

Result Update

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TCI Express (TCIEXP)

₹ 617

Rating matrix Rating Buy Target ₹ 780 **Target Period** 12-18 months Potential Upside

What's changed? Target Unchanged EPS FY19E Changed from ₹ 19.4 to ₹ 19.1 EPS FY20E Changed from ₹ 24.4 to ₹ 23.7 EPS FY21E Introduced at ₹ 29.5 Unchanged Rating

Quarterly performance									
	Q3FY19	Q3FY18	YoY (%)	Q2FY19	QoQ (%)				
Revenue	263.2	229.0	14.9	247.2	6.5				
EBITDA	31.0	24.1	28.7	27.3	13.5				
EBITDA (%)	11.8	10.5	126 bps	11.0	73 bps				
PAT	18.7	15.4	21.3	16.3	15.1				

Key financials				
₹ Crore	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenues	885.1	1,062.1	1,253.3	1,478.9
EBITDA	90.7	119.5	145.7	179.0
Net Profit	58.4	73.1	90.7	113.1
EPS (₹)	15.2	19.1	23.7	29.5

Valuation summary									
	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E					
P/E	42.3	33.8	27.2	21.8					
Target P/E	51.2	40.9	32.9	26.4					
EV / EBITDA	27.6	20.7	16.8	13.5					
P/BV	11.9	9.2	7.2	5.6					
RoNW (%)	31.8	30.8	29.6	28.8					
RoCE (%)	38.3	39.7	39.1	39.2					

Stock data	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalization (₹ Cr)	2,470.4
Total Debt (FY18P) (₹ Cr)	39.8
Cash and Investments (FY18P) (₹ Cr)	12.2
EV (₹ Cr)	2,498.0
52 week H/L	645 / 284
Equity capital (₹ Cr)	7.7
Face value (₹)	2.0

Price performance				
	1M	3M	6M	1Y
Blue Dart Express	-4.0	-25.0	-21.0	-32.8
Gati Ltd	-2.8	-27.5	-32.7	-36.4
Vrl Logistics	2.5	-19.6	-32.9	-26.2
Tci Express Ltd	9.1	-12.0	15.7	10.0

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Strong all-round performance continues...

- Revenues grew 15% YoY to ₹ 263 crore. As per the management, the company was able to leverage its branch network of 700 centres across the country to achieve the growth and was also able to achieve a significant customer base in tier 2 cities
- EBITDA margins increased 126 bps to 11.8% mainly due to lower than estimated operating expense to sales ratio (73.8% vs. 75.8% in Q3FY18). Robust revenue growth coupled with margin expansion resulted absolute EBITDA growth of 29% YoY to ₹ 31 crore
- Reported PAT grew 21% YoY to ₹ 19 crore mainly due to a strong operational performance (although it was negatively impacted YoY by higher tax rate - 35% vs 29% in Q3FY18)

Continued growth in spite of rising competition in B2B segment

Despite competition from rivals like Blue Dart, Gati and Rivigo, TCI Express has been consistently clocking double digit revenue growth (15%+) with expanding margins (reached 11% EBITDA margins from earlier 8%). The management indicated it was not impacted by the slowdown in the auto sector as it transports auto spare parts (including for replacement), which did not experience a slowdown. Also, pharma and textile verticals have continued to grow for TCIEL. The company has also reached 85% utilisation and expects to reach 90% in a few years (positively impacts EBITDA margins). Overall, the company has guided for ₹ 400 crore capex spend in five years, which would be utilised to expand its reach in Tier II, III cities (hub & spoke model - reach 1000 offices count), open newer sorting centres (currently 28 - of which 10 are owned), develop in-house analytics (target to map 1 million customers to its database), etc. It expects volume growth to remain sustainable in excess of 15% for the next two to three years, with an annual hike in realisation to set off inflation and also create room for premiumisation. We expect revenue, EBITDA, PAT CAGR of 19%, 25%, 25%, respectively, in FY18-

Express services continues their strong growth trajectory

Express segment (2-3% of overall logistics spend) has been growing in double digits, primarily due to benefits of reduced delivery time, growing preference for just-in-time approach (reducing inventory costs), minimisation of loss of sale opportunities and rising end-consumer demand for quality logistics services. Express delivery services are increasingly becoming the preferred mode of logistics for a large number of users. Hence, it commands a premium over other transport services (air express: 4x of surface transport, surface express: 2x). Also, the surface express is increasingly seeing a volume shift from air express segment (due to greater value for clients).

