

# V-Guard Industries Ltd (VGRD IN)

## Summer slam

## INDIA | MIDCAP - ELECTRICALS | Quarterly Update

#### Top takeaways from Q4FY16

- Higher sales volumes of seasonal products such as stabilisers, fans, and pumps, coupled with a rebound in commodity prices resulted in the revenue jump of 16%.
- Reduction in discounts, better absorption of fixed costs, and some inventory gains boosted EBIDTA and OPM.
- Faster cash conversion and lower bill discounting resulted in interest outgo falling 73%.
- PAT vaulted 1.1x yoy to Rs 420mn due to better margins and lower interest burden.

**Key highlights:** An early start to the summer in southern and eastern parts of India facilitated higher sales of key products, along with retention of benefits of softer raw material prices. VGI also benefited from the liquidation of some inventory that was priced at the lower levels of last quarter. All these factors facilitated gross margin improvement of 510bps yoy. Control over fixed costs and richer gross margins saw OPM jump 440bps yoy 12.4%. Healthy operational cash flows on fall in inventory and receivables enabled it to cut down on bill-discounting significantly, thereby reducing interest outgo by 73% yoy.

#### Management comments/concall/analyst-meet takeaways

- ✓ Sale volumes of wires and cables rose 12% while realisations were 10% lower because it passed through some of the soft copper prices.
- ✓ Despatches of pumps, stabilisers, water heaters, and fans picked up noticeably. This boosted operational profitability.
- ⇔ Kerala (~24% of overall sales) is experiencing a gradual revival due to the uptick in domestic rubber prices and stabilising remittances from the Middle East.
- ✓ The profitability profile in non-south Indian markets has improved significantly over the years. VGI is currently breaking even at the PBT level in these markets.
- ✓ Net debt is marginally negative and V-Guard intends to steadily pay off its term loan over the next 12-18 months.

**Outlook and valuation:** VGI is making most of the existing climatic conditions, leveraging its product portfolio to the hilt. While the scope for gross margin improvement is limited, we believe increased channel sweating and tight working capital management should see better absorption of fixed costs. In the light of its product basket and channel expansion, we believe that normal weather patterns would be most beneficial for VGI and have increased our FY18 earnings by 7%. We have rolled over to our FY18 earnings, while maintaining 24x multiple; our revised target price is Rs 1,270 (vs. Rs 919 previously). However, given the sharp run up, we maintain our Neutral rating.

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## **Neutral (Maintain)**

CMP RS 1186 TARGET RS 1270

#### **COMPANY DATA**

O/S SHARES (MN) :	30
MARKET CAP (RSBN):	28
MARKET CAP (USDBN):	0.4
52 - WK HI/LO (RS) :	1050 / 787
LIQUIDITY 3M (USDMN):	0.7
PAR VALUE (RS):	10

#### SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

	Dec 15	Sep 15	Jun 15
PROMOTERS:	65.9	65.9	66.0
FII / NRI :	25.3	25.3	28.0
FI / MF :	7.5	7.5	5.8
NON PRO:	2.5	2.5	2.5
PUBLIC & OTHERS:	7.1	7.1	7.4

#### **Key Financials**

Rs mn	FY16	FY17E	FY18E
Net Sales	18,623	21,701	25,796
EBIDTA	1,780	1,963	2,525
Net Profit	1,117	1,214	1,584
EPS, Rs	37.1	40.4	52.6
PER, x	32.0	29.4	22.5
EV/EBIDTA, x	19.3	17.5	13.4
P/BV, x	7.6	6.3	5.1
ROE, %	26.3	23.4	25.0
Debt/Equity (%)	0.1	0.1	0.1

#### **CHANGE IN ESTIMATES**

	Revised	d Est	% Re	vision
Rs mn	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E
Revenue	21,701	25,796	(6.0)	(7.1)
EBITDA	1,963	2,525	2.2	3.8
OPM (%)	9.0	9.8	70bps	100bps
PAT	1,214	1,584	6.4	7.3

