

# Retail Equity Research Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Logistics

BSE CODE : 532349 NSE CODE: TCI BLOOMBERG CODE: TRPC:IN SENSEX : 60,664 BUY

12Months Investment Period

Rating as per Small Cap

CMP Rs. 630 TARGET Rs. 755 RETURN 20% 🗍

(Closing: 08-02-23)

KEY CHANGES: TARGET URATING TO EARNINGS

## Earnings outlook intact...

Transport Corporation of India Ltd. (TCI) is one of the largest integrated players in the organised logistics industry. Key business segments include,- Freight, supply chain, warehousing solutions, & shipping services.

- Revenue grew by 15% YoY, led by continued momentum in economic activities & higher freight rates.
- EBITDA grew by only a modest 5% YoY, and margins declined by 120bps YoY to 11.8% on account of an increase in operating expenses.
- Stable freight volumes, healthy volume from E-commerce, and a pick-up in supply chain business will maintain growth momentum.
- We expect PAT to grow at a 17% CAGR over FY23E-25E, led by stable growth in freight, supply chain business and recovery in the sea way business.
- We value TCI at a P/E of 16x on FY24E, given a 25% price correction from recent high, we upgrade to BUY with a target price of Rs. 755.

#### Revenue growth steady...

TCI's Q3FY23 revenue grew by 15% YoY, led by strong growth across segments. Revenue from Freight, Supply chain and seaway segment business, grew by 12%, 20%, & 15% YoY, respectively. Freight business growth was led by healthy growth momentum amidst the festive seasons and restocking. The revenue from the company's supply chain business increased due to stable auto sector volumes and diversification of business. During the quarter, the Seaway division witnessed revival in demand post monsoon. In the long term, higher government spending infrastructure, penetration of ecommerce, GST & e-way bill and improving consumer sentiments will drive growth. However, in the near term, consumer sentiments anticipated see some moderation due to current high inflation levels. Further, seaway division growth momentum to moderate due to the delay in addition of new ship. If ship rates remains higher, the purchase may be delayed. CAPEX for 9MFY23 was ~Rs.82cr. We expect revenue growth to normalise starting from FY24E and factor revenue to grow by 15% CAGR over FY23E-FY25E.

#### Profitability to improve...

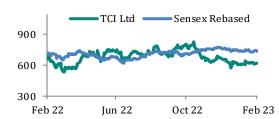
Q3FY23, gross margin declined by 120bps YoY to 20.3%, on account of lower volumes from high margins seaway division and higher operating expenses. EBITDA margin declined by 120bps YoY to 11.8%, consequently PAT grew by a modest 6% YoY. We lower our EBITDA margin estimates by 55bps & 75bps for FY23E & FY24E, considering the inflationary environment and moderation in consumer demand. Therefore, our EPS stands reduced by 2% and 9% for FY23E & FY25E. Despite this, we expect PAT to grow by 17% CAGR over FY23E-25E.

#### **Valuations**

In the very short term, consumer sentiments might moderate due to high inflation. However, TCI's long term outlook remain positive, given strong economic growth prospects, increasing pentation of ecommerce, GST & e-way bill and its well diversified multi modal solutions. We value TCI at a P/E of 16x on FY24E, and upgrade to BUY with a target price of Rs.755.

Company Data			
Market Cap (cr)			Rs.47,70
Enterprise Value (cr)	Rs.4,794		
Outstanding Shares (cr	7.7		
Free Float			31.0%
Dividend Yield			0.88%
52 week high			Rs.844
52 week low			Rs.529
6m average volume (cr	·)		0.01
Beta			0.77
Face value			Rs.2
Shareholding (%)	Q1FY23	Q2FY23	Q3FY23
Shareholding (%) Promoters	Q1FY23 66.5	<b>Q2FY23</b> 69.0	<b>Q3FY23</b> 69.0
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Promoters	66.5	69.0	69.0
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Promoters FII's MFs/Institutions	66.5 3.1 12.0	69.0 3.3 11.8	69.0 3.3 11.7
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\*over or under performance to benchmark index



