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Steady haulage in bumpy outlook

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Transport Corporation of India (TCI) reported stable results with sales and PAT up 6% YoY and 16% YoY, respectively. While H1FY20 on the whole could be challenging given the bleak environment in goods movement, we view Q1 as a relatively resilient performance. All in all, we are bullish on TCI as an improving business mix should lift its margin and returns profile over the next two-three years, which can potentially re-rate the stock. At the same, the stock's current valuation at 12x PE is attractive; hence, downside is limited in our view. Retain 'BUY' and unchanged TP of INR365.

Steady performance along expected lines

TCI clocked stable Q1FY20 sales and PAT growth of 6% YoY and 16% YoY, respectively, in an otherwise broad-based slowdown in goods movement. The freight division reported revenue growth of 5% YoY, wherein the LTL component is growing. We believe that this is likely to have led to margin expansion YoY. Subdued growth of about 3% YoY in the supply chain division is along expected lines given the auto sector accounts for the bulk of the segmental top line. Seaways revenue grew 10% YoY in Q1FY20 on account of an additional ship (inducted in Q2FY19); this business reported an EBIT margin of 19.8% (versus 19.1% in Q1FY19, 27% in Q4FY20).

Business mix improvement main re-rating driver in our view

Our investment rationale for TCI is based on a significant improvement in its underlying business mix over the next two-three years. The company is targeting higher-margin LTL mix of 40% in the freight division (25–30% currently). While slow in FY20, the supply chain division is part of the fast-growing 3PL category, which is expected to log 13-15% CAGR over five-seven years. Overall, TCI's focus on establishing multi-modal capabilities should show up in its growth over four-five years.

Outlook and valuation: Retain 'BUY'

We retain 'BUY' on TCI with an SoTP-based target price of INR365, which implies a one-year forward PE of 14.7x. While we see TCl's story as one of moderate growth FY19-21E EPS CAGR of 15%), we believe the market is undervaluing the business potential.

Financials	(INR mn)
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Year to March	Q1FY20	Q1FY19	% Chg	Q4FY19	% Chg	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Net revenues	6,592	6,250	5.5	7,427	(11.2)	27,537	31,357	35,284
EBITDA	584	524	11.5	787	(25.8)	2,495	3,055	3,438
Adjusted Profit	344	297	15.8	484	(28.8)	1,453	1,702	1,913
Adjusted Diluted EPS	4.5	3.8	15.8	6.3	(28.8)	18.8	22.0	24.8
Diluted P/E (x)							12.7	11.3
ROAE (%)							11.9	12.3

EDELWEISS RATINGS Absolute Rating BUY **Investment Characteristics** Growth MARKET DATA (R: TCIL.BO, B: TRPC IN) : INR 263 **Target Price** : INR 365 52-week range (INR) : 376 / 231 Share in issue (mn) : 76.8 M cap (INR bn/USD mn) : 20 / 305 Avg. Daily Vol. BSE/NSE ('000): 72.8

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)

	Current	Q4FY19	Q3FY19
Promoters *	66.9	66.9	66.9
MF's, FI's & BKs	12.5	11.1	10.8
FII's	1.9	1.9	1.9
Others	18.7	20.1	20.4
* Promoters pledged (% of share in issu		:	NIL

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	BSE Midcap Index	Stock	Stock over Index
1 month	(8.5)	(15.4)	(6.9)
3 months	(9.0)	(9.9)	(0.8)
12 months	(15.1)	(7.2)	7.9

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Financial snapshot Year to March	Q1FY20	Q1FY19	% change	Q4FY19	% change	FY19	FY20E	(INR mn) FY21E
Net revenues	6,592	6,250	5.5	7,427	(11.2)	27,537	31,357	35,284
Gross profit	1,223	1,128	8.4	1,489	(17.9)	5,021	6,220	6,996
Other expenses	255	259	(1.7)	352	(27.6)	1,124	1,466	1,648
Operating expenses	5,369	5,122	4.8	5,939	(9.6)	22,515	25,137	28,288
EBITDA	584	524	11.5	787	(25.8)	2,495	3,055	3,438
Depreciation	199	171	16.5	202	(1.3)	774	920	1,089
EBIT	385	353	9.1	585	(34.2)	1,721	2,135	2,349
Other income	35	43	(18.3)	50	(30.2)	195	170	160
Add: Exceptional items	84	53	59.2	47	77.9	244	269	295
Profit before tax	417	374	11.3	586	(28.9)	1,786	2,133	2,401
Provision for taxes	72	77	(6.2)	102	(29.5)	333	431	487
Reported net profit	344	297	15.8	484	(28.8)	1,453	1,702	1,913
Adjusted Profit	344	297	15.8	484	(28.8)	1,453	1,702	1,913
Diluted shares (mn)	77	77		77		77	77	77
Adjusted Diluted EPS	4.5	3.8	15.8	6.3	(28.8)	18.8	22.0	24.8
Diluted P/E (x)	-	-		-		-	12.7	11.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-		-		-	8.4	7.4
ROAE (%)	-	-		-		-	11.9	12.3
Employee cost	5.8	5.5		4.7		5.1	5.4	5.4
Other expenses	3.9	4.1		4.7		4.1	4.7	4.7
Operating expenses	81.5	82.0		80.0		81.8	80.2	80.2
EBITDA	8.9	8.4		10.6		9.1	9.7	9.7
Reported net profit	5.2	4.8		6.5		5.3	5.4	5.4