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(Rs mn)	Q4FY16	Q4FY15	yoy growth %	Q3FY16	qoq growth %	vs Expectations	Comments
Sales	5,133	4,416	16	4,163	23.3	-0.4	Higher sales of stabilizers, pumps & fans
EBITDA	634	353	80	346	83.3	43.5	Inventory gains, better absorption of fixed costs
EBITDA margin	12.4	8.0	438bps	8.3	404.4	3.8	
Interest	12	46	(73)	15	-16.5		Improved working capital obviates w. cap borrowing
Depreciation	38	40	(5)	38	-0.1		
Other income	21	16	30	18	15.0		
PBT	605	282	114	311	94.3		
Tax	185	81	127	97	91.8		
Tax rate	30.6	28.8	175bps	31.0	-39.7		
PAT	420	201	109	215	95.4	46.8	

Segment wise results							
Rs mn	Q4FY16	Q4FY15	% уоу	FY16	FY15	% yoy	
Net Revenues							
Electronic	1,560	1,309	19.2	5,627	5,489	2.5	
Electrical/Electro Mechanical	3,388	2,974	13.9	12,388	11,461	8.1	
Others	185	133	38.6	607	510	19.1	
Total	5,133	4,416	16.2	18,623	17,459	6.7	
Segment PBIT							
Electronic	231	126	83.4	766	576	33.1	
Electrical/Electro Mechanical	350	197	77.2	860	642	33.9	
Others	38	6	540.1	93	3	3,133.5	
PBIT	618	329	87.9	1,719	1,221	40.8	
(-)Interest	12	46	(73.3)	89	206	(56.7)	
(-)Net un-allocable Exp	-	1	(100.0)	(20)	-	-	
PBT	606	282	114.7	1,610	1,014	58.7	
PBIT Margin (%)							
Electronic	14.8	9.6	-	13.6	10.5	-	
Electrical/Electro Mechanical	10.3	6.6	-	6.9	5.6	-	
Others	20.5	4.4	-	15.3	0.6	-	
Total Comp. PBIT Margin (%)	12.0	7.4	-	9.2	7.0	-	

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research

#### Other key takeaways:

- ✓ The surge in air conditioner sales, especially those with an inbuilt inverter, provided a fillip for despatches of stabilizers recently launched by VGI for this segment. Sales of AC stabilizers accounted for ~60% of stabilizer sales in Q4FY16 as well as FY16.
- ✓ Due to the traditional lag in the onset of summer in north and west India, the company expects momentum in sales of stabilizers and pumps to sustain in Q1FY17.
- ✓ VGI is looking to expand its existing range of pumps by developing higher HP pumps, which will be targeted at high-rise buildings and agriculture.
- ✓ Gas cooktops will be the new addition to the company's range of kitchen appliances, which currently consists of induction cooktops and mixer-grinders.
- ✓ The management guided for 15% growth in FY17 with margins at ~10%. It expects its sales in southern India to grow by 7-8% with revenues from the remaining geographies rising by 25%.

## Our take

Even after accounting for the one-off inventory gain in Q4FY16, the company pleasantly surprised us with its EBIDTA and PAT performance. Given its low base of FY16, we expect the momentum of sales growth will sustain into 1HFY17. However, there is a risk to our expectations because of the incidence of mild weather.

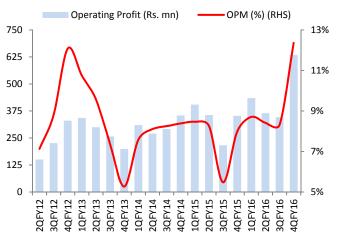
On the margin front, we are positive on the improved performance of operations outside southern India and believe that operating leverage of 50bps p.a. is well within the company's reach over the next two years, due to fixed cost absorption. But it is prudent to be mindful of the limited basket of products sold in these geographies, as operating leverage could be curtailed by the additional deployment of human and material resources deployed to launch new products and increase channel sweating.

