

# Lennox International Inc. (LII)

# Strong 30 results, raising estimates and PT

LII 12m Price Target: \$463.00

Price: \$358.11

Upside: **29.3%** 

Bottom line: Strong 3Q results, raising estimates and PT. LII reported 3Q23 segment EBIT that was +11% vs. Visible Alpha Consensus Data. The beat vs. VA consensus was primarily driven by higher than expected price/mix benefit in both Resi and Commercial segments (+\$51mn/+\$47mn price mix benefit to EBIT, respectively). Going forward, LII raised their FY23 adj. EPS guide to \$17.25-\$17.75 which we think could prove to be conservative (GS FY23 EPS of \$17.90) as price/mix benefits especially within the Commercial segment should aid another quarter of 20%+ margins in 4Q. Beyond FY23, we modestly raise our estimates as solid margin progression in Commercial and a bottom in the Resi HVAC cycle will be somewhat offset by uncertainty around timing of refrigerant related price increases and higher ramp-up costs for the new Commercial factory in Saltillo. Our FY23/FY24/FY25 EPS moves to \$17.90/\$19.60/\$21.75 (from \$17.30/\$19.35/\$21.50). We remain Buy rated on LII as Resi HVAC volumes are bottoming, the upcoming refrigerant change will aid pricing/margins over the next two years and there is further room for margin upside in Commercial. We raise our 12-month PT to \$463 (from \$455) which implies a 4.5-5.0% FY25 FCF yield.

**What happened**. LII reported 3Q23 adj. EPS of \$5.37. Segment EBIT was +11% vs. Visible Alpha consensus. Residential volume/price/mix was -2%/+2%/+7% while Commercial volume/price/mix was +2%/+10%/+3%. For FY23, LII raised the EPS guide to \$17.25-\$17.75 (from \$15.50-\$16.00) predicated on core revenue growth of ~5%.

**Estimate changes and valuation updates.** We raise our FY23/FY24/FY25 EPS to \$17.90/\$19.60/\$21.75 (from \$17.30/\$19.35/\$21.50) on better margins and favorable mix. Our 12-month price target moves to \$463 (from \$455) as we roll forward

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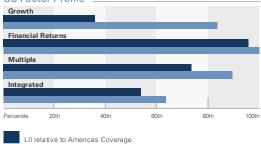
Key Data

Market cap: \$12.7bn Enterprise value: \$14.2bn 3m ADTV: \$118.6mn United States Americas Multi-Industry M&A Rank: 3

### **GS** Forecast

	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Revenue (\$ mn) New	4,718.4	4,994.5	5,208.1	5,485.7
Revenue (\$ mn) Old	4,718.4	4,935.4	5,146.3	5,420.6
EBITDA (\$ mn)	741.6	931.4	991.7	1,069.5
EBIT (\$ mn)	665.0	850.9	917.7	995.5
EPS (\$) New	14.08	17.90	19.60	21.75
EPS (\$) Old	14.08	17.30	19.35	21.50
P/E (X)	17.3	20.0	18.3	16.5
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.0
Net debt/EBITDA (X)	2.0	1.5	1.1	0.6
	9/23	12/23E	3/24E	6/24E
EPS (\$)	5.37	3.56	3.09	6.37

### **GS** Factor Profile



LII relative to Americas Coverage

LII relative to Americas Multi-Industry

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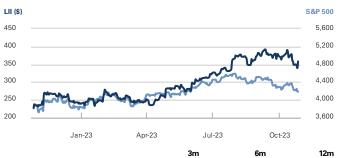
#### Ratios & Valuation \_\_\_

	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
P/E (X)	17.3	20.0	18.3	16.5
EV/EBITDA (X)	13.7	15.1	13.8	12.2
EV/sales (X)	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.4
FCF yield (%)	2.3	2.8	4.8	6.1
EV/DACF (X)	17.3	18.8	17.1	15.1
CROCI (%)	29.7	34.5	35.7	38.7
ROE (%)	NM	NM	185.8	96.8
Net debt/EBITDA (X)	2.0	1.5	1.1	0.6
Net debt/equity (%)	(724.9)	767.9	200.4	69.5
Interest cover (X)	17.2	15.6	17.6	19.1
Inventory days	67.2	80.0	78.8	79.0
Receivable days	43.2	47.2	48.4	46.0
Days payable outstanding	44.1	42.7	39.4	40.6

## Growth & Margins (%)

	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Total revenue growth	12.5	5.9	4.3	5.3
EBITDA growth	10.1	30.8	14.1	7.8
EPS growth	11.8	27.1	9.5	10.9
DPS growth	17.0	29.7	(33.4)	3.0
Gross margin	27.2	31.4	32.0	32.5
EBIT margin	14.1	17.0	17.6	18.1

#### Price Performance \_\_



 Absolute
 6.6%
 39.3%
 52.9%

 Rel. to the S&P 500
 16.3%
 35.0%
 39.9%

Source: FactSet. Price as of 26 Oct 2023 close.

