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GREENPLY INDS.

RESULT UPDATE



| Rating | BUY |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Sector relative | Outperformer |
| Price (INR) | 383 |
| 12 month price target (INR) | 455 |
| 52 Week High/Low | 412/157 |
| Market cap (INR bn/USD bn) | 47/0.6 |
| Free float (%) | 52.0 |
| Avg. daily value traded (INR mn) | 197.8 |

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

| | Mar-23 | Dec-22 | Sep-22 |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoter | 52.01% | 52% | 51.97% |
| FII | 4.91% | 4.13% | 3.88% |
| DII | 30.33% | 30.31% | 29.98% |
| Pledge | 0% | 0% | 0% |

| FINANCIALS | FINANCIALS (INR mn) | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | |
| Revenue | 21,799 | 25,359 | 28,830 | 33,009 | |
| EBITDA | 1,868 | 2,545 | 3,228 | 4,055 | |
| Adjusted profit | 852 | 1,241 | 1,818 | 2,514 | |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 6.9 | 10.0 | 14.7 | 20.3 | |
| EPS growth (%) | (20.1) | 45.6 | 46.5 | 38.3 | |
| RoAE (%) | 12.6 | 16.2 | 20.0 | 22.6 | |
| P/E (x) | 51.7 | 35.5 | 24.2 | 17.5 | |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 26.1 | 18.9 | 14.4 | 10.9 | |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | |

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

| | Revised e | stimates | % Revi | sion |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------|
| Year to March | FY25E | FY26E | FY25E | FY26E |
| Revenue | 25,359 | 28,830 | - | - |
| EBITDA | 2,545 | 3,228 | -6% | -4% |
| Adjusted profit | 1,241 | 1,818 | -9% | -5% |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 10 | 14.7 | -9% | -5% |

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Revenue in line; margins a miss

Greenply reported in-line revenue growth of 13% YoY in Q2 led by 6%/31% increase in ply/MDF volumes as realisations too jumped 2%/9% YoY. MDF segment's performance was hurt with volumes/margins down 5%/~500bp QoQ due to the plant shutdown in September and also due to the impact of intermittent power supply caused by Gujarat floods. Moreover, PAT at INR176mn (our estimate: INR306mn) was hurt by forex loss of INR46mn.

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Given a miss in Q2FY25 estimates and continued pressure on EBITDA margins, we are cutting FY25E/26E/27E EPS by 9%/5%/5%; maintain 'BUY' with a revised TP of INR455 (earlier INR475) based on 26x Q2FY27 EPS.

Plywood posts higher volumes; pressure on margins persists

The plywood segment clocked volume growth of 5.8% (our estimate: 8%). Elevated timber costs kept margins subdued at ~8% (estimate 8%). The segment faces pressure from elevated timber prices and management does not expect any improvement in margins during the year. It has taken one price hike in Q1 and another in Q2 by 2.5-3%. Despite the pressures, management guided ~8-10% volume growth in FY25 with flattish YoY margins. Furthermore, the company is cognizant of adding capacity for plywood demand in the medium to long term and is hopeful of finalising a plan in the next two-three quarters.

MDF segment hurt by plant shutdown

The MDF segment reported 31% YoY increase in volumes and 9% expansion in realisations leading to 42% growth in MDF revenue. However, while realisations improved marginally by 1% QoQ, MDF volumes dropped 5% affected by the plant shutdown in September and also due to the impact of intermittent power supply caused by Gujarat floods. Thus, operating deleverage, continued high competitive intensity and elevated timber prices led EBITDA margin to fall ~400bp YoY/~500bps QoQ to 11.8%. The company is confident of crossing 200,000cbm in FY25 and plans to increase capacity from 800CBM/day to 1000CBM/day. Moreover, management is confident of 16%-plus margin led by higher utilisation, better product mix and improved efficiency.

Hardware JV investments key; capex on mind

The furniture plant to be operated via JV with the Turkish partner, is likely to post a top line of INR3bn within three–four years with 20%-plus margins. In Q2FY25, the segment only reported INR10mn sales and starting November the full range of its products shall be available in the market.

