VESUVIUS INDIA

Domestic and technology leadership boost

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We present the key takeaways from the annual report of Vesuvius India (VIL) as well as highlights from parent Vesuvius Plc's growth strategy. They are: i) Strong domestic growth, up 16% YoY, offset the 55% YoY downturn in exports. ii) The parent continues to focus on developing products, technology leadership and growing markets such as India. iii) VIL recovered dues from its three customers, which faced proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). Based on the waning impact of lower exports and market share gains in healthy domestic market, we estimate sales/PAT CAGR would be 10%/15% and RoCE would expand 85bps to 21.2% over CY18–20E. Maintain 'BUY' with a TP of INR1,415 (valued at 25x Q2CY20E EPS).

Domestic outperforms, offsets weak exports

Revenue increased merely 1.5% and PAT decreased 5% in CY18. 1) While exports caved in 55% YoY — nil exports to ArcelorMittal (>10% of sales) — <u>domestic market showed traction (up 16% YoY versus crude steel production growth of 4.9%)</u> driven by an uptick in crude steel production at key customers and strong market share gains (healthy gains among PSUs). 2) VIL reduced net receivables from three customers facing insolvency proceedings. Overall, receivables days have improved from 98 to 79 in CY18.

Execution priorities; excerpts from global commentary – Our take

The group's overall strategy remains centered on: i) reinforcing its technology leadership and increasing the penetration of value-creating solutions, e.g. high-technology steel (27% of India's steel production versus 56% for parent) is estimated to expand at a CAGR of 9% over CY18–30 in India, which would benefit VIL. Parent's new product sales make up 15.4% of total (versus 7% in CY12). ii) Capture growth in developing markets. iii) Develop technical services offerings. In India, revenue from repair and maintenance services has spiked 1.7x YoY. iv) Improve cost leadership and margins. OPM dropped to a four-year low of 15.9%, which would pick up with stabilising sales, price hikes and cost reduction in our view.

Outlook and valuation: Positive; maintain 'BUY'

With the impact of lower exports waning, market share gains in domestic, and technology leadership of parent, VIL is well placed among large mills. Maintain 'BUY' with a TP of INR1,415. The stock is trading at 21.5x CY19E, near its three-year average.

Financials

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Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Revenues (INR mn)	9,113	9,251	10,139	11,197
EBITDA (INR mn)	1,659	1,474	1,708	1,905
Adjusted Profit (INR mn)	973	925	1,083	1,215
Diluted P/E (x)	23.9	25.2	21.5	19.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.9	12.9	11.2	9.6
ROACE (%)	24.3	20.4	21.2	21.2
ROAE (%)	15.8	13.2	13.9	14.0

Absolute Rating		BUY			
Investment Char	Growt	h			
MARKET DATA (R: VESU.B	O, B: VI IN)		
CMP		: INR 1	L,143		
Target Price	: INR 1	L,415			
52-week range (: 1,384	: 1,384 / 971			
Share in issue (m	: 20.3	: 20.3			
M cap (INR bn/U	ISD mn)	: 23/	: 23 / 338		
Avg. Daily Vol. B	SE/NSE ('00	00): 6.0			
SHARE HOLDING	PATTERN	(%)			
	Current	Q2FY19	Q1FY19		
Promoters *	55.6	55.6	55.6		
MF's, FI's & BKs	21.8	21.8	21.9		
FII's	0.1	0.1	0.3		
Others	22.4	22.4	22.3		

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

* Promoters pledged shares

(% of share in issue)

	BSE Midcap Index	Stock	Stock over Index
1 month	6.8	4.2	(2.6)
3 months	(1.2)	3.5	4.6
12 months	(6.0)	(6.5)	(0.6)

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Company Description

Vesuvius India is part of the Vesuvius Group of UK, a world leader in the molten metal flow engineering. Vesuvius, UK, holds 56% of VIL's share capital. In India, VIL is the largest player in the steel flow control segment in the refractory industry with market share of about 50% and overall market share of about 12% in refractories.

Manufactured sale accounts for 65% and traded good contributes 35% to overall sales. Within overall sales, 38% are shaped manufactured, 27% unshaped manufactured sales, 18% is from shaped trading sales and 16% from unshaped trading sales.

Investment Theme

VIL is expected to deliver revenue and profit CAGR of 10% and 13% CAGR, respectively over CY18-20E . In the past 10 years (CY08-18), VIL has outpaced the steel industry with 12% PAT CAGR, along with healthy return ratios with an average of 26% plus. Going forward, the anticipated strong uptick in steel production, especially from large steel mills where VIL has a strong presence, will drive the revenue. The company has sufficient spare capacity to cater to the demand. With higher volumes, operatig leverage should margin expansion and growth in profitability. We expect the company to post 13% PAT CAGR over CY18-20E.

