**Current Reco** : HOLD **Previous Reco** : HOLD **CMP** : INR271 **Target Price** : INR305 Potential Return: 12%

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#### Market data Sensex 35,012 Sector Logistics Market Cap (INRbn) 24.7 0.337 Market Cap (USDbn) O/S Shares (m) 90.3 52-wk HI/LO (INR) 492/248 Avg Daily Vol ('000) 207 **VRLL IN** Bloomberg

Source: Bloomberg

#### Valuation FY18 FY19e FY20e 13.9 EPS (INR) 10.2 10.2 P/E(x) 19.5 26.5 26.7 P/BV(x) 4.1 3.8 3.4 10.9 EV/EBITDA(x) 11.0 8.6

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Source: Bloomberg

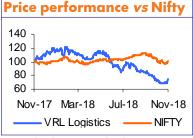
Dividend Yield (%)

Returns (%)							
	1m	3m	6m	12m			
Absolute	(1)	(21)	(35)	(26)			
Relative	4	(16)	(34)	(29)			

Source: Bloomberg

Promoters	:	68%
Public	:	32%
Others	:	0%

Source: Bloomberg



Source: Bloomberg Indexed to 100

#### **2QFY19 RESULTS REVIEW**

# **VRL Logistics Limited**

# Topline growth improves, margins falter

VRL Logistics (VRLL) reported a mixed Q2, with improvement witnessed in the Goods Transport (GT) segment topline performance even as the overall margin performance fell short of estimates. VRLL registered a 10% YoY growth in tonnage in Q2 (8% for 1HFY19), despite the impact of Transporters strike and delayed festive season. EBITDA Margins in the GT segment improved QoQ (11.9% versus 10.3% QoQ), led by benefits of price hikes offsetting the impact of higher fuel prices. EBITDA Margins in Bus segment slipped in negative dragging the overall profitability for Q2. Regarding the capex plan, Company is looking to ~700 trucks by Dec-19 (versus earlier target of 1200 trucks) as it expects benefits from changes in the Axle load norms in relation to recent government notification. Reflecting lower operating performance in Q2, we trim our margin assumptions and cut our EPS by 8%/4% for FY19/ FY20 - cutting Price Target to INR305 (earlier INR350). Even as the stock has seen recent correction, the rich near term valuations leave limited headroom. HOLD.

#### GT segment volume growth/margins improves, Bus margins drag overall profits

VRLL's Q2 topline grew 14% YoY (estimate: 10%) with GT/Bus segment growth at ~17%/4% YoY. EBITDA Margins came in lower than expected at 10.5% (estimate: 12.3%) versus 12.3% YoY/11.4% QoQ. EBITDA dipped 3% YoY. Goods segment EBITDA margins stood at 11.9% vs. 12.9% YoY/10.3% QoQ - sequential improvement reflect benefit of price hikes. Bus segment's EBITDA margins dropped to -2.5% in Q2 (i.e. EBITDA loss) vs 6.7% YoY/17% QoQ. PAT dipped 4.5% YoY to INR206m (est. INR248m) driven by lower operating performance YoY and lower other income. Tax rate stood at 29% vs 34% QoQ/30% YoY.

### Tonnage grew 10% YoY in Q2; Company undertook 6-7% QoQ prices hike in GT segment

In Q2FY19, GT segment revenue growth of 17% YoY was led by 10.5% tonnage growth. On QoQ basis, growth in revenue was primarily led by increase in realisation (6.6% QoQ), while Tonnage dipped 4%. The Transporters' strike during July (impact of 10-12 days) and difference in timing of festive season impacted the tonnage. Despite a slower 1HFY19 (i.e. 8% YoY tonnage growth), management expects 10% YoY tonnage growth on annual basis. Company has been adding customers in the MSME segment; also sees benefit of E-Way bill rollout on the business - visible Industry consolidation owing to compliance burden on smaller transporters. Bus segment revenue growth of 4% YoY in Q2FY19 was led by 4% growth in Passenger numbers while realisation remained flat YoY. Occupancy rate improved to 88% versus 84% YoY.