Financials

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|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Year to March | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | % Change | Q1FY25 | % Change |
| Net Revenue | 5,834 | 5,676 | 2.8 | 22,253 | (73.8) |
| EBITDA | 574 | 482 | 19.0 | 1,858 | (69.1) |
| Adjusted Profit | 327 | 187 | 75.1 | 663 | (50.7) |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 2.7 | 1.5 | 75.1 | 5.4 | (50.7) |

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Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total operating income | 21,799 | 25,359 | 28,830 | 33,009 |
| Gross profit | 8,644 | 10,700 | 13,437 | 15,801 |
| Employee costs | 2,791 | 3,209 | 3,723 | 4,319 |
| Other expenses | 738 | 2,282 | 2,883 | 3,301 |
| EBITDA | 1,868 | 2,545 | 3,228 | 4,055 |
| Depreciation | 545 | 637 | 673 | 691 |
| Less: Interest expense | 433 | 399 | 300 | 213 |
| Add: Other income | 139 | 145 | 153 | 160 |
| Profit before tax | 1,150 | 1,655 | 2,407 | 3,312 |
| Prov for tax | 298 | 414 | 602 | 828 |
| Less: Other adj | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported profit | 852 | 1,241 | 1,818 | 2,514 |
| Less: Excp.item (net) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjusted profit | 852 | 1,241 | 1,818 | 2,514 |
| Diluted shares o/s | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 |
| Adjusted diluted EPS | 6.9 | 10.0 | 14.7 | 20.3 |
| DPS (INR) | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Tax rate (%) | 25.9 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |

Important Ratios (%)

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ply rev growth | 9.0 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Gabon rev growth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ply vol growth | 8.6 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 8.6 | 10.0 | 11.2 | 12.3 |
| Net profit margin (%) | 3.9 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 7.6 |
| Revenue growth (% YoY) | 31.1 | 16.3 | 13.7 | 14.5 |
| EBITDA growth (% YoY) | 21.2 | 36.3 | 26.8 | 25.6 |
| Adj. profit growth (%) | (19.6) | 45.6 | 46.5 | 38.3 |

Assumptions (%)

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| GDP (YoY %) | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Repo rate (%) | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| USD/INR (average) | 84.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 82.0 |
| Gabon vol growth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ply real growth | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gabon real growth | (100.0) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ply EBITDA (%) | 8.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gabon EBITDA (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capex (INR mn) | 1,337.3 | 375.6 | 600.0 | 300.0 |

Valuation Metrics

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Diluted P/E (x) | 51.7 | 35.5 | 24.2 | 17.5 |
| Price/BV (x) | 6.2 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 26.1 | 18.9 | 14.4 | 10.9 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share capital | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 |
| Reserves | 6,970 | 8,137 | 9,818 | 12,195 |
| Shareholders funds | 7,094 | 8,261 | 9,942 | 12,319 |
| Minority interest | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Borrowings | 5,246 | 4,246 | 2,790 | 2,062 |
| Trade payables | 3,329 | 3,615 | 3,795 | 4,243 |
| Other liabs & prov | 731 | 500 | 618 | 709 |
| Total liabilities | 16,639 | 16,859 | 17,382 | 19,571 |
| Net block | 8,460 | 8,324 | 8,251 | 7,860 |
| Intangible assets | 190 | 190 | 190 | 190 |
| Capital WIP | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | 8,774 | 8,513 | 8,440 | 8,050 |
| Non current inv | 435 | 435 | 435 | 435 |
| Cash/cash equivalent | 224 | (102) | (177) | 1,432 |
| Sundry debtors | 2,490 | 2,918 | 3,396 | 3,889 |
| Loans & advances | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Other assets | 4,191 | 4,569 | 4,761 | 5,239 |
| Total assets | 16,639 | 16,859 | 17,382 | 19,571 |

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Reported profit | 852 | 1,241 | 1,818 | 2,514 |
| Add: Depreciation | 545 | 637 | 673 | 691 |
| Interest (net of tax) | 290 | 267 | 201 | 143 |
| Others | (1,227) | (1,915) | (1,100) | (1,164) |
| Less: Changes in WC | (648) | (751) | (373) | (430) |
| Operating cash flow | 1,109 | 981 | 1,965 | 2,614 |
| Less: Capex | (1,337) | (376) | (600) | (300) |
| Free cash flow | (228) | 605 | 1,365 | 2,314 |