Key Risks

Dependent on raw material sourcing through imports

Industry is dependent on import of key raw materials like high grade alumina, bauxite, magnesite, silicon carbide, etc. China is a major supplier of imports and imposed heavy taxes on export of raw materials for refractories. This resulted in sharp increase in imported raw material costs. For VIL, imports constitute 26% of net sales. This includes currency headwinds of $^{\sim}64\%$ of raw material costs which are imported. However, the company has sourcing arrangements with key suppliers and avails benefits of the parent's longstanding relationship with global raw material suppliers.

Royalty rate increase

Royalty, trademark and service fee, as a percentage of overall sales, is around 1.8%. Any increase in the same could pose a risk.

Intensifying competition

International players like RHI, acquired 70% stake in peer, Orient Refractories recently; Krosaki Harima bought 51% in Tata Refractories; Calderys, part of Imerys, France bought out full stake in ACE Refractories. All these players are setting up base in India through acquisitions. This will heighten competition in the refractory industry over the long term.

Financial Statements

Key Assumptions

Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Macro				
GDP(Y-o-Y %)	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.3
Inflation (Avg)	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.5
Repo rate (exit rate)	6.0	6.3	5.8	5.8
USD/INR (Avg)	64.5	70.0	72.0	72.0
Sector				
Steel production growth	7.0	8.0	10.0	7.5
Company				
Raw Material (% net rev)	55.2	57.9	57.8	57.7
Shaped volume growth	12.6	6.0	9.0	10.0
Unshaped volume growth	11.9	6.0	8.0	9.0
Export revenue growth	20.9	(61.0)	13.0	13.0
Shaped sales growth	9.0	6.0	8.0	9.0
Unshaped sales growth	7.9	6.0	8.0	8.0
Manufactured	68.7	65.6	66.2	66.9
Traded	31.3	34.4	33.8	33.1
Mfg. gross margin (%)	47.0	44.5	44.7	44.8
Traded gross margin (%)	31.6	30.0	30.0	30.0
Employee (% of net rev)	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3
Admin exp(as % of rev)	11.0	11.6	10.8	10.8

Income statement				(INR mn)
Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Net revenue	9,113	9,251	10,139	11,197
Materials costs	5,033	5,353	5,856	6,463
Gross profit	4,080	3,898	4,283	4,734
Employee costs	558	584	638	705
Other Expenses	1,863	1,840	1,938	2,124
Operating expenses	2,421	2,424	2,576	2,829
Total operating expenses	7,454	7,777	8,431	9,292
EBITDA	1,659	1,474	1,708	1,905
Depreciation	298	278	321	341
EBIT	1,361	1,196	1,386	1,564
Add: Other income	132.19	227.7	262.77	276.31
Profit Before Tax	1,449	1,424	1,649	1,840
Less: Provision for Tax	505	499	566	626
Add: Exceptional items	(44)	-	-	-
Reported Profit	944	925	1,083	1,215
Exceptional Items	(29)	-	-	-
Adjusted Profit	973	925	1,083	1,215
Shares o /s (mn)	20	20	20	20
Basic EPS (INR)	48.0	45.6	53.4	59.8
Diluted shares o/s (mn)	20	20	20	20
Adj. Diluted EPS (INR)	48.0	45.6	53.4	59.8
Adjusted Cash EPS	6.0	5.8	6.9	7.7
Dividend per share (DPS)	6.8	7.0	11.0	11.0
Dividend Payout Ratio(%)	17.0	18.0	24.1	21.5

Common size metrics

Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Gross margin	44.8	42.1	42.2	42.3
Operating expenses	26.6	26.2	25.4	25.3
EBITDA margins	18.2	15.9	16.8	17.0
EBIT margins	14.9	12.9	13.7	14.0
Net Profit margins	10.7	10.0	10.7	10.8

Growth ratios (%)

Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Revenues	10.9	1.5	9.6	10.4
EBITDA	12.3	(11.2)	15.8	11.6
Adjusted Profit	11.7	(5.0)	17.1	12.1
EPS	11.7	(5.0)	17.1	12.1