#### Improvement in GT segment margins QoQ

GT segment margin improvement QoQ was led by benefit of realisation increase despite decline in tonnage QoQ. Further, company witnessed decline in Lorry hire charges QoQ on account of lesser KMs operated through outside vehicles (falling to 8% of total versus 11-12% QoQ). Further, Company increased procurement of cheaper biodiesel during Q2 to 28% vs. 6% YoY/14% QoQ. Company hasn't taken any hike since the start of Q3, as diesel prices have started to moderate now.

#### Capex Plan - Likely to be modified

Post the Notification from Government regarding revision of Axle Load norms, Company is now looking for modification in capex plan (although not crystallized for now). Versus the earlier plan of adding 14-wheeler trucks, Company is now looking to add 10-wheeler and 12-wheeler trucks. Versus the earlier plan of adding 1200 vehicles, Company is now looking to add 680-700 vehicles - up to Dec-19. The Surat facility got registered in Q2 and is expected to get operationalized by this year end; management expects a good growth in this region. As of now, company is not looking to incur new capex in bus segment. 1HFY19 Capex stood at INR670m including Rs580mn for GT segment - of which ~INR430mn was paid towards vehicles and part payment for land purchase in Mangalore.

# Quarterly performance

Actual vs estimated performance

(INRmn)	Actual	Estimated	Var (%)	Consensus	Var (%)
Net sales	5,170	4,974	3.9	5,059	2.2
EBITDA	541	613	(11.8)	553	(2.2)
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.5	12.3	-186bps	10.9	-47bps
PAT	206	248	(16.7)	208	(0.8)
EPS	2.3	2.7	(16.7)	2.3	(0.8)

Source: Company, Antique

**Quarterly snapshot** 

(INR mn)	2QFY19	2QFY18	YoY (%)	1QFY19	QoQ(%)
Net sales	5,1 <i>7</i> 0	4,519	14.4	5,285	(2.2)
Expenditure	4,629	3,962	16.9	4,682	(1.1)
Operating profit	541	558	(3.1)	602	(10.2)
Other income	23	27	(11.7)	25	(5.6)
Interest	20	31	(36.6)	16	23.0
Depreciation	252	243	3.5	245	2.8
PBT	292	310	(5.7)	366	(20.1)
Tax	86	94	(8.4)	124	(30.7)
PAT	206	216	(4.5)	242	(14.7)
EBITDA margin (%)	10.5	12.3	-188bps	11.4	-94bps
EPS (Rs)	2.3	2.4	(4.5)	2.7	(14.7)

Source: Company, Antique

### As % of Sales

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	2QFY19	2QFY18	change	1QFY19	change
% of Sales					
Operating Expense	70.6	67.8	283bps	70.6	3bps
Employees Cost	17.7	18.6	-81bps	17.0	74bps
Other Expenses	1.2	1.3	-14bps	1.0	17bps
Segmentwise					
Revenue					
Goods transport	4,193	3,582	1 <i>7</i> .1	4,099	2.3
Bus operations	811	781	3.9	1,072	(24.4)
EBITDA					
Goods transport	498	462	7.7	422	18.2
Bus operations	(21)	52	(139.5)	183	(111.3)
Margin %					
Goods transport	11.9	12.9	-103bps	10.3	160bps
Bus operations	(2.5)	6.7	-927bps	17.0	-1958bps
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Source: Company, Antique

**Change in estimates** 

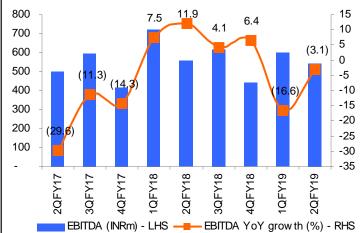
Key parameters		FY19E			FY20E		
	Old	New	% Chg	Old	New	% Chg	
Revenue (INRm)	21,267	21,680	1.9	23,979	24,497	2.2	
EBITDA (INRm)	2,483	2,370	(4.6)	3,161	3,073	(2.8)	
EBITDA margin (%)	11.7	10.9	-74bps	13.2	12.5	-64bps	
Net profit (INRm)	1,003	918	(8.5)	1,311	1,255	(4.3)	
EPS (INR)	11.1	10.2	(8.5)	14.5	13.9	(4.3)	