Key Ratios

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| RoE (%) | 12.6 | 16.2 | 20.0 | 22.6 |
| RoCE (%) | 11.5 | 16.5 | 21.5 | 26.0 |
| Inventory days | 87 | 91 | 94 | 91 |
| Receivable days | 40 | 39 | 40 | 40 |
| Payable days | 80 | 86 | 88 | 85 |
| Working cap (% sales) | 12.1 | 13.4 | 13.1 | 12.7 |
| Gross debt/equity (x) | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Net debt/equity (x) | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Interest coverage (x) | 3.1 | 4.8 | 8.5 | 15.8 |

Valuation Drivers

| Year to March | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS growth (%) | (20.1) | 45.6 | 46.5 | 38.3 |
| RoE (%) | 12.6 | 16.2 | 20.0 | 22.6 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | 21.2 | 36.3 | 26.8 | 25.6 |
| Payout ratio (%) | 7.3 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 2.5 |

Q2FY25 conference call highlights

Opening remarks

- PAT margins affected by :-
 - MTM loss of INR60mn: Forex loss from foreign
 - Share of loss: INR35mn from furniture
 - o INR9mn from Middle East business
- Plywood:-
 - Sales volume grew 5.9% YoY
 - Revenue plywood & allied products grew 7.5% on a YoY basis
 - o EBITDA margin of 8.3%. The margin improved YoY by 20 bp
 - 8–10% growth: Guidance for FY25E
- MDF:-
 - Sales volume of 45,053CBM
 - Revenue at INR1.3bn
 - Seven days plant shutdown and intermittent power cuts due to Gujarat floods
 - EBITDA margin of 11.8% compared with 16% in Q1FY25.: due to lower sales, reduction in finished good inventory, increase in RM prices and onetime increase in employee cost.
- Delays of one quarter due to delay in machinery by the Turkish partner. The company is ready to start product range manufacture in November 2024.
- Impact of INR700mn in LC: Will normalise by year-end. Inventory levels for plywood and MDF shall increase.
- Guidance: INR4.50bn as closing debt for FY25E.

MDF

- Progressing slowly
- 16%-plus margin guidance for FY25E.
- Realisation has improved to 31k; HDF flooring line (Q3FY25).
- If 50% growth in FY25E, the company shall have to grow at 18% in H2.
- Price hikes taken by the industry.
- Neighbouring countries: lot of disruption (excessive rainfall); do not expect imports starting again.
- Unorganised in MDF is very small. Will try and focus on north.
- Manufacturing cost of unorganised is 10% higher than Greenply.
- Below 7.5mm, is not catered to by Greenply.

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- The company wants to improve brand awareness for MDF- to educate the end consumer.
- The company wants to double prelam segment's revenue increasing launches. Currently at 10%.
- MDF industry growth for the last two years has been in double digit.
- The industry should continue to grow at a faster pace.
- This shall help expand margins.
- Vadodara plant payback: five-six years.
- MDF margins: 16% moving to 18%, is doable.
- The company should be able to generate 20% pretax RoCE.
- Further scope of MDF realisation improvement: Will depend on the price hikes taken.
- Other value added products: "Boilo" and HDMR 701 by Greenply- these products have helped raise the realisations.

Raw material costs

- 10.5INR for plywood; INR6.5 for MDF
- Increase YoY: in plywood 13%/14%; MDF: 6%
- Increase QoQ:Ply:8%; MDF : 3%
- Price hike taken in August and September: 2–3% (plywood); taken in October 1% (MDF)

Plywood

- Price hikes taken by the company and all other peers
- Price hikes taken after four/five quarters.
- Expect raw material to inch higher in Q4FY25.
- In Q1CY26, the company expects raw materials to stabilise.
- Q1 saw election headwinds; Q2 improving but can be better.
- Guidance for FY25E: Volume growth 8–10%.
- The economy side is growing faster than premium products
- Limitations on capacity size.
- The company is planning to set up a new plant.

