RESULT UPDATE

KEY DATA

Rating	HOLD
Sector relative	Neutral
Price (INR)	435
12 month price target (INR)	439
52 Week High/Low	730/391
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	27/0.3
Free float (%)	67.7
Avg. daily value traded (INR bn)	88.1

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Mar-23	Dec-22	Sep-22
Promoter	32.2%	32.21%	32.25%
FII	16.68%	16.84%	16.82%
DII	3.66%	4.5%	5.02%
Pledge	0%	0%	0%

FINANCIALS (INR mn)				
Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
Revenue	11,487	6,355	8,961	12,016
EBITDA	1,863	24	890	1,256
Adjusted profit	694	(564)	(57)	(175)
Diluted EPS (INR)	11.3	(9.2)	(0.9)	(2.8)
EPS growth (%)	(47.3)	nm	nm	nm
RoAE (%)	10.9	(8.9)	(0.9)	(2.8)
P/E (x)	36.4	nm	nm	nm
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.5	876.0	24.3	18.6
Dividend yield (%)	0	0	0	0

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Weak performance

TCNS Clothing (TCNS) reported weak Q1FY24 performance with revenue shrinking 12% YoY (17% below estimate) and EBITDA recording an INR103mn loss (est. INR256mn). This was amplified by gross margin slipping a sharp ~630bp. Channel-wise impact on offline channels was much higher – EBO/LFS contracting 16%/18% with online channel growing 56% YoY. Store addition was calibrated with the addition of only two stores (Q4FY23: 11). Brand mix was similar YoY.

This note marks discontinuation of coverage on TCNS. It is rated 'HOLD'. At CMP, the stock is trading at 19x FY23 EV/EBITDA. Future stock movement, as per us, will also be driven by ABFRL's stock price given the implied value as per the exchange ratio.

Muted demand environment

TCNS reported a 12% YoY contraction in revenues, much below expectations. TCNS highlighted that the subdued demand environment seen since festive has persisted. There was a greater impact in Tier-II/III cities. Channel-wise, EBO channel contracted 16% YoY, with LFS channel down 18% YoY. Only the online channel saw growth, increasing 56% YoY. On store additions, TCNS moderated expansion, adding only two stores during the quarter, compared to 11 in Q2FY23. (FY23: 76). In addition to the revenue contraction, gross margins also saw a sharp dip (down 630bp YoY) due to the aggressive discounting. With cost base remaining similar, EBITDA margin came in at -4.2% versus 11.3% in Q1FY23. Depreciation and interest costs were elevated given the historic store expansion. As a result, TCNS reported a PAT loss of INR370mn versus a profit of INR24mn in Q1FY23.

Focus areas ahead

For FY24, TCNS is targeting the following: i) Range architecture and Merchandise Mix: on path of re-balancing range architecture. TCNS highlighted that new-season launch reached stores and is gaining strong traction. ii) Same store sales recovery: Comprehensive approach including optimisation of store inventories, driving footfalls and right merchandise mix. Calibrated approach towards store expansion. iii) Online and omni-expansion: Stabilised models across key marketplaces. Scaled up omni-channel fulfilment across additional stores and channels. iv) Working capital optimisation: Focus on inventory optimisation through sharper buys and stronger range architecture. v) Elleven growth momentum: Multiple stores picking up momentum and showing consistent growth; gradually moving on the path to build a profitable EBO model.

Financials

Year to March	Q1FY24	Q1FY23	% Change	Q4FY23	% Change
Net Revenue	2,441	2,764	(11.7)	2,686	(9.1)
EBITDA	(103)	313	NM	85	NM
Adjusted Profit	(370)	24	NM	(281)	NM
Diluted EPS (INR)	(5.9)	0.4	NM	(4.6)	NM

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Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
Total operating income	11,487	6,355	8,961	12,016
Gross profit	7,463	3,632	5,865	8,012
Employee costs	1,576	1,214	1,502	1,867
Other expenses	4,025	2,393	3,472	4,888
EBITDA	1,863	24	890	1,256
Depreciation	1,032	919	944	1,208
Less: Interest expense	382	365	372	520
Add: Other income	211	490	353	161
Profit before tax	661	(769)	(72)	(311)
Prov for tax	(33)	(206)	(15)	(136)
Less: Other adj	0	0	0	0
Reported profit	694	(564)	(57)	(175)
Less: Excp.item (net)	0	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	694	(564)	(57)	(175)
Diluted shares o/s	61	62	62	63
Adjusted diluted EPS	11.3	(9.2)	(0.9)	(2.8)
DPS (INR)	0	0	0	0
Tax rate (%)	5.1	26.7	20.6	43.8