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#### Sales and sales growth trend



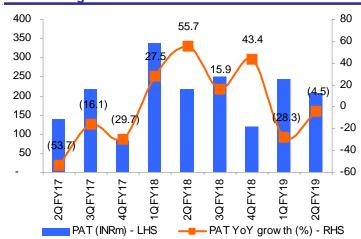
#### **EBITDA** and **EBITDA** growth trend



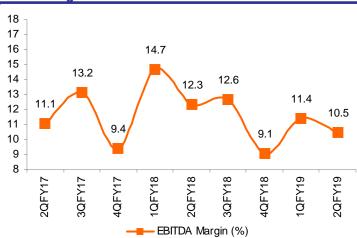
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#### PAT and PAT growth trend



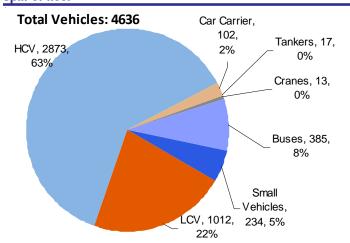
#### **EBITDA** margin trend



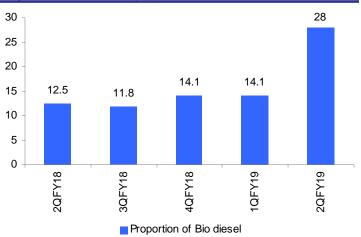
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#### Split of fleet



#### Proportion of bio-diesel (%)

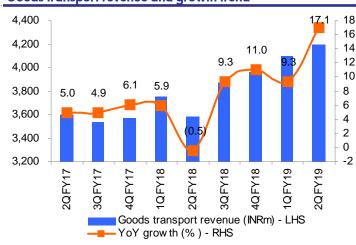


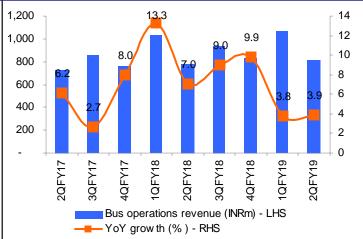
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#### Goods transport revenue and growth trend

## Bus operation revenue and growth trend



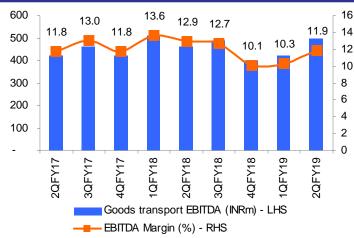


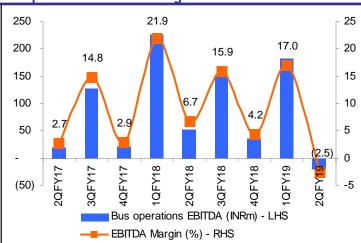
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#### Goods transport EBITDA and margin trend

#### **Bus operation EBITDA and margin trend**



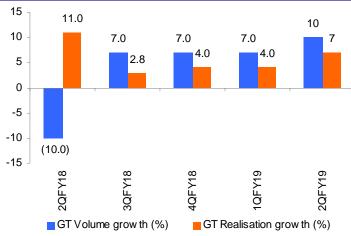


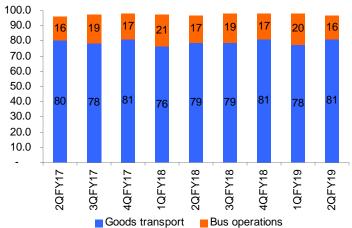
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#### Goods transport volume and realisation growth trend

# Segmental revenue split (%)





Source: Company, Antique

Source: Company, Antique

# **Financials**

## **Profit and loss account (INRm)**

2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
17,225	18,031	19,223	21,680	24,497
14,519	15,849	16,881	19,310	21,424
2,706	2,182	2,342	2,370	3,073
897	982	976	996	1,135
1,809	1,200	1,366	1,374	1,938
87	93	142	107	119
316	240	114	100	170
1,580	1,053	1,394	1,381	1,888
538	348	468	463	632
1,042	705	926	918	1,255
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1,042	<b>70</b> 5	926	918	1,255
11.4	7.7	10.2	10.2	13.9
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## **Balance sheet (INRm)**