Lastly, in light of the company's valuations (24x FY18) we believe that the elbow room to absorb shocks in earnings and cash flows is limited. Hence, we have opted for a conservative estimate of profits and cash flows and will revise it in the eventuality of a change in our opinion or estimates.

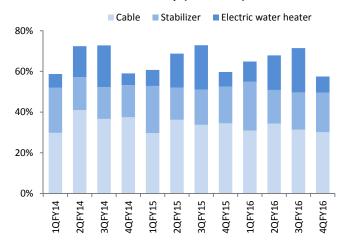


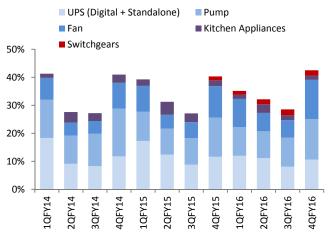


## Operating profit and OPM trend



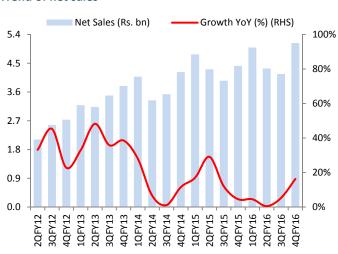
#### Product wise revenue break-up (% of sales)



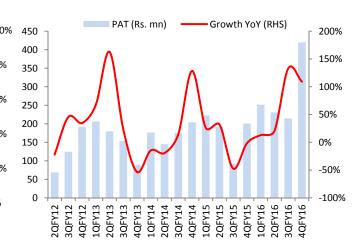


Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research

#### Trend of net sales



#### Trend in net profits



Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research



## **Financials**

## **Income Statement**

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY15	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E
Net sales	17,459	18,623	21,701	25,796
Growth, %	15.0%	6.7%	16.5%	18.9%
Raw Material expenses	12,901	13,123	15,845	18,873
Operating expenses	2,131	2,611	2,463	2,824
Employee expenses	1,097	1,108	1,431	1,574
EBITDA (Core)	1,330	1,780	1,963	2,525
Growth, %	8.5%	33.8%	10.2%	28.7%
Margin, %	8%	10%	9%	10%
Depreciation	154	154	166	158
EBIT	1,176	1,627	1,797	2,367
Growth, %	6.4%	38.3%	10.4%	31.8%
Margin, %	7%	9%	8%	9%
Interest paid	206	89	86	88
Other Non-Operating Income	45	72	50	50
Pre-tax profit	1,014	1,610	1,760	2,329
Tax provided	307	493	546	745
Profit after tax	707	1,117	1,214	1,584
Net Profit	707	1,117	1,214	1,584
Growth, %	0.8%	57.9%	8.7%	30.4%
Margin, %	4.1%	6.0%	5.6%	6.1%
Net Profit (adjusted)	707	1,117	1,214	1,584
No. of Eq. Sh O/S (m nos)	30	30	30	30

### **Balance Sheet**

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY15	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E
Cash & bank	22	76	684	1,352
Debtors	2,437	2,792	3,014	3,583
Inventory	2,609	2,047	2,467	2,909
Loans & advances	545	445	445	445
Total current assets	5,613	5,360	6,611	8,288
Gross fixed assets	2,407	2,527	2,978	3,200
Less: Depreciation	783	936	1,102	1,260
Add: Capital WIP	12	20	30	20
Net fixed assets	1,636	1,611	1,906	1,959
Total assets	7,249	7,165	8,710	10,442
Current liabilities	2,239	1,633	2,193	2,586
Provisions	436	397	397	397
Total current liabilities	2,674	2,030	2,590	2,983
Debt	705	353	368	368
Deferred Tax Liability	92	75	75	75
Total liabilities	3,472	2,458	3,033	3,425
Paid-up capital	300	301	301	301
Reserves & surplus	3,478	4,407	5,376	6,715
Shareholders' equity	3,777	4,708	5,677	7,016
Total equity & liabilities	7,249	7,165	8,710	10,441

