Maruti Udyog

STOCK INFO. BL BSE Sensex: 10,742 MI	oomberg JL IN	27 Ju	ily 2006									Buy
	UTERS CODE RTI.BO	Previ	ous Recom	nendatio	on: Buy							Rs781
Equity Shares (m)	289.0	YEAR	TOTAL INC.	ΡΑΤ	Adj. EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	ROE	ROCE	EV/	EV/
52-Week Range	974/457	END	(RSM)	(RSM)	(RS)	GROWTH (%)	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	SALES	EBITDA
1,6,12 Rel.Perf.(%)	2/-6/21	3/06A	123,812	12,116	41.9	41.9	18.6	4.1	21.8	30.8	1.6	9.9
M.Cap. (Rs b)	225.9	3/07E	149,565	15,279	52.9	26.1	14.8	3.3	22.4	31.5	1.2	7.7
M.Cap. (US\$ b)	4.8	3/08E	171,907	17,940	62.1	17.4	12.6	2.7	21.4	30.4	1.0	6.1

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- Maruti reported 68% growth in adjusted PAT to Rs3.7b v/s our expectation of Rs3.1b due to EBITDA margin expansion, higher other income (due to one-time capital gain on mutual fund of Rs316m (v/s our expectation of Rs600m), lower depreciation and marginally lower tax rate.
- In the quarter MUL announced formation of a joint venture to manufacture sheet metal components which will be used internally as well as in SMC's motorcycles in India. MUL will hold 30% in the JV along with Japanese component manufacturer - Bellsonica.
- We remain positive on Maruti's growth prospects. We expect volumes to grow at 13% CAGR over FY06-FY08; aggressive model launches could result in positive surprises in both domestic and export markets. We forecast stable margins over the next two years. The stock trades at valuations of 14.8x FY07E and 12.6x FY08E EPS. Maintain **Buy.**

		EV06 EV07 EV0		FY06			EX07			FY07		
							-		FY06	FY07E		
	1Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1Q	2QE	3QE	4QE				
Total Volumes (nos)	121,863	140,540	145,016	154,400	144,948	159,300	164,700	167,499	561,819	636,447		
Change (%)	-1	8	7	5	19	13	14	8	5	13		
Total Income	26,271	30,399	31,142	36,000	31,255	36,525	37,845	43,941	123,812	149,565		
Change (%)	6.0	15.7	10.8	18.3	19.0	20.1	21.5	22.1	11.7	20.8		
Total Cost	23,024	26,901	26,483	27,849	26,689	30,608	31,752	36,791	104,256	125,839		
EBITDA	3,739	4,094	5,107	6,617	5,168	5,917	6,093	7,150	19,556	24,328		
As % of Sales	14.2	13.5	16.4	18.4	16.5	16.2	16.1	16.3	15.8	16.3		
Change (%)	14.6	15.1	27.2	45.1	38.2	44.5	19.3	8.1	27.1	21.3		
Non-Operating Income	491	434	618	350	831	650	685	397	1,350	2,563		
Interest	91	61	17	34	33	70	75	84	204	261		
Gross Profit	4,139	4,467	5,708	6,040	5,967	6,497	6,703	7,464	20,353	26,630		
Less: Depreciation	783	665	681	726	641	850	975	981	2,854	3,447		
РВТ	3,356	3,802	5,027	5,314	5,326	5,647	5,728	6,482	17,499	23,183		
Тах	1,091	1,236	1,637	1,645	1,630	1,825	1,850	2,221	5,609	7,526		
Effective Tax Rate (%)	32.5	32.5	32.6	31.0	30.6	32.3	32.3	34.3	32.1	32.5		
РАТ	2,265	2,566	3,390	3,669	3,696	3,822	3,878	4,262	11,889	15,657		
Adjusted PAT	2,265	2,566	3,390	3,896	3,696	3,822	3,878	4,262	12,116	15,657		
Change (%)	32.5	39.7	41.4	50.2	63.2	49.0	14.4	9.4	36.5	31.7		

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Volume growth

In 1QFY07, sales grew by 18.9% YoY at 144,948 units, led by domestic sales growth of 19.2% YoY. In 1QFY07, Maruti's sales have been driven by the A2 segment, which has grown by 25.3% YoY. The runaway success of Swift and sustained performance of the Alto, Wagon R have been the growth drivers. Swift model has been well accepted and has clocked 15,000-16,000 units in the quarter (average 5,000 per month).

Maruti's sales have been boosted by continuous offers of innovative schemes targeted at a particular segment of customers. Its teacher's scheme in FY06 resulted in sales of 10,000 cars. Maruti is now targeting the PSUs and railway employees through a similar incentive scheme. Maruti's product portfolio and its superior understanding of the consumer have enabled the company to offer these innovative schemes ahead of competition.