Rising presence in tier-2, 3 cities - foundation for future growth

TCI Express has 28 hubs, 550 branches and a fleet of 4000+ vehicles at its disposal with minimal operational asset ownership. Low leverage, a robust growth trajectory and high core return ratios (FY21E RoCE at 39% and a 2% FCF yield), position TCIEL as one of the preferred picks in the logistics space. We value TCIEL at 26x P/E on an estimated EPS of ₹ 29.5/share (FY21E) with a target price of ₹ 780, with a **BUY** recommendation. Key risks to our upside remain: 1) liquidity headwinds for SME sector (50% of TCI Express revenues), 2) rising competitive intensity (private equity funded players entering B2B space).



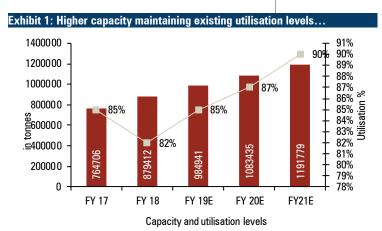
Variance analysis							
	Q3FY19	Q3FY19E	Q3FY18	YoY (%)	Q2FY19	QoQ (%)	Comments
Revenue	263.2	267.9	229.0	14.9	247.2	6.5	YoY growth on the back of strong B2B customer engagement and significant increase in the customer base in tier II cities
Operating expenses	194.1	201.9	173.6	11.8	183.2	6.0	
Employee Expenses	21.1	21.4	17.6	19.6	21.7	-3.0	
Other Expense	17.0	16.3	13.7	23.7	15.0	13.4	
Total Expense	232.2	239.7	204.9	13.3	219.9	5.6	
EBITDA	31.0	28.2	24.1	28.7	27.3	13.5	
EBITDA Margin (%)	11.8	10.5	10.5	126 bps	11.0	73 bps	Higher margins on account of improved fleet utilisation levels (86% utilisation) and effective passage (to 80% of clients) of hiked diesel prices
Depreciation	1.7	1.7	1.3	29.0	1.7	-0.6	
Interest	1.0	1.2	1.3	-23.4	1.1	-4.6	
Other Income	0.7	0.9	0.6	9.5	8.0	-18.5	
Exceptional Gain/Loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	
PBT	28.9	26.2	22.0	31.4	25.3	14.2	
Total Tax	10.2	8.9	6.6	55.0	9.1	12.5	
PAT	18.7	17.3	15.4	21.3	16.3	15.1	Robust operational performance resulting in PAT growth

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

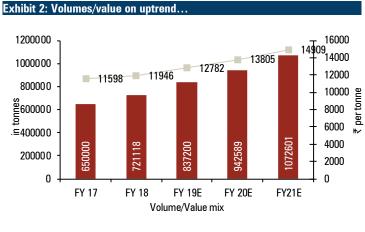
Change in estimates									
				FY19E			FY20E		FY21E
(₹ Crore)	FY 17	FY18	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change	New Comments
Gross Revenue	750.3	885.1	1,062.1	1,062.1	0.0	1,253.3	1,253.3	0.0	1,478.9 Estimates unchanged due to continued strong momentum in volumes (in line with estimates)
EBITDA	61.9	90.7	118.5	119.5	0.9	145.7	145.7	0.0	179.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.3	10.2	11.2	11.3	5 bps	11.6	11.6	3 bps	12.1 Margins revised marginally upwards due to continued strong performance in spite of higher crude volatility in Q3FY19, signalling effective passage of crude hike
PAT	37.5	58.4	74.6	73.1	-2.0	93.4	90.7	-2.9	113.1
EPS (₹)	9.8	15.3	19.5	19.1	-2.1	24.4	23.7	-2.9	29.5 Estimates revised due to lower other income estimates