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

## **Cash Flow**

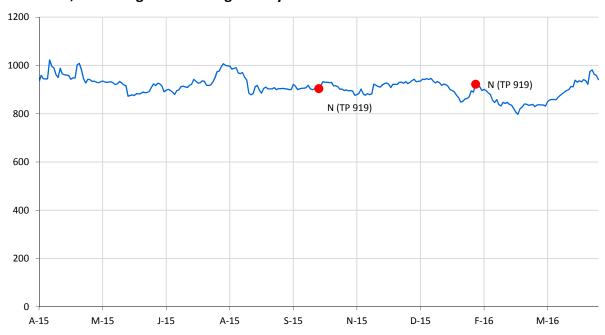
	FY15	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E
Pre-tax profit	1,014	1,610	1,760	2,329
Depreciation	154	154	166	158
Chg in working capital	-260	-338	-81	-618
Total tax paid	-305	-493	-546	-745
Other operating activities	230	-137	36	38
Cash flow from operating activities	833	796	1,336	1,162
Capital expenditure	-123	-129	-461	-212
Chg in investments	0	0	0	0
Other investing activities	19	72	50	50
Cash flow from investing activities	-104	-56	-411	-162
Free cash flow	729	740	925	1,000
Equity raised/(repaid)	37	1	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	-406	-352	15	0
Dividend (incl. tax)	-157	-245	-245	-245
Other financing activities	-209	-89	-86	-88
Cash flow from financing activities	(735)	(686)	(317)	(333)
Net chg in cash	(6)	54	608	667

### **Valuation Ratios**

	FY15	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E
Per Share data				
Dil. EPS (INR)	23.5	37.1	40.4	52.6
Growth, %	0.8	57.9	8.7	30.4
Book NAV/ FD share (INR)	125.6	156.5	188.7	233.2
CEPS (INR)	28.7	42.2	45.9	57.9
CFPS (INR)	27.7	26.5	44.4	38.9
DPS (INR)	4.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
Return ratios				
Return on assets (%)	9.8	15.6	13.9	15.2
Return on equity (%)	20.3	26.3	23.4	25.0
Return on capital employed (%)	27.6	35.0	32.8	35.6
Turnover ratios				
Sales/Total assets (x)	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8
Sales/Net FA (x)	10.8	11.2	12.5	15.0
Working capital/Sales (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Fixed capital/Sales (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Receivable days	50.3	48.0	46.0	46.0
Inventory days	58.2	57.0	56.0	56.0
Loans, Adv (days)	11.2	10.1	8.5	7.1
Payable days	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Working capital days	69.8	65.1	60.5	59.1
Liquidity ratios				
Current ratio (x)	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.8
Quick ratio (x)	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.8
Interest cover (x)	5.2	15.2	17.0	20.7
Dividend cover (x)	5.2	5.3	5.8	7.5
Total debt/Equity (%)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Net debt/Equity (%)	0.2	0.1	(0.1)	(0.1)
Valuation				
PER (x)	50.5	32.0	29.4	22.5
PEG (x) - y-o-y growth	60.3	0.6	3.4	74.2
Price/Book (x)	9.5	7.6	6.3	5.1
Yield (%)	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/Net sales (x)	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	26.4	19.3	17.5	13.4
EV/EBIT (x)	29.7	21.1	19.1	14.3



## **Stock Price, Price Target and Rating History**



## **Rating Methodology**

We rate stock on absolute return basis. Our target price for the stocks has an investment horizon of one year.

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BUY	>= +15%	Target price is equal to or more than 15% of current market price
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SELL	<= -15%	Target price is less than or equal to -15%.

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