QUARTER VOLUME BREAK UP (UNITS)

	1QFY07	1QFY06	CH.(%)	4QFY06	CH.(%)
A1	20,300	19,413	4.6	25,273	-19.7
С	16,809	14,765	13.8	17,870	-5.9
A2	91,450	73,013	25.3	92,715	-1.4
A3	7,571	6,758	12.0	9,050	-16.3
Total Pass. Veh.	136,130	113,949	19.5	144,908	-6.1
MUV	974	1,024	-4.9	1,367	-28.7
Domestic	137,104	114,973	19.2	146,275	-6.3
Export	7,844	6,893	13.8	8,125	-3.5
Total Sales	144,948	121,866	18.9	154,400	-6.1
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Source: Company/ Motilal Oswal Securities

The product mix has improved in 1QFY07 with the (A2+A3) segment contributing to 68.3% of total volumes as against 65.4% in 1QFY07, 69.7% in 1QFY06 and 65.9% in 4QFY06.

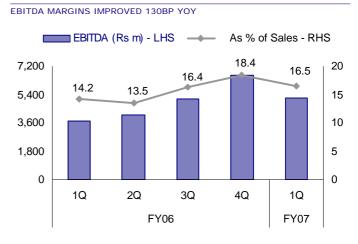
SEGMENT WISE SALES BREAK-UP (%)

A3 MUV	5.2 0.7	5.5 0.8	-32.2 -16.8	5.9 0.9	-63.8 -21.3
A3	5.2	5.5	-32.2	5.9	-63.8
A2	63.1	59.9	317.9	60.0	304.3
С	11.6	12.1	-51.9	11.6	2.3
A1	14.0	15.9	-192.5	16.4	-236.4
	1QFY07	1QFY06	CH.(%)	4QFY06	CH.(%)

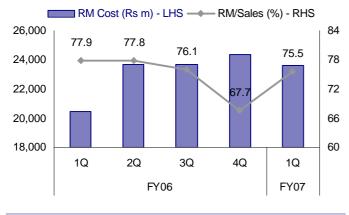
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Operating performance improved

The strong growth in sales coupled with savings on the RM front, led to margins expanding to 16.5% (+130bp YoY) in 1QFY07. Margin improvement was driven by richer mix with the A2+A3 segments accounting for a higher percentage of sales (68.3%), and falling raw material cost to sales (down 240bp). The RM/sales was lower due to value engineering and ongoing localisation of import components.



Source: Company/ Motilal Oswal Securities



RM/SALES DECLINE 240BP YOY

Forms JV to manufacture sheet metal components

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Investment arguments

Expect double-digit volume growth in passenger cars: We expect the demand for cars in India to grow at a CAGR of 12% over FY06-FY08, driven by changing lifestyles, rapid growth in high-income-earning households, vibrancy in the service sector and rapid improvement in road network. Our optimistic view is also influenced by a reduction in excise duty on small cars from 24% to 16% in the recent Union Budget.

Dominance in small cars to help Maruti outpace industry growth: Maruti enjoys a share of 64% in small cars (A1+A2) compared to a share of 52% in the domestic car business. Besides, Maruti's impending debut in the diesel car segment through the diesel version of its most successful new launch – Swift – would quality for the lower excise duty of 16%. Diesel cars account for 22% of the total cars sold in India. We expect Maruti's passenger car volumes to grow at 13% CAGR over FY06-FY08.

EBITDA margin growth the highest in auto sector despite cost pressures: Its internal efficiencies and superior product mix make Maruti the most efficient car manufacturer in India. Despite a series of price cuts across its product range, competitive pressure and cost inflation, Maruti has consistently expanded its margins over the last 8 quarters. Maruti's EBITDA margins have expanded by 270bp over FY04-FY06 to 15.8%, which is amongst the highest in the industry. We expect Maruti's EBITDA margins to sustain at 16% over the next two years.

Timely capacity expansion to support strong growth: The company has announced that its 70% subsidiary, Maruti Suzuki Automobile India Limited (MSAIL), which is setting up a 50,000-car assembly plant, will be merged with it. Maruti will buy out the entire 30% stake held by Suzuki Motor Company (SMC) at par and the merger will be effective April 2006. This alleviates the concerns relating to transfer pricing if the two entities existed independently. Also, Maruti has bought SMC's stake at par, putting to rest concerns on the valuation front. Maruti will fund the assembly plant through internal accruals; it has Rs20b cash surplus and an estimated annual cash generation of Rs15b. The capacity expansion comes at the opportune time, in our opinion, and would help Maruti to sustain double digit volume growth.