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
Share Capital	912	912	903	903	903
Reserves & Surplus	4,227	4,500	5,029	5,512	6,332
Networth	5,139	5,412	5,932	6,415	7,236
Debt	2,620	1,847	822	1,622	2,422
Net deferred Tax liabilities	884	896	808	808	808
Capital Employed	8,643	8,155	7,562	8,845	10,465
Gross Fixed Assets	8,038	8,765	9,052	10,728	13,128
Accumulated Depreciation	890	1,826	2,802	3,798	4,933
Capital work in progress	162	18	76	-	-
Net Fixed Assets	7,310	6,957	6,326	6,930	8,195
Investments	1	1	1	1	1
Non Current Investments	1	1	1	1	1
Current Assets, Loans & Adv	2,106	2,010	2,296	3,011	3,409
Inventory	183	183	241	265	293
Debtors	730	754	807	891	1,007
Cash & Bank balance	196	122	194	717	879
Loans & advances and others	997	950	1,054	1,138	1,229
Current Liabilities & Prov	774	812	1,061	1,096	1,139
Liabilities	656	716	858	893	936
Provisions	117	95	203	203	203
Net Current Assets	1,332	1,198	1,235	1,915	2,269
Application of Funds	8,643	8,155	7,562	8,845	10,465

### Per share data

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
No. of shares (m)	91	91	90	90	90
Diluted no. of shares (m)	91	91	90	90	90
BVPS (INR)	56.3	59.3	65.7	71.0	80.1
CEPS (INR)	21.3	18.5	21.1	21.2	26.5
DPS (INR)	5.0	4.0	-	4.0	4.0

Source: Company, Antique

### Cash flow statement (INRm)

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
РВТ	1,580	1,053	1,394	1,381	1,888
Depreciation & amortisation	897	953	976	996	1,135
Interest expense	313	237	113	100	1 <i>7</i> 0
Tax paid	(337)	(196)	(510)	(463)	(632)
Less: Interest/Dividend Inc Receive	d (12)	(4)	(1)	(107)	(119)
Other operating Cash Flow	202	(64)	83	(156)	(193)
CF from operating activities	2,642	1,980	2,055	1,752	2,248
Capital expenditure	(1,109)	(627)	(473)	(1,600)	(2,400)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	10	6	19	-	-
Add: Interest/Dividend Inc Receive	d 1	12	0	107	119
CF from investing activities	(1,085)	(596)	(441)	(1,493)	(2,281)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	1,135	-	(387)	-	-
Inc/(Dec) in debt	(1,811)	(775)	(1,036)	800	800
Dividend Paid	(876)	(682)	(120)	(535)	(605)
CF from financing activities	(1,552)	(1,457)	(1,543)	265	195
Net cash flow	5	(73)	71	524	162
Opening balance	191	196	122	194	717
Closing balance	196	122	194	717	879

## **Growth indicators (%)**

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
Revenue(%)	3.0	4.7	6.6	12.8	13.0
EBITDA(%)	-1.4	-19.4	7.4	1.2	29.7
Adj PAT(%)	17.8	-32.4	31.3	-0.8	36.7
Adj EPS(%)	7.0	-32.4	32.7	-0.8	36.7

## Valuation (x)

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
P/E	23.7	35.1	26.5	26.7	19.5
P/BV	4.8	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.4
EV/EBITDA	10.0	12.1	10.9	11.0	8.6
EV/Sales	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8	1.5	-	1.5	1.5

#### **Financial ratios**

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
RoE (%)	24.0	13.4	16.3	14.9	18.4
RoCE (%)	21.7	15.4	19.2	18.1	21.3
Asset/T.O (x)	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.0
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
EBIT/Interest (x)	6.0	5.4	13.2	14.8	12.1

## Margins (%)

Year ended 31 Mar	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e
EBITDA Margin(%)	15.7	12.1	12.2	10.9	12.5
EBIT Margin(%)	10.5	6.7	7.1	6.3	7.9
PAT Margin(%)	6.1	3.9	4.8	4.2	5.1

Source: Company Antique

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