Company Description

Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI) is an integrated supply chain and logistics solutions provider. The Company's segments include Freight Division, Supply Chain Solutions Division, Seaways Division, Energy Division and Global Division. It offers multimodal transportation solutions. Its divisions include TCI Freight Division, TCI Supply Chain Solutions Division, TCI Seaways Division and TCI Global Division, among others. TCI Freight is a surface transport entity. TCI Supply Chain Solutions division offers services to sectors, such as auto, retail, telecom, electrical and pharmaceuticals. TCI Seaways division caters to coastal cargo requirements for transporting container and bulk cargo. TCI Global division provides customs clearance, international inbound and outbound freight handling (air and sea), third-party logistics, multimodal (air, surface and sea) services and project cargo. It has a fleet of customized vehicles and over 10.5 million square feet of warehousing space.

Investment Theme

We are bullish on TCIL as: 1) it is focusing on changing its business mix by growing the high-margin LTL business and growing fast in the 3PL segment; 2) the 3PL segment backdrop remains very conducive for 15-17% CAGR over the next six-seven years, which will add the structural growth element to TCIL's business; and 3) we believe that the market continues to undervalue the long-term potential of TCIL's 3PL segment by atleast 25-30%.

Key Risks

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Our thesis rests greatly on the implied benefits that GST is likely to offer such as catalysing warehouse consolidation in India, which would nudge several large customers towards outsourced logistics. A slower-than-expected pickup in this trend is a key downside risk to our thesis.

Financial Statements

Key Assumptions

Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21F
Macro	1110	1113	11202	11210
	7.0	6.0	6.0	7.4
GDP(Y-o-Y %)	7.2	6.8	6.8	7.1
Inflation (Avg)	3.6	3.4	4.0	4.5
Repo rate (exit rate)	6.0	6.3	5.3	5.0
USD/INR (Avg)	64.5	70.0	72.0	72.0
Sector				
Logistics sector size (USD bn)	200	218	238	259
Company				
TCI Freight	12	17	15	12
TCI Freight	4	4	4	4
Realisation per tonne per km (INR)	2	2	2	3
TCI Seaways	34	31	28	28
Realisation per DWT	68,619	109,321	85,000	85,000
TCI Seaways	62	39	22	9
TCI Corp and Others	76	52	50	50
Ship capacity (DWT)	63,380	63,380	86,640	86,640
Total tonnage for entire fleet for 1 year (mn	4,936	4,936	5,712	5,871
TCI Supply Chain Solutions	24	11	7	14

Income statement				(INR mn)
Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Net revenue	23,499	27,537	31,357	35,284
Gross profit	4,431	5,021	6,220	6,996
Employee costs	1,245	1,402	1,699	1,909
Other Expenses	1,021	1,124	1,466	1,648
Operating expenses	19,068	22,515	25,137	28,288
Total operating expenses	21,334	25,041	28,302	31,846
EBITDA	2,165	2,495	3,055	3,438
Depreciation	686	774	920	1,089
EBIT	1,478	1,721	2,135	2,349
Less: Interest Expense	322	374	440	404
Add: Other income	144.19	195.1	170.04	160.28
Profit Before Tax	1,301	1,542	1,864	2,105
Less: Provision for Tax	287	333	431	487
Associate profit share	224	244	269	295
Reported Profit	1,238	1,453	1,702	1,914
Adjusted Profit	1,238	1,453	1,702	1,914
Shares o /s (mn)	77	77	77	77
Adjusted Basic EPS	16.2	18.8	22.1	24.8
Diluted shares o/s (mn)	77	77	77	77
Adjusted Diluted EPS	16.2	18.8	22.0	24.8
Adjusted Cash EPS	25.8	28.8	33.9	38.9
Dividend per share (DPS)	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.5
Dividend Payout Ratio(%)	9.9	10.6	10.0	10.1

Common size metrics

Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Gross margin	18.9	18.2	19.8	19.8
Operating expenses	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.7
Interest Expense	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1
EBITDA margins	9.2	9.1	9.7	9.7
EBIT margins	6.3	6.2	6.8	6.7
Net Profit margins	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4

Growth ratios (%)

Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Revenues	21.0	17.2	13.9	12.5
EBITDA	33.6	15.3	22.4	12.6
Adjusted Profit	52.4	17.3	17.2	12.5
EPS	52.1	16.4	17.2	12.5

