# Initiating Coverage 🖂 JTL Industries Ltd.

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fundamental ANALYSIS\_





Industry	LTP	Recommendation	Base Case Fair Value	Bull Case Fair Value	Time Horizon
Iron & Steel Products	Rs. 256.7	Buy in the band of Rs. 252.85-260.55 and add more on dips in Rs. 228.7-235.7 band	Rs. 278.75	Rs. 300.5	2-3 quarters

HDFC Scrip Code	JTLINDEQNR
BSE Code	534600
NSE Code	JTLIND
Bloomberg	JTLIND:IN
CMP Jan , 2024	256.7
Equity Capital (Rs cr)	34
Face Value (Rs)	2
Equity Share O/S (cr)	17.1
Market Cap (Rs cr)	4,392
Book Value (Rs)	28
Avg. 52 Wk Volumes	68683
52 Week High (Rs)	261
52 Week Low (Rs)	142

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Share holding Pattern % (Dec, 2023)							
Promoters	56						
Institutions	2.45						
Non Institutions	41.55						
Total	100.0						



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# <u>Our Take:</u>

JTL Industries Limited (JTL), erstwhile known as JTL Infra Limited, was initially incorporated as Jagan Tube Limited in July 1991 and later its name was changed to JTL Infra Limited in April 2008. JTL has been operating in the structural steel tubes and pipes business for the last 30 years. The company is now engaged in the manufacturing and export of black and galvanised electric resistance welded (ERW) steel pipes and tubes which are value-added products (VAP) having higher premiums compared to the commercial ERW pipes. The Company has four state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities located at strategic locations across India, including two plants located in Punjab (Derabassi & Mandi Gobindgarh), one in Maharashtra (Mangaon) with aggregate installed capacity of 586,000 MTPA and one recently added in Chhattisgarh (Raipur) through the amalgamation with its promoter-held Chetan industries which has been effective from March 31, 2023. The company's capacities can practically be run at a maximum of 70-75% due to batch processing and different specifications of tubes and pipes.

The company has given a robust performance and achieved highest ever sales of volume of 1,00,905 MT in Q3FY24. The company is currently going through the massive capex expansion which will increase company's production capacity to 1 million or 10 lakh PA, for the same company has already raised the required funds via issues of convertible warrants. Also during Q3FY23, the company has announced an another mega capex of through its wholly owned subsidiary JTL Tubes Limited in Maharashtra. To finance this mega project, the company is set to raise Rs. 1310 Crores through various routes.

#### Valuation & Recommendation:

On-going growth is expected to continue in FY24 and onwards, driven by capacity expansion, strong demand from the company's product, improvement in production quality and expected traction in exports. The operating margin is expected to remain in the range of ~7-9% in FY24E and FY25E, on the back of healthy capacity utilization and operational efficiencies. The margin is in line with expectation of EBITDA/Tonne likely to sustain in the current range for time-being. Beyond FY25E, once the DFT plant is commissioned this number is likely to increase as the Value added product in the sales mix will increase.

Also, a series of capacity expansion due over the next few years will result in organic volume growth. The sectors to which JTL caters are growing base on Government push and capex demands. Encouraging Q3FY24 numbers and completion of proposed preferential allotment could bring in fresh triggers for its stock price.







We believe investors can buy the stock in in Rs 252.85- 260.55 band (23.5x FY25E EPS, 16.7x FY25E EV/EBITDA) and add on dips to Rs 228.70-235.70 band (21.25x FY25E EPS, 15.1x FY25E EV/EBITDA) for base case target of Rs 278.75 (25.51x FY25E EPS, 18.2x FY25E EV/EBITDA) and bull case target of Rs 300.5 (27.5x FY25E EPS, 19.6x FY25E EV/EBITDA) for the next 2-3 quarters.

Q2FY24	Q2FY23	YoY (%)	Q1FY24	QoQ (%)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
502	366	37.2	505	-0.5	436	1,355	1,550	2,133	3,168
37	31	20.4	36	5.3	33	89	128	162	263
28	22	28.7	25	10.1	20	61	90	117	187
1.6	1.3	28.7	1.5	10.1	1.2	3.6	5.3	6.8	10.9
					42.0	41.5	29.8	23.4	23.1
					215.8	71.9	48.7	37.6	23.5
					134.6	50.1	34.3	27.0	16.7
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#### (Source: Company, HDFC sec)

#### **Q2FY24 Result Review:**

Revenue from operations for the quarter stood at Rs 502 crore, up by ~37.2% YoY, due to higher sales volumes. Volume for the quarter stood at 81,686 MT vs 52,101 tonnes in Q2FY23, up ~ 56.78%. EBITDA during the quarter stood at Rs 37.4 Cr, up 20.4% YoY and EBITDA margin during the quarter at ~7.5%, down 104 bps YoY. EBITDA per tonne excluding other income for Q2 stood at Rs. 4580 vs Rs.4593 in Q1FY24 and Rs. 5963.41 in Q2FY23. Fall in sales price was greater than decrease in raw material prices resulting in fall in OPM and EBITDA per ton; however higher volumes compensated to some extent this fall. Profit after tax during the quarter stood at Rs 27.9 cr, up % 28.7YoY.

#### **Key Developments & Triggers:**

#### **Quarterly Business Sales Volume Update:**

The company has recorded its highest ever quarterly sales volume of 1,00,905 MT in Q3FY24, exhibiting a rigorous and robust growth of 76.05% over Q3FY23 driven by healthy demand for its structural steel tubes and pipes finding application in infrastructure and industrial sectors in both domestic and international markets.

The volumes in value-added products recorded decent growth of 35.39% YoY at 19,789 MT for Q3FY24 vs. volume of 14,616 MT recorded during Q3FY23. Due to scheduled maintenance during the Q3FY24 of Galvanization pot, the Galvanization facility was slightly impacted. This reduced overall operating capacity and in turn impacted the overall volumes for the said segment. The Company, however, has swiftly addressed the maintenance requirements, and the company aims to recover the lost volumes in upcoming quarters.

In terms of 9MFY24 performance, the Company continues to scale significant milestone and has recorded highest ever 9M sales volume reaching 2,59,933 MT, surpassing entire FY23 sales volume of 2,40,316 MT and demonstrating a robust growth of 62.32% compared to







9MFY23. JTL witnessed a remarkable