Aggressive new model launches could result in positive surprises: *Swift* has helped Maruti to increase its domestic market share in FY06 by 90bp, despite a sharp 23% contraction in volumes of *M800* and increased competition in the A2 and A3 segment. Maruti will be launching five new models over the next five years, which include the diesel car in December 2006 and an export model in FY09. A repeat of the success of *Swift* without a corresponding decline in older models could result in positive surprises in volume growth.

Source: Company/ Motilal Oswal Securities

Valuations attractive; maintain Buy

We remain extremely positive on Maruti's growth prospects. While we expect its volumes to grow at 13% CAGR over FY06-FY08, aggressive new model launches could result in positive surprises. We forecast stable margins over the next two years and estimate EPS at Rs52.9 for FY07 and Rs62.1 for FY08. The stock trades at valuations of 14.8x FY07E and 12.6x FY08E EPS. We maintain **Buy** with a target price of Rs1,056 (17x FY08E EPS), an upside of 35%.

Maruti Udyog: an investment profile Company description

Maruti is the largest passenger vehicle manufacturer in India with a strong presence in the small car A1 & A2, where it enjoys 64% market share. The company was initially set up as a JV between the Government of India and Suzuki Motors of Japan but subsequently the government divested part of its stake, giving Suzuki a majority stake in the company.

Key investment arguments

- The outlook for passenger vehicles continues to be buoyant due to structural changes in the Indian economy.
- Maruti continues to be the largest passenger vehicle company in India, and its product mix has also tilted in favour of more profitable models, thereby aiding margin expansion.

Key investments risks

- Intense competition faced by Maruti in the various segments.
- Maruti's absence in the highly growing diesel segment (currently 22% market share) allows it to compete only in the remaining market. However, the company is setting up a diesel engine plant in the near future.

COMPARATIVE VALUATIONS

		MADUTI		TATA MOTODO
		MARUTI	WAHINDRA	TATA MOTORS
P/E (x)	FY07E	14.8	11.6	13.9
	FY08E	12.6	9.6	11.7
EPS Gr (%)	FY07E	26.1	25.5	24.3
	FY08E	17.4	20.9	18.9
RoE (%)	FY07E	22.4	23.9	26.8
	FY08E	21.4	23.3	25.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	FY07E	7.7	10.2	8.3
	FY08E	6.1	8.8	7.0

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

	JUN.06	MAR.06	JUN.05
Promoters	64.5	64.5	72.5
Domestic Institutions	16.9	15.3	8.1
FIIs/FDIs	14.4	15.6	15.4
Others	4.2	4.6	4.0

Recent developments

- MUL announced formation of a 30-70 JV with Japanese component manufacturer Bellsonica.
- MUL will be launching 5 new models over the next 5 years, including the diesel car in December 2006 and an export car in 2009.
- The MUL-Nissan tie-up is also likely to be positive, although most details are yet to be clarified.

Valuation and view

- We are revising our FY07 and FY08 estimates upwards by 1.9% and 1.3% in FY07 and FY08 respectively to take into account savings on RM front, and lower depreciation charges.
- ✓ We now expect an EPS of Rs 52.9 (+26.1% YoY) in FY07E and Rs62.1 (+17.4% YoY) in FY08E. Stock trades at a PE of 14.8x and 12.6x on FY07 and FY08 EPS respectively.

Sector view

- Passenger vehicle segment is expected to continue its growth momentum.
- Penetration in India at 7 per '000 is extremely low even when compared with its immediate neighbors such as Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ∠ We maintain an overweight stance on the sector.

EPS: MOST FORECAST VS CONSENSUS (RS)

	MOST	CONSENSUS	VARIATION
	FORECAST	FORECAST	(%)
FY07	52.9	50.0	5.9
FY08	62.1	57.8	7.4

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PRICE (RS)	PRICE (RS)	(%)	
CURRENT	TARGET	UPSIDE	RECO.
TARGET PRICE AND	RECOMMENDATION		

STOCK PERFORMANCE (1 YEAR)



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INCOME STATEMENT				(Rs	Million)
Y/E MARCH	2004	2005	2006	2007E	2008E
Net Sales	91,739	110,426	123,262	148,915	171,257
Change (%)	27.4	20.4	11.6	20.8	15.0
Operating Other Income	278	444	550	650	650
Total Income	92,017	110,870	123,812	149,565	171,907
Total Cost	79,995	95,488	104,256	125,839	144,356
EBITDA	12,022	15,382	19,556	23,726	27,551
Change (%)	129.3	27.9	27.1	21.3	16.1
% of Net Sales	13.1	13.9	15.8	15.9	16.0
Depreciation	4,949	4,568	2,854	3,447	3,996
EBIT	7,073	10,814	16,702	20,279	23,555
Other Income	2,849	2,595	1,350	2,563	3,244
Non-recurring Expense	1,196	0	349	0	0
PBT	7,696	13,049	17,499	22,805	26,777
Тах	2,277	4,513	5,609	7,526	8,836
Effective Rate (%)	29.6	34.6	32.1	33.0	33.0
PAT	5,419	8,536	11,889	15,279	17,940
% of Net Sales	5.9	7.7	9.6	10.3	10.5
Adj. PAT	6,196	8,536	12,116	15,279	17,940
Change (%)	263.4	37.8	419	26.1	17.4

