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Mahindra & Mahindra Event Update Note

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Mahindra & Mahindra

CMP: Rs.563



The Event

Mahindra & Mahindra Limited (M&M) and Ford Motor Company (Ford) have signed a definitive agreement to create a joint venture (JV) that will develop, market and distribute Ford brand vehicles in India. JV will also develop, market and distribute Ford brand and Mahindra brand vehicles in high-growth emerging markets around the world.

Details:

M&M along with Ford Motor Company Inc., USA (Ford) has executed a Business Transfer Agreement and Share Subscription Agreement (the Agreements) to enable the formation of a JV by way of the Company and/or its subsidiaries acquiring 51% of the equity share capital of Ardour Automotive Private Ltd (NewCo), presently a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford in India. Ford would be transferring its India operations (Ford India Private Ltd) to the joint venture, including its personnel and assembly plants in Chennai and Sanand. FIPL is the sixth largest player in the four wheeled passenger vehicle market in India and one of the largest exporters of vehicles from India. Ford would be retaining the Ford engine plant operations in Sanand as well as the Global Business Services unit, Ford Credit and Ford Smart Mobility. The deal is valued at an enterprise value of Rs.19.25 bn (~0.1x EV/sales). Of this, Ford would be transferring Rs.6.36 bn debt into NewCo and balance would be equity component with M&M having 51% (Rs.6.57 bn) share and Ford having balance 49%(Rs.6.32 bn) share. Deal will be submitted for CCI approval and is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

Benefits of the development:

The management highlighted that the company is likely to benefit from an operational efficiency which can be derived immediately. In medium term, the NewCo and M&M both would be getting benefit from local sourcing point of view, which is likely to increase from USD 5.6 bn (for M&M currently) to USD 7.0 bn (including the NewCo). In the long term, joint product development and platform sharing would help in bringing better products for both companies and also reduce cost for product development. While Ford would be getting deeper access and increase penetration for its products in India, M&M would be leveraging Ford's global reach (other emerging markets) for expanding exports. Ford and M&M are also expected to work jointly to develop and sell vehicles in C-segment SUV, B-segment SUV, electric car and MPV categories in domestic and export markets, under both Mahindra and Ford brands.

<u>View</u>: The deal is likely to be positive in the long-term for M&M, while no material benefits are expected to flow in near term. We await more clarity to ascertain the long term benefits of joint product development, penetration into emerging markets and joint sourcing efforts. Hence, we are not changing our estimate currently and would review the same post Q2FY20. Going ahead with the better monsoon rainfall and upcoming festive season, the demand sentiments are expected to improve and M&M is expected to be benefit from recent launches. Moreover, M&M ready with gasoline engine for BS-VI and also ready with its EV portfolio. We remain positive on the medium term potential of the company on the back of new product launches both in internal combustion engine (ICE) and electric vehicle (EV) space that is likely to drive revenue growth for the company and on healthy return ratios of 15% plus (i.e, RoCE in FY19). However, given the ongoing slowdown in automobile and tractor segment, the trend of improvement in volumes would be key driver for the company going ahead. Currently, we have a Buy rating on the stock with the target price of Rs.793 at 13x FY21E EPS of Rs.46.1 adding Rs.194 as value of subsidiaries at 30% holding company discount. Any earning/target price revision would depend on the performance of new launches, improvement in market share, any regulatory changes, changes in the value of subsidiaries, rollover to next financial year and changes in general business momentum.

Key Details	
52 week H/L(Rs)	847/503
Market Cap (Rs. Bn)	699
Book Value (Rs) YTD	322
FV (Rs)	5.0
PE (X) (TTM)	13.5
Dividend Yield (%)	1.3



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Rating Interpretation		
Rating	Expected to	
Buy	Appreciate more than 10% over 12-18 month period	
Hold	Appreciate below 10% over 12-18 months period	
Under Review	Rating under Review	
Exit	Exited out of model portfolio	

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