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
Share capital	123	123	123	123
Reserves	6,477	5,997	6,075	5,994
Shareholders funds	6,600	6,120	6,199	6,117
Minority interest	0	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	54	0	395
Trade payables	1,223	912	1,716	2,599
Other liabs & prov	765	(4)	58	(189)
Total liabilities	12,988	11,585	13,034	14,229
Net block	397	307	436	602
Intangible assets	3,120	2,707	3,597	4,518
Capital WIP	21	5	16	1
Total fixed assets	3,538	3,020	4,049	5,121
Non current inv	0	0	0	0
Cash/cash equivalent	1,713	1,873	1,563	250
Sundry debtors	1,756	1,648	1,738	2,582
Loans & advances	2,522	2,187	1,963	566
Other assets	3,459	2,857	3,720	5,634
Total assets	12,988	11,585	13,034	14,229

Important Ratios (%)

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
EBO addition (#)	54.0	(44.0)	48.0	55.0
LFS addition (#)	321.0	179.0	175.0	150.0
Rev. per EBO (% YoY)	(4.9)	(58.9)	57.5	45.0
EBITDA margin (%)	16.2	0.4	9.9	10.5
Net profit margin (%)	6.0	(8.9)	(0.6)	(1.5)
Revenue growth (% YoY)	0.1	(44.7)	41.0	34.1
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	5.3	(98.7)	3,549.0	41.1
Adj. profit growth (%)	(47.2)	nm	(89.8)	205.4

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A		
Reported profit	694	(564)	(57)	(175)		
Add: Depreciation	1,032	919	944	1,208		
Interest (net of tax)	401	267	295	292		
Others	(633)	80	99	(1,440)		
Less: Changes in WC	475	(207)	218	(16)		
Operating cash flow	1,018	909	1,062	(98)		
Less: Capex	(4,613)	(1,716)	(1,275)	(407)		
Free cash flow	(3,595)	(807)	(212)	(505)		

Assumptions (%)

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
GDP (YoY %)	4.8	(6.0)	7.0	8.7
Repo rate (%)	4.4	3.5	3.5	4.0
USD/INR (average)	70.7	75.0	73.0	74.0
Gross Margin (%)	65.0	57.1	65.5	67.0
Inventory (% of RM)	82.1	102.1	116.6	75.0
Receivables (% of Rev)	15.3	25.9	19.4	15.0
Capex (INR mn)	0	0	0	400.0

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
RoE (%)	10.9	(8.9)	(0.9)	(2.8)
RoCE (%)	16.3	(6.3)	4.8	3.3
Inventory days	274	408	377	390
Receivable days	57	98	69	66
Payable days	108	143	155	197
Working cap (% sales)	47.0	82.4	56.8	47.8
Gross debt/equity (x)	0	0	0	0.1
Net debt/equity (x)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	0
Interest coverage (x)	2.2	(2.5)	(0.1)	0.1

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	F	Y20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
Diluted P/E (x)		36.4	nm	nm	nm
Price/BV (x)		3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2
EV/EBITDA (x)		11.5	876.0	24.3	18.6
Dividend yield (%)		0	0	0	0
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Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY20A	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A
EPS growth (%)	(47.3)	nm	(89.9)	197.9
RoE (%)	10.9	(8.9)	(0.9)	(2.8)
EBITDA growth (%)	5.3	(98.7)	3,549.0	41.1
Payout ratio (%)	0	nm	nm	nm

Additional Data

Management

CEO & MD	Anant Daga
CFO	Amit Chand
COO	
Other	
Auditor	Deloitte

Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
29-May-23	All round disappointment ; Result Update	411	Hold
14-Feb-23	Underdressed: Muted showing all over; Result Update	466	Hold
11-Nov-22	Stable showing; still lagging peers; Result Update	584	Buy

Holdings – Top 10*

	% Holding		% Holding
Nalanda IEF	7.02	PGIM	0.40
Elevation Cap	5.39	Sundaram AMC	0.29
Axis AMC	3.00	FMR	0.26
Steinberg	2.32	Edelweiss AMC	0.20
Auburn Ltd	1.60		

^{*}Latest public data

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
10-Aug-23	Page Industries	Cost-driven beat; underlying still weak; Result Update
25-May-23	Page Industries	Quite a shocker; ARS hangover to linger; <i>Result Update</i>
10-Feb-23	Page Industries	Margin hit; normalising pent up growth; Result Update

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

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Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution
Buy	15%	193
Hold	<15% and >-5%	65
Reduce	<-5%	20

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