BALANCE SHEET				(Rs	Million)
Y/E MARCH	2004	2005	2006E	2007E	2008E
Share Capital	1,445	1,445	1,445	1,445	1,445
Reserves	34,467	42,343	53,037	66,789	82,576
Net Worth	35,912	43,788	54,482	68,234	84,021
Loans	3,119	3,076	3,076	3,076	3,076
Deferred Tax Liability	1,833	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Capital Employed	40,864	47,964	58,658	72,410	88,197
Gross Fixed Assets	45,667	50,531	54,952	59,952	63,952
Less: Depreciation	27,359	31,794	34,853	38,300	42,296
Net Fixed Assets	18,308	18,737	20,099	21,652	21,656
Capital WIP	749	421	0	0	0
Investments	16,773	15,166	15,166	15,166	15,166
Curr.Assets, Loans	20,189	29,720	40,183	53,591	70,825
Inventory	4,398	6,666	6,683	8,195	9,891
Sundry Debtors	6,894	5,995	6,349	7,376	8,478
Cash & Bank Balances	2,402	10,294	20,385	31,255	45,692
Loans & Advances	5,744	6,082	6,082	6,082	6,082
Others	751	683	683	683	683
Current Liab. & Prov.	15,318	16,080	16,790	17,999	19,450
Sundry Creditors	12,114	12,188	12,898	14,107	15,558
Provisions	3,204	3,892	3,892	3,892	3,892
Net Current Assets	4,871	13,640	23,393	35,592	51,375
M isc. Expenditures	163	0	0	0	0
Appl. of Funds	40,864	47,964	58,658	72,410	88,197

E: MOSt Estimates

Y/E MARCH	2004	2005	2006E	2007E	2008E
Basic (Rs)					
Adjusted EPS	21.4	29.5	41.9	52.9	62.1
EPS Growth (%)	263.4	37.8	41.9	26.1	17.4
Cash EPS	38.6	45.3	51.8	64.8	75.9
Book Value per Share	124.3	151.5	188.5	236.1	290.7
DPS	1.5	2.0	3.5	5.3	7.4
Payout (Incl. Div. Tax) %	7.0	6.8	8.4	10.0	12.0
Valuation (x)					
P/E		26.5	18.6	14.8	12.6
EV/EBITDA		13.2	9.9	7.7	6.1
EV/Sales		1.8	1.6	12	1.0
Price to Book Value		5.2	4.1	3.3	2.7
Dividend Yield (%)		0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0
Profitability Ratios (%)					
RoE	15.1	19.5	21.8	22.4	21.4
RoCE	22.8	28.0	30.8	31.5	30.4
Turnover Ratios					
Debtors (Days)	23	16	16	15	15
Asset Turnover (x)	2	2	2	2	2
Leverage Ratio					
Debt/Equity (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
CASH FLOW STATEMENT					Million)
Y/E MARCH	2004	2005	2006E	2007E	2008E

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Y/E MARCH	2004				
	2004	2005	2006E	2007E	2008E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	6,477	10,814	16,702	20,279	23,555
Int./Dividends Received	2,849	2,595	1,350	2,563	3,244
Depreciation & Amort.	4,949	4,568	2,854	3,447	3,996
Direct Taxes Paid	-2,515	-5,246	-5,609	-7,526	-8,836
(Inc)/Dec in Wkg. Capital	679	-877	338	-1,329	-1,347
CF from Oper.Activity	12,439	11,854	15,635	17,435	20,612
Extra-ordinary Items	-1,196	0	-349	0	0
Other Items	724	163	0	0	0
CF after EO Items	11,967	12,017	15,285	17,435	20,612
(Inc)/Dec in FA+CWIP	-1,356	-4,669	-3,795	-4,776	-4,000
(Pur)/Sale of Invest.	-15,741	1,607	0	0	0
CF from Inv. Activity	-17,097	-3,062	-3,795	-4,776	-4,000
Change in Networth	-54	-82	-182	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-1,441	-43	0	0	0
Interest Paid	-434	-360	-204	-261	-246
Dividends Paid	-433	-578	-1,013	-1,528	-2,153
CF from Fin. Activity	-2,362	-1,063	-1,399	- 1,789	-2,399
Inc/(Dec) in Cash	-7,492	7,892	10,091	10,870	14,213
Add: Beginning Balance	9,894	2,402	10,294	20,385	31,255
Closing Balance	2,402	10,294	20,385	31,255	45,468

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