Hardware JV (Turkish)/Furniture fittings:

- INR 10mn revenue booked.
- Plan delayed from July to November.

Capex

- Total anticipated capex for FY25E: INR450–500mn.
- Sizeable capex for MDF: glue plant: Q3FY24; HDF flooring: Q4FY25.
- Some capex for plywood.

Miscellaneous

- MDF Industry capacity addition: not too many plans by the organised players.
- Debottlenecking at the Vadodara plant.
- Setting up new plywood plant and then MDF will run at optimum capacity at FY25.
- Cash generation in three–four year: INR4/5bn

Exhibit 1: Financial snapshot (in INR mn)

| Year to March | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | % change | Q1FY25 | % change |
|--|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Revenues | 6,405 | 5,677 | 12.8 | 5,839 | 9.7 |
| Raw material | 3,904 | 3,450 | 13.2 | 3,461 | 12.8 |
| Staff costs | 825 | 725 | 13.9 | 734 | 12.5 |
| Others | 1,100 | 1,019 | 7.9 | 1,065 | 3.2 |
| Total expenditure | 5,829 | 5,194 | 12.2 | 5,260 | 10.8 |
| EBITDA | 576 | 483 | 19.2 | 579 | (0.5) |
| Depreciation | 151 | 139 | 8.3 | 150 | 0.6 |
| EBIT | 425 | 344 | 23.6 | 429 | (0.9) |
| Less: Interest Expense | 145 | 118 | 22.3 | 104 | 38.9 |
| Add: Other income | 20 | 33 | (39.6) | 57 | (65.5) |
| Add: Prior period items | | | | | |
| Add: Exceptional items | | | | | |
| Profit Before Tax | 301 | 259 | 16.2 | 383 | (21.4) |
| Less: Provision for Tax | 81 | 70 | 15.9 | 5 | 1,230.4 |
| Less: Minority Interest | | | | | |
| Add: Share of profit from associates | -44 | -1 | 3,189.4 | -45 | (97.0) |
| Add: Exceptional items (net of tax) | 0 | | | | NA |
| Reported Profit | 176 | 188 | (6.4) | 332 | (47.1) |
| Loss from discountinuing operations | | -12 | | -55 | |
| Adjusted net profit | 176 | 175 | 0.2 | 277 | (36.7) |
| No. of Diluted shares outstanding (mn) | 123 | 123 | | 123 | |
| Adjusted Diluted EPS | 1.4 | 1.5 | (6.4) | 2.7 | (47.1) |
| As % of net revenues | | | | | |
| Raw material | 60.9 | 60.8 | | 59.3 | |
| Staff expenses | 12.9 | 12.8 | | 12.6 | |
| Other expenses | 17.2 | 18.0 | | 18.2 | |
| EBITDA | 9.0 | 8.5 | | 9.9 | |
| Net profit | 2.7 | 3.1 | | 4.7 | |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 2: Segmental details

| Year to March | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | % change | Q1FY25 | % change |
|----------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Plywood | 5,141 | 4,787 | 7.4 | 4,520 | 13.7 |
| MDF | 1,265 | 890 | 42.1 | 1,320 | (4.2) |
| Total revenues | 6,406 | 5,677 | 12.8 | 5,840 | 9.7 |
| | | | | | |
| EBITDA | | | | | |
| Plywood | 427 | 378 | 377.6 | 357 | 19.5 |
| MDF | 149 | 139 | 139.0 | 220 | (32.3) |
| Total EBITDA | 576 | 517 | 11.4 | 577 | (0.2) |
| EBITDA Margins | | | | -2 | |
| Plywod | 8.3 | 7.9 | 41 | 7.9 | 40 |
| MDF | 11.8 | 15.6 | -384 | 16.7 | (489) |
| Total EBITDA | 9.0 | 9.1 | -11 | 9.9 | (89) |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: Operational details

| Year to March | Q2FY25 | Q2FY24 | % change | Q1FY25 | % change |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Volumes | | | | | |
| Plywood (million sqm.) | 20 | 19 | 5.8 | 18 | 14.1 |
| MDF (in CBM) | 40,553 | 31,019 | 30.7 | 42,724 | (5.1) |
| | | | | | |
| Realisations | | | | | |
| Plywood (INR./sqm.) | 251 | 245 | 2.4 | 245 | 2.4 |
| MDF | 31,169 | 28,540 | 9.2 | 30,817 | 1.1 |
| | | | | | |
| EBITDA/unit | | | | | |
| Plywood (INR/sqm.) | 21 | 10,708 | (99.8) | 20 | 4.7 |
| MDF (INR/CBM) | 3,674 | 4,481 | (18.0) | 5,149 | (28.6) |