Company Analysis



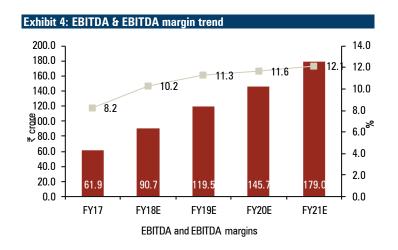
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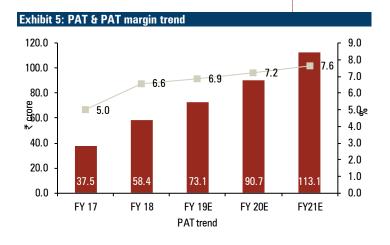
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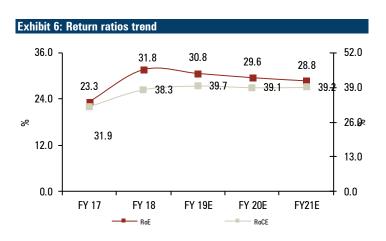
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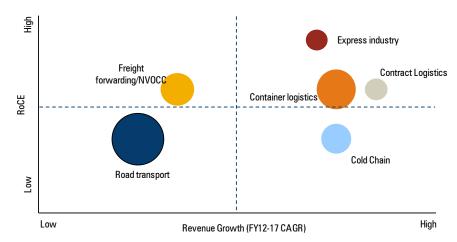


Valuations

Pre-eminent business model to command better multiples...

The wide variety of services provided by express players makes it difficult for a single entity to manage. Following this, players like Gati KWE, BlueDart and TCI Express (TCIEL) have focused on client management, line haul circuit, value added services and technology. Alternatively, these players have leveraged their goodwill in the market thereby collaborating with a number of regional players outsourcing majority of its non-core activities like trucking, last mile delivery. The strategy has given these players enhanced coverage while at the same time keeping their balance sheet light. Moreover, higher EBITDA is the consequence of higher realisations on the back of speed and accuracy. The dual benefit positions the express business in the top quadrant of our logistics business model matrix, which represents high growth and high RoCE.

Exhibit 7: Express remains in top quadrant of growth/RoCE matrix...



Source: FSC DRHP, ICICI Direct Research, *Size of bubble represents industry size

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Exhibit 8: Valuation compared to peers										
Year	Sales	Sales Gr.	EPS	EPS Gr.	PE	EV/EBITDA				
	(₹ Crore)	(%)	(₹)	(%)	(x)	(x)	RoNW (%)	RoCE (%)		
FY17	750.3	-76.0	9.8	8.8	65.9	40.3	26.4	31.9		
FY18	885.1	18.0	15.2	55.7	42.3	27.6	31.8	38.3		
FY19E	1062.1	20.0	19.1	25.2	33.8	20.7	30.8	39.7		
FY20E	1253.3	18.0	23.7	24.2	27.2	16.8	29.6	39.1		
FY21E	1062.1	-15.3	29.5	24.7	32.9	7.2	39.1	39.2		
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Source: Bloomberg, Company, ICICI Direct Research, * de-merger business listed in December 2016, Initiated coverage on 25th January, 2018

Key events	
Date	Event
Oct-15	Name change: "TCI Properties Pune Ltd" to "TCI Express Ltd"
Aug-16	Announces demerger of XPS division
Dec-16	Listing of equity shares of TCI Express Ltd