Consolidated (cr)	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	3257	3,824	4,320
Growth (%)	16.2	17.4	13.0
EBITDA	409	434	495
EBITDA Margin(%)	12.6	11.4	11.5
PAT Adj.	290	319	365
Growth (%)	81.0	10.1	14.4
Adjusted EPS	37.5	41.2	47.2
Growth (%)	81.0	10.1	14.4
P/E	16.8	15.3	13.4
P/B	3.4	2.8	2.3
EV/EBITDA	11.7	11.0	9.3
ROE (%)	22.3	20.1	19.0
D/E	0.1	0.1	0.0

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# **Quarterly Financials**

## **Profit & Loss**

Rs (cr)	Q3FY23	Q3FY22	YoY growth (%)	9MFY23	9MFY22	YoY growth (%)
Sales	967	838	15.4	2,802	2,359	18.8
EBITDA	114	109	4.8	314	289	8.6
EBITDA margins	11.8	13.0	(120bps)	11.2	12.3	(100bps)
Depreciation	31	26	23.0	90	76	19.0
EBIT	83	79	(0.8)	224	214	4.9
Interest	3	3	-	7	11	(29.6)
Other Income	7	3	32.5	20	12	60.2
Share of profit from Associate	10	7	41.0	34	18	88.0
PBT	98	94	4.3	270	233	15.8
Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax	11	11	2.2	32	27	19.3
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	87	82	<i>5.7</i>	238	204	16.6
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	87	82	<i>5.7</i>	238	204	16.6
No. of Shares	7.7	7.7		7.7	7.7	-
EPS (Rs)	11.2	10.6	5.7	30.9	26.5	16.6

# **Change in Estimates**

	Old esti	mates	Nowas	timates	Change	(%)
Year / Rs cr	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	3,849	4,494	3,824	4,320	(0.6)	(3.9)
EBITDA	458	548	434	495	(5.2)	(9.7)
Margins (%)	11.9	12.2	11.4	11.5	(50bps)	(75bps)
Adj. PAT	325	401	319	365	(1.8)	(9.0)
EPS	42.0	51.8	41.2	47.2	(1.8)	(9.0)





## **Consolidated Financials**

## **PROFIT & LOSS**

Y.E March (Rs Cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	2,718	2,802	3,257	3,824	4,320
% change	(1.3)	3.1	16.2	17.4	13.0
EBITDA	241	261	409	434	495
% change	-3.6	8.6	56.5	6.2	14.0
Depreciation	82	93	113	122	136
EBIT	158	168	296	312	359
Interest	34	27	13	10	11
Other Income	20	25	20	28	32
Share of JV	25	20	28	45	50
PBT	159	174	330	375	429
% change	(10.9)	9.5	89.6	13.5	14.4
Tax	16	24	38	56	64
Tax Rate (%)	10.0	13.7	11.4	15.0	15.0
Reported PAT	142	147	290	319	365
Adj.*	10	13	-	-	-
Adj. PAT	152	160	290	319	365
% change	4.8	5.2	23.3	10.1	14.4
No. of shares (cr)	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Adj EPS (Rs)	19.8	20.8	37.5	41.2	47.2
% change	4.6	4.8	80.3	10.1	14.4
DPS (Rs)	2.6	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.2

