5bn to FM radio entity (Table 3)
Equity value of the film businesses			12,513	Equivalent to Rs314 per share
Add : FM radio biz.	At 50% of current EV of ENIL		3,205	This implies a 36% premium to the total value of licences and rollout for Big FM
Equity Value of Adlabs			15,717	Equivalent to Rs395 per share

Source: i-SEC Research

Financial Summary

Table 6: Profit and Loss Statement

(Rs mn, year ending Mar 31)

	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
Operating Income (Sales)	981	1,213	2,680	4,112
of which Exports	-	-	-	-
of which Domestic	981	1,213	2,660	4,109
Operating Expenses	550	747	1,981	3,042
EBITDA	431	466	699	1,070
% margins	44.0	38.4	26.1	26.0
Depreciation & Amortisation	62	100	139	206
Gross Interest	16	16	35	99
Other Income	35	99	126	105
Recurring PBT	389	449	651	870
Add: Extraordinaries	(1)	(32)	-	-
Less: Taxes	132	136	200	267
 Current tax 	120	143	169	219
 Deferred tax 	12	(7)	31	48
Less: Minority Interest	13	(1)	37	47
Net Income (Reported)	242	282	414	556
Recurring Net Income	243	313	414	556

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

Table 7: Balance Sheet

(Rs mn, year ending Mar 31)

(Rs mn, year ending Mar 31)				
	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
Assets				
Total Current Assets	1,234	2,353	3,639	4,166
of which cash & cash eqv.	29	254	860	791
Total Current Liabilities &				
Provisions	624	1,774	2,029	2,249
Net Current Assets	611	580	1,611	1,917
Investments				
of which	166	4,384	1,034	1,034
Strategic/Group	159	105	105	105
Other Marketable	7	4,279	929	929
Net Fixed Assets	843	3,199	6,420	7,480
of which				
intangibles	0	0	0	0
Capital Work-in-Progress	62	2,280	4,694	4,841
Goodwill	0.9	66.2	66.2	66.2
Total Assets	1,622	8,230	9,131	10,498
Liabilities				
Borrowings	277	4,728	5,303	6,228
Deferred Tax Liability	86	78	109	157
Minority Interest	68	0	37	84
Equity Share Capital	108	199	199	199
Face Value per share (Rs)	5	5	5	5
Reserves & Surplus*	1,084	3,224	3,482	3,829
Less: Misc. Exp. #	1	0	0	0
Net Worth	1,259	3,423	3,719	4,113
Total Liabilities	1,622	8,230	9,131	10,498

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

*excluding revaluation reserves; # = not written off

Table 10: Quarterly trends

(Rs mn, year ending Mar 31)

	Sep-05	Dec-05	Mar-06	Jun-06
Net sales	233	262	343	511
% growth (YoY)	22.7	21.1	49.1	151
EBITDA	96	109	83	115
Margin (%)	41.3	41.6	24.2	22.6
Other income	13.7	23.1	42.9	84.3
Add: Extraordinaries	0	0	0	0
Net profit	63	72	81	121
Source: Company data, i-SEC Re	search			

Table 8: Cash Flow Statement

(Rs mn, year ending Mar 31)

FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
377	1,488	457	704
(322)	(917)	(424)	(375)
(197)	(2,410)	(3,359)	(1,266)
(141)	(1,839)	(3,326)	(937)
30	(4,174)	3,476	105
-	92	-	-
-	-	-	-
133	4,451	575	925
(82)	(102)	(156)	(209)
(1)	(32)	-	-
(79)	225	607	(69)
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Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

Table 9: Key Ratios

(Year ending Mar 31)

(Year ending Mar 31)				
	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E
Per Share Data (in Rs.)				
Diluted Recurring EPS	11.3	7.8	10.4	14.0
Recurring Cash EPS	14.2	10.3	13.9	19.1
Dividend per share (DPS)	3.3	2.2	3.4	4.6
Book Value per share (BV)	58.5	86.0	93.4	103.3
Growth Ratios (%)				
Operating Income	19.4	23.6	121.0	53.4
EBITDA	26.1	8.0	49.9	53.1
Recurring Net Income	34.8	28.2	32.6	34.4
Diluted Recurring EPS	34.8	(30.8)	32.6	34.4
Diluted Recurring CEPS	33.7	(27.2)	34.2	37.9
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	31.0	44.8	33.8	25.1
P/CEPS	24.7	33.9	25.3	18.3
P/BV	6.0	4.1	3.8	3.4
EV / EBITDA	18.2	30.5	25.2	17.4
EV / Operating Income	8.0	11.7	6.6	4.5
EV / Operating FCF	142.2	25.0	538.5	56.6
Operating Ratio				
Raw Material/Sales (%)	41.1	42.8	42.8	42.8
SG&A/Sales (%)	11.2	18.1	8.9	6.4
Other Income / PBT (%)	9.1	22.0	19.4	12.1
Effective Tax Rate (%)	34.1	30.7	30.7	30.7
NWC / Total Assets (%)	37.7	7.0	17.6	18.3
Inventory Turnover (days)	13.0	76	547	654
Receivables (days)	128.5	142.2	96.8	94.0
Payables (days)	77.7	75.8	52.3	62.6
D/E Ratio (x)	0.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
Return/Profitability Ratio (%)				
Recurring Net Income Margins	23.9	23.8	14.7	13.2
RoCE	27.4	9.4	7.9	9.9
RoNW	20.5	13.3	11.6	14.2
Dividend Payout Ratio	29.6	28.7	33.0	33.0
Dividend Yield	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.3
EBITDA Margins	44.0	38.4	26.1	26.0

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

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