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Rank	Investor Name	Latest Filing Date	% O/S	Position	Change(m)
1	Bhoruka Finance Corporation of India, Ltd.	30-Sep-18	20.8	8.0	0.0
2	TCI Group	30-Sep-18	15.2	5.8	2.5
3	Bhoruka International Pvt. Ltd.	30-Sep-18	13.8	5.3	0.0
4	Agarwal (Dharam Pal) HUF	30-Sep-18	2.7	1.0	0.0
5	Arcee Holding, Ltd.	30-Sep-18	2.7	1.0	0.0
6	Agarwal (Vineet)	30-Sep-18	2.6	1.0	0.0
7	Agarwal (Priyanka)	30-Sep-18	2.5	1.0	0.0
8	Agarwal (Urmila)	30-Sep-18	2.4	0.9	0.0
9	Agarwal (Chander)	8-0ct-18	2.4	0.9	-0.1
10	Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.	30-Sep-18	2.1	0.8	-0.1
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Shareholding Pattern									
(in %)	Mar-18	Jun-18	Sep-18	Dec-18					
Promoter	66.1	67.0	67.0	67.0					
FII	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.4					
DII	6.2	5.2	3.9	2.4					
Others	24.4	24.1	25.3	26.3					

Source: Reuters, ICICI Direct Research

Recent Activity					
Buys			Sells		
Investor Name	Value	Shares	Investor Name	Value	Shares
TCI Group	18.7	2.5	Agarwal (Dharmpal P.)	-18.7	-2.5
Grandeur Peak Global Advisors, LLC	1.8	0.2	Agarwal (Chander)	-1.1	-0.1
XPS Cargo Services, Ltd.	1.1	0.1	Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.	-0.6	-0.1
Sharma (Phool Chand)	0.5	0.1	IDFC Asset Management Company Private Limited	-0.6	-0.1

Source: Reuters, ICICI Direct Research



Financial summary

Profit and loss statement				₹ Crore
(Year-end March)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Total operating Income	885.1	1,062.1	1,253.3	1,478.9
Growth (%)	18.0	20.0	18.0	18.0
Operating expenses	664.4	795.5	933.7	1,101.8
Employee Cost	72.5	85.0	100.3	110.9
Other expenses	57.5	62.1	73.6	87.2
Other expenses	57.5	62.1	73.6	87.2
EBITDA	90.7	119.5	145.7	179.0
Growth (%)	46.4	31.8	21.9	22.8
Depreciation	5.2	6.2	7.5	9.1
EBIT	85.4	113.3	138.2	169.9
Interest	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.0
Other Income	2.1	2.7	4.1	6.1
PBT	83.8	111.7	138.7	173.0
Growth (%)	48.2	33.4	24.2	24.7
Tax	25.4	38.7	48.0	59.9
Reported PAT	58.4	73.1	90.7	113.1
Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	58.4	73.1	90.7	113.1
Growth (%)	55.7	25.1	24.2	24.7
EPS	15.2	19.1	23.7	29.5

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Cash flow statement			₹	Crore
(Year-end March)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Profit after Tax	58.4	73.1	90.7	113.1
Less: Dividend Paid	(3.8)	(4.2)	(3.5)	(3.0)
Add: Depreciation	5.2	6.2	7.5	9.1
Add: Others	-	-	-	-
Cash Profit	67.4	83.5	101.8	125.2
Increase/(Decrease) in CL	43.7	(6.2)	14.0	16.7
(Increase)/Decrease in CA	(42.1)	(6.4)	(30.0)	(35.3)
CF from Operating Activities	72.0	70.6	85.3	106.1
(Add) / Dec in Fixed Assets	(62.1)	(31.9)	(43.4)	(54.7)
Goodwill	(0.2)	(0.9)	-	-
(Inc)/Dec in Investments	-	-	-	-
CF from Investing Activities	(62.3)	(32.8)	(43.4)	(54.7)
Inc/(Dec) in Loan Funds	8.8	7.1	(7.5)	(5.6)
Inc/(Dec) in Sh. Cap. & Res.	(12.4)	(11.5)	(15.3)	(15.3)
Others	(2.8)	(4.2)	(3.4)	(2.9)
CF from financing activities	(6.3)	(8.6)	(26.3)	(23.9)
Change in cash Eq.	3.4	29.2	15.7	27.5
Op. Cash and cash Eq.	8.8	12.2	41.4	57.1
Cl. Cash and cash Eq.	12.2	41.3	57.1	84.6