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Balance sheet				(INR mn)	Cash flow metrics				
As on 31st December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E	Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Share capital	203	203	203	203	Operating cash flow	1,653	988	268	1,013
Reserves & Surplus	6,406	7,175	7,997	8,950	Financing cash flow	(143)	61	177	15
Shareholders' funds	6,609	7,378	8,200	9,153	Investing cash flow	(407)	(235)	(490)	(115)
Long Term Liabilities	125	125	125	125	Net cash Flow	1,104	815	(45)	913
Def. Tax Liability (net)	(155)	(175)	-	-	Capex	(407)	(235)	(490)	(115)
Sources of funds	6,579	7,327	8,325	9,278	Dividend paid	(160)	(166)	(261)	(261)
Gross Block	3,343	3,683	4,283	4,548					
Net Block	1,130	1,193	1,472	1,396	Profitability and efficiency ratios				
Capital work in progress	381	260	150	-	Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Intangible Assets	1	15	15	15	ROAE (%)	15.8	13.2	13.9	14.0
Total net fixed assets	1,512	1,468	1,637	1,410	ROACE (%)	24.3	20.4	21.2	21.2
Cash and Equivalents	3,457	4,193	4,149	5,062	Inventory Days	69	74	71	62
Inventories	947	1,231	1,043	1,151	ROA	15.8	13.3	13.8	13.8
Sundry Debtors	2,199	1,814	2,822	3,123	Debtors Days	98	79	83	97
Loans & Advances	53	63	63	63	Payable Days	99	101	88	82
Other Current Assets	130	187	187	187	Cash Conversion Cycle	68	52	67	77
Current Assets (ex cash)	3,329	3,295	4,115	4,524	Current Ratio	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.6
Trade payable	1,531	1,434	1,380	1,523	Debt / Cap employed (%)	23.8	19.8	18.9	18.5
Other Current Liab	188	195	195	195					
Total Current Liab	1,719	1,629	1,575	1,718	Operating ratios				
Net Curr Assets-ex cash	1,610	1,666	2,540	2,806	Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Uses of funds	6,579	7,327	8,325	9,278	Total Asset Turnover	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
BVPS (INR)	325.6	363.5	404.0	451.0	Fixed Asset Turnover	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.7
				_	Equity Turnover	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Free cash flow				(INR mn)					
Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E	Valuation parameters				
Reported Profit	944	925	1,083	1,215	Year to December	CY17	CY18	CY19E	CY20E
Add: Depreciation	298	278	321	341	Adj. Diluted EPS (INR)	48.0	45.6	53.4	59.8
Others	(161)	(228)	(263)	(276)	Y-o-Y growth (%)	11.7	(5.0)	17.1	12.1

Peer comparison valuation

Less: Changes in WC

Operating cash flow

Less: Capex

Free Cash Flow

	Market cap	Diluted P/	ted P/E (X) EV / EBITDA (X)			ROAE (%)		
Name	(USD mn)	CY19E	CY20E	CY19E	CY20E	CY19E	CY20E	
Vesuvius India	338	21.4	19.1	11.2	9.5	13.9	14.0	
Orient Refractories	409	24.7		15.8		28.3		
Median	-	23.0	9.6	13.5	4.8	21.1	7.0	
AVERAGE	-	23.0	19.1	13.5	9.5	21.1	14.0	

Adjusted Cash EPS (INR)

Diluted P/E (x)

EV / Sales (x)

EV / EBITDA (x)

Dividend Yield (%)

P/B (x)

Source: Edelweiss research

7.7

19.1

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(572)

1,653

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(12)

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Francois Clement Wanecq	Director	Nayantara Palchoudhuri	Director
Patrick Georges Felix Andre	Director		

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*as per last available data

Holding Top -10

	Perc. Holding		Perc. Holding
Reliance Capital Trustee	9.62	Wasatch Advisors	0.46
HDFC Asset Management Co Ltd	9.02	Uniion Mutual Fund	0.27
Catamaran Advisors	3.59	Axis Asset Management	0.22
Acacia Banyan Partners	3.33	Dimensional Fund Advisor	0.16
Sundaram Asset Management	0.70	Nippon Life Insurance	0.07

^{*}as per last available data

Bulk Deals

Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded	Price
No Data Available				

*as per last available data

Insider Trades

Reporting Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded
No Data Available			

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Date	Company	Title	Price (INR)	Recos
04-Apr-19	SRF	Dahej plant back in action EdelFlash	; 2,384	Buy
01-Apr-19	VIP Industries	Unpacking growth; Visit Note	483	Buy
01-Apr-19	SRF	Dahej plant under fire for violating pollution norms; Event Update	2,403	Buy

Distribution of Ratings / Market Cap					
Edelweiss Research Coverage Universe					
		Buy	Hold	Reduce	Total
Rating Distribution * 1stocks under rev		161	67	11	240
	> 50bn	Bet	ween 10bn a	nd 50 bn	< 10bn
Market Cap (INR)	156		62		11

Rating Interpretation		
Rating	Expected to	
Buy	appreciate more than 15% over a 12-month period	
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Reduce	depreciate more than 5% over a 12-month period	



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