## Income Statement (\$ mn) \_

	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Total revenue	4,718.4	4,994.5	5,208.1	5,485.7
Cost of goods sold	(3,433.7)	(3,427.2)	(3,543.4)	(3,703.4)
SG&A	(621.5)	(716.4)	(747.1)	(786.8)
R&D	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating inc./(exp.)	1.7	_	_	_
EBITDA	665.0	869.4	991.7	1,069.5
Depreciation & amortization	0.0	(18.5)	(74.0)	(74.0)
EBIT	665.0	850.9	917.7	995.5
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(38.7)	(54.4)	(52.0)	(52.0)
Income/(loss) from associates	_	-	-	-
Pre-tax profit	625.3	794.0	861.7	939.5
Provision for taxes	(121.7)	(156.7)	(172.9)	(186.9)
Minority interest	_	-	-	-
Preferred dividends	_	-	-	-
Net inc. (pre-exceptionals)	503.6	637.4	688.8	752.6
Net inc. (post-exceptionals)	503.6	637.4	688.8	752.6
EPS (basic, pre-except) (\$)	14.12	17.98	19.71	21.87
EPS (diluted, pre-except) (\$)	14.08	17.90	19.60	21.75
EPS (ex-ESO exp., dil.) (\$)				
DPS (\$)	3.98	5.16	3.44	3.54
Div. payout ratio (%)	28.2	28.7	17.5	16.2
Wtd avg shares out. (basic) (mn)	35.7	35.4	34.9	34.4
Wtd avg shares out, (diluted) (mn)	35.8	35.6	35.1	34.6

<b>Balance</b>	Sheet	(\$ mn)
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	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Cash & cash equivalents	52.6	37.4	324.2	751.1
Accounts receivable	608.5	684.2	697.9	685.7
Inventory	753.0	749.2	781.2	822.9
Other current assets	73.9	158.1	158.1	158.1
Total current assets	1,488.0	1,628.9	1,961.4	2,417.8
Net PP&E	548.9	708.6	784.6	830.6
Net intangibles	186.3	181.7	181.7	181.7
Total investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long-term assets	335.9	363.9	363.9	363.9
Total assets	2,567.6	2,883.1	3,291.6	3,794.0
Accounts payable	427.3	374.6	390.6	433.4
Short-term debt	710.6	361.6	361.6	361.6
Current lease liabilities	63.3	60.2	60.2	60.2
Other current liabilities	394.5	477.7	494.7	516.9
Total current liabilities	1,595.7	1,274.0	1,307.1	1,372.1
Long-term debt	814.2	1,081.6	1,081.6	1,081.6
Non-current lease liabilities	161.8	162.5	162.5	162.5
Other long-term liabilities	199.0	181.9	181.9	181.9
Total long-term liabilities	1,175.0	1,426.0	1,426.0	1,426.0
Total liabilities	2,770.7	2,700.0	2,733.1	2,798.1
Preferred shares	_	_	-	-
Total common equity	(203.1)	183.1	558.5	995.9
Minority interest	_	_	_	-
Total liabilities & equity	2,567.6	2,883.1	3,291.6	3,794.0
BVPS (\$)	(5.68)	5.14	15.89	28.78

## Cash Flow (\$ mn) \_

	12/22	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Net income	503.6	637.4	688.8	752.6
D&A add-back	77.9	80.5	74.0	74.0
Minority interest add-back	_	-	-	-
Net (inc)/dec working capital	(267.9)	(111.7)	(12.6)	35.5
Others	(4.8)	64.0	6.8	6.8
Cash flow from operations	302.3	604.9	757.0	868.9
Capital expenditures	(101.1)	(250.0)	(150.0)	(120.0)
Acquisitions	_	_	_	-
Divestitures	1.6	1.6	_	-
Others	(3.5)	(1.1)	_	-
Cash flow from investing	(103.0)	(249.5)	(150.0)	(120.0)
Dividends paid	(142.0)	(183.0)	(120.2)	(121.9)
Share issuance/(repurchase)	(296.4)	(72.1)	(200.0)	(200.0)
Inc/(dec) in debt	272.6	(92.6)	_	-
Others	(11.7)	(23.0)	_	-
Cash flow from financing	(173.8)	(360.1)	(320.2)	(321.9)
Total cash flow	21.8	(15.3)	286.8	426.9
Free cash flow	201.2	354.9	607.0	748.9
Free cash flow per share (basic) (\$)	5.64	10.01	17.37	21.76

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Research estimates.

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our Q5-Q8 EBITDA estimates. Our price target is based on 17.0 (vs. 17.5x prior) our Q5-Q8 EBITDA given the recent de-rating across our coverage.

**Key Risks.** Slowdown in Resi replacement demand; softness in Commercial given tighter credit backdrop; pricing realization on refrigerant change does not fully materialize.

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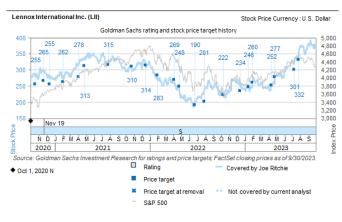
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