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

Set up in 1984 by Mr. Rajesh Mittal as a small saw mill, Greenply is now one of India's premier interior infrastructure companies manufacturing, marketing, distributing and branding plywood. The company has a wide range of products across plywood segments—block boards, flush doors and decorative veneers. Greenply has three plywood manufacturing facilities – in Nagaland, West Bengal, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh— with total capacity of 48.4mn sqm. And the company has pan–India presence with 55 branches and a dealer network spread in over 300 cities across 25 states. The company had total 2,300 distributors and 6,000 retailers across India at the end of March 2022. In 2014, Greenply demerged its decorative division (manufactures surface products like laminates and veneers) into Greenlam Industries. In 2018, the company also demerged its MDF business into Greenpanel Industries.

Investment Theme

Greenply Industries is a joint leader in India's organised plywood market with one of the largest shares in the domestic segment. Revival in housing demand and the ongoing shift towards organised players are set to drive growth in the plywood division. The foray into MDF would add further to earnings from FY24. Sustained cost control and a tight leash on working capital are keeping balance sheet strong. The MDF foray and revival in plywood demand would drive Revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 15%/31%/44% over FY24–27E.

Key Risks

- Delay or slow ramp-up of MDF unit
- Excessive competition in MDF
- Slowdown in realty sector
- INR appreciation as it would make MDF imports cheaper

Additional Data

Management

| Chairman & MD | Mr. Rajesh Mittal |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Joint MD | Mr.Sanidhya Mittal |
| Joint MD & CEO | Mr. Manoj Tulsian |
| CFO | Mr.Nitinkumar Kalani |
| Auditor | |

Recent Company Research

| Date | Title | Price | Reco |
|-----------|--|-------|--------|
| 31-Jul-24 | Margins expand in spite of environment; <i>Result Update</i> | 356 | Hold |
| 22-May-24 | Volumes healthy; margins drag; <i>Result Update</i> | 257 | Reduce |
| 01-Feb-24 | Volumes healthy; margins drag; Result Update | 245 | Reduce |

Holdings – Top 10*

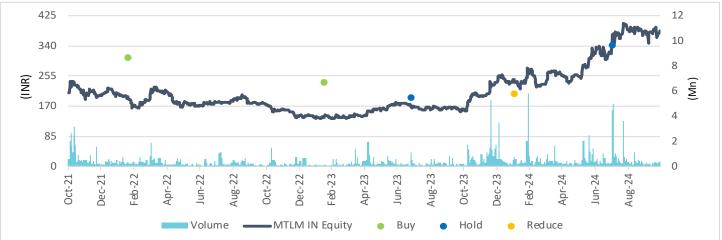
| | % Holding | | % Holding |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | | Canara robeco A | 2.35 |
| Mirae asset | 12.74 | Union MF | 1.81 |
| HDFC AMC | 7.02 | FundRock manage | 1.27 |
| TATA AMC | 5.77 | SBI Funds | 1.10 |
| IDFC MF | 2.40 | Dimensional fun | 0.66 |
| *Latest public data | | | |

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Recent Sector Research

| Date | Name of Co./Sector | Title |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| 25-Oct-24 | Finolex Industries | Volumes gain at cost of margins ; Result Update |
| 22-Oct-24 | Supreme Industries | Volume disappoints; guidance lowered; <i>Result Update</i> |
| 22-Oct-24 | Kajaria Ceramics | Volume growth intact; margins hurt; <i>Result Update</i> |

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

| Rating | Expected absolute returns over 12 months | Rating Distribution |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Buy | 15% | 221 |
| Hold | <15% and >-5% | 65 |
| Reduce | <-5% | 25 |

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