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Balance sheet				(INR mn)	Cash flow metrics				
As on 31st March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Share capital	153	153	153	153	Operating cash flow	1,801	1,830	2,436	2,362
Reserves & Surplus	7,465	8,766	10,227	11,616	Financing cash flow	(303)	(241)	(719)	(809)
Shareholders' funds	7,618	8,920	10,380	11,769	Investing cash flow	(1,543)	(1,576)	(1,879)	(1,340)
Minority Interest	47	52	47	47	Net cash Flow	(44)	13	(162)	213
Long term borrowings	1,514	1,864	1,680	1,455	Capex	(1,511)	(1,259)	(2,049)	(1,500)
Short term borrowings	2,439	2,278	2,451	2,501	Dividend paid	(163)	(182)	(204)	(230)
Total Borrowings	3,953	4,142	4,131	3,956					
Long Term Liabilities	18	20	20	20	Profitability and efficiency ratios				
Def. Tax Liability (net)	445	390	392	392	Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Sources of funds	12,080	13,523	14,970	16,184	ROAE (%)	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.3
Gross Block	7,696	9,326	11,368	12,868	ROACE (%)	14.8	15.5	16.7	16.5
Net Block	6,252	7,263	8,228	8,639	ROA	10.9	11.3	11.9	12.3
Capital work in progress	563	40	40	40	Debtors Days	72	74	66	66
Intangible Assets	6	5	6	6	Payable Days	10	10	8	8
Total net fixed assets	6,821	7,308	8,274	8,685	Cash Conversion Cycle	62	64	58	57
Non current investments	1,044	1,168	1,669	1,669	Current Ratio	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.3
Cash and Equivalents	142	155	(11)	202	Debt/EBITDA (x)	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2
Inventories	33	53	40	45	Adjusted Debt/Equity	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3
Sundry Debtors	4,249	5,151	5,322	5,991	Net Debt/Equity	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Loans & Advances	136	241	229	229	Interest Coverage Ratio	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.8
Other Current Assets	1,062	1,342	1,309	1,309	LT debt /Cap empl. (%)	12.5	13.8	11.2	9.0
Current Assets (ex cash)	5,480	6,787	6,900	7,573	Debt / Cap employed (%)	32.7	30.6	27.6	24.4
Trade payable	597	674	672	756					
Other Current Liab	1,300	1,962	1,604	1,604	Operating ratios				
Total Current Liab	1,897	2,636	2,276	2,360	Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Net Curr Assets-ex cash	3,582	4,150	4,623	5,213	Total Asset Turnover	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
Uses of funds	12,080	13,523	14,970	16,184	Fixed Asset Turnover	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.2
BVPS (INR)	99.5	115.7	134.6	152.6	Equity Turnover	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Free cash flow				(INR mn)	Valuation parameters				
Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	Year to March	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E
Reported Profit	1,238	1,453	1,702	1,914	Adj. Diluted EPS (INR)	16.2	18.8	22.0	24.8
Add: Depreciation	686	774	920	1,089	Y-o-Y growth (%)	52.1	16.4	17.2	12.5
Interest (Net of Tax)	216	250	295	271	Adjusted Cash EPS (INR)	25.8	28.8	33.9	38.9
Others	(682)	(1,367)	(615)	(1,502)	Diluted P/E (x)	16.3	14.0	12.0	10.6
Less: Changes in WC	(342)	(719)	(133)	(590)	P/B (x)	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.7
Operating cash flow	1,801	1,830	2,436	2,362	EV / Sales (x)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
Less: Capex	(1,511)	(1,259)	(2,049)	(1,500)	EV / EBITDA (x)	11.1	9.8	8.0	7.0
Free Cash Flow	291	571	387	862	Dividend Yield (%)	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9

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Additional Data

Directors Data

Dharmpal Agarwal	Managing Director	Vineet Agarwal	Managing Director
Jasjit Sethi	CEO	Ishwar Sigar	CEO
Swaminatha Reddy Onteddu	Director	Vijay Sankar	Director
Susim Datta	Director	Satyanarayan Agarwal	Director
Karna Mehta	Director	Mahabir Sarawagi	Director
Ashish Bharat Ram	Director	Chander Agarwal	Director
Urmila Agarwal	Director		

Auditors - Brahmayya & Co.

*as per last available data

Holding - Top10

	Perc. Holding		Perc. Holding
Bhoruka supply chain	44.37	Agarwal dharam pal	10.21
Idfc mutual fund	4.08	Canara robeco asset	3.38
Arcee holdings ltd	2.64	Agarwal vineet	2.61
Agarwal priyanka	2.53	Agarwal urmila n	2.41
Agarwal chander	2.39	Dimensional fund adv	1.43

*as per last available data

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No Data Available				

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Reporting Data	Acquired / Seller	B/S	Qty Traded
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09-Jul-19	Logistics	Q1FY20: Another quarter slow movement; Q1FY20 Result Preview	of	
08-Jul-19	Logistics	LOGI-WATCH: Sluggish pa continues; Sector Update	ace	
19-Jun-19	Transport Corporation of India	Logistics Conference: Key takeaways; Company Update	296	Buy

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		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

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