## **BALANCE SHEET**

Y.E March (Rs Cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Cash	13	34	68	88	265
Accounts Receivable	487	511	508	608	675
Inventories	7	7	8	11	12
Other Cur. Assets	248	227	241	293	373
Investments	135	150	193	233	273
Gross Fixed Assets	1,083	1,133	1,314	1,564	1,714
Net Fixed Assets	771	802	798	926	940
CWIP	22	5	7	15	20
Intangible Assets	0	3	3	3	3
Def. Tax (Net)	(30)	(27)	(28)	(28)	(28)
Other Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	1,653	1,711	1,799	2,149	2,533
Current Liabilities	239	267	219	260	285
Provisions	10	9	25	24	28
Debt Funds	374	257	98	98	98
Other Liabilities	6	9	27	27	27
Equity Capital	15	15	15	15	15
Reserves & Surplus	1,009	1,154	1,415	1,724	2,079
Shareholder's Fund	1,024	1,170	1,430	1,740	2,095
Total Liabilities	1,653	1,711	1,799	2,149	2,533
BVPS	133	152	185	225	271

## **CASH FLOW**

Y.E March (Rs Cr)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Net inc. + Depn.	226	243	406	441	501
Non-cash adj.	(6)	43	(22)	(63)	(71)
Changes in W.C	23	18	(16)	(114)	(119)
C.F. Operation	243	305	368	264	311
Capital exp.	(132)	(124)	(71)	(258)	(155)
Change in inv.	(5)	(2)	(3)	(40)	(40)
Other invest.CF	2	20	(3)	73	82
C.F - Investment	(135)	(106)	(76)	(224)	(113)
Issue of equity	2	4	3	-	-
Issue/repay debt	(52)	(145)	(226)	-	-
Dividends paid	(20)	(10)	(41)	(10)	(10)
Other finance.CF	(34)	(27)	6	(10)	(11)
C.F - Finance	(104)	(178)	(258)	(20)	(21)
Chg. in cash	3	21	34	20	177
Closing cash	13	34	68	88	265

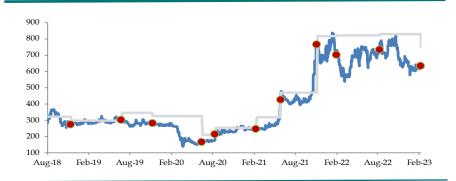
## **RATIOS**

Y.E March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Profitab & Return					
EBITDA margin (%)	8.9	9.3	12.6	11.4	11.5
EBIT margin (%)	5.8	6.0	9.1	8.2	8.3
Net profit mgn.(%)	5.6	5.7	8.9	8.3	8.4
ROE (%)	15.9	14.6	22.3	20.1	19.0
ROCE (%)	11.0	10.4	18.0	16.6	15.9
W.C & Liquidity					
Receivables (days)	67.3	65.0	57.1	53.3	54.2
Inventory (days)	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Payables (days)	0.7	0.9	2.0	2.6	2.3
Current ratio (x)	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.5	4.2
Quick ratio (x)	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.7	3.3
Turnover & Leverage					
Gross asset T.O (x)	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.6
Total asset T.O (x)	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.8
Int. covge. ratio (x)	4.6	6.3	23.1	31.2	31.5
Adj. debt/equity (x)	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Valuation					
EV/Sales (x)	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.3	19.1	11.7	11.0	9.3
P/E (x)	31.8	30.3	16.8	15.3	13.4
P/BV (x)	4.7	4.2	3.4	2.8	2.3





#### **Recommendation summary**



Dates	Rating	Target
14-November-2018	Accumulate	298
25-June-2019	Buy	346
11-November-19	Buy	325
16-June-20	Buy	209
14-August-20	Buy	253
09-Novemebr-20	Buy	262
11-February-21	Buy	317
31-May-21	Accumulate	471
08-November-21	Hold	818
01-February-22	Accumulate	820
12-August-22	Accumulate	829
09-February-23	Buy	755

Source: Bloomberg, Geojit Research

#### **Investment Criteria**

Ratings	Large caps	Midcaps	Small caps
Buy	Upside is above 10%	Upside is above 15%	Upside is above 20%
Accumulate	-	Upside is between 10% - 15%	Upside is between 10% - 20%
Hold	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0% - 10%	Upside is between 0% - 10%
Reduce/sell	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%	Downside is more than 0%
Not rated/Neutral		-	

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Sell: Exit from the stock.

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