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Balance sheet			₹	Crore
(Year-end March)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Source of Funds				
Equity Capital	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Reserves & Surplus	199.2	260.7	336.2	433.9
Shareholder's Fund	206.8	268.4	343.8	441.6
Secured Loan	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Unsecured Loan	46.4	46.4	38.9	33.2
Total Loan Funds	39.8	46.9	39.4	33.8
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-	-
Minority Interest	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
Source of Funds	250.9	319.7	387.7	479.9
Application of Funds				
Gross Block	183.6	215.5	258.9	313.6
Less: Acc. Depreciation	23.4	29.6	37.1	46.2
Net Block	160.3	185.9	221.7	267.3
Capital WIP	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total Fixed Assets	160.3	185.9	221.8	267.4
Intangibles	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Investments	-	-	-	-
Debtors	154.4	160.0	188.8	222.8
Cash	12.2	41.4	57.1	84.6
Loan & Advance, Other CA	15.3	16.4	18.0	19.8
Total Current assets	181.8	217.8	263.9	327.2
Creditors	64.6	54.5	64.0	75.5
Other Current Liabilities	25.1	28.8	33.1	38.1
Provisions	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.8
Total CL and Provisions	92.9	86.7	100.7	117.4
Net Working Capital	88.9	131.1	163.2	209.8
Miscellaneous expense	-	-	-	-
Application of Funds	250.9	319.7	387.7	479.9

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Key ratios						
(Year-end March)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E		
Per share data (₹)						
Book Value	54.0	70.1	89.8	115.4		
EPS	15.2	19.1	23.7	29.5		
Cash EPS	16.6	20.7	25.7	31.9		
DPS	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0		
Profitability & Operating Ratios						
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.2	11.3	11.6	12.1		
PAT Margin (%)	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.6		
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1		
Debtor (Days)	55.2	55.0	55.0	55.0		
Current Liabilities (Days)	28.0	25.0	25.0	25.0		
Return Ratios (%)						
RoE	31.8	30.8	29.6	28.8		
RoCE	38.3	39.7	39.1	39.2		
RoIC	23.7	23.2	23.7	23.8		
Valuation Ratios (x)						
P/E	42.3	33.8	27.2	21.8		
Price to Book Value	11.9	9.2	7.2	5.6		
EV/EBITDA	27.6	20.7	16.8	13.5		
EV/Sales	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.6		
Leverage & Solvency Ratios						
Debt to equity (x)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1		
Interest Coverage (x)	22.7	26.8	39.0	55.9		
Debt to EBITDA (x)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2		
Current Ratio	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1		
Quick ratio	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1		



ICICI Direct coverage universe (Logistics)

	CMP			M Cap EPS (₹)				P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)				RoCE (%)					
Sector / Company	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Container Corporation	493	625	BUY	30,036	22.0	22.0	24.5	29.8	28.9	28.9	25.9	21.3	8.6	6.9	5.8	4.6	9.8	11.4	12.5	13.5
Transport Corp. of India	285	360	BUY	2,185	10.7	16.1	22.0	27.3	25.2	16.8	12.3	9.9	14.4	11.0	8.4	7.0	10.7	13.4	15.1	15.8
BlueDart	3,069	3,650	BUY	7,282	58.9	60.9	34.2	64.4	47.3	45.7	81.5	43.2	19.5	18.6	24.4	16.9	32.2	29.3	17.9	28.2
Gati Ltd.	69	75	Hold	749	1.2	3.2	1.2	2.6	59.1	22.6	60.9	27.8	9.2	13.7	11.6	8.2	7.6	6.0	7.2	10.3
Gujarat Pipavav	83	100	BUY	3,991	5.8	4.6	4.9	5.5	17.3	22.1	20.7	18.4	10.8	11.9	11.2	10.5	14.0	12.1	12.3	13.0
TCI Express	617	780	BUY	2,362	9.8	15.2	19.5	24.4	65.9	42.3	33.1	26.4	40.3	27.6	20.8	16.6	31.9	38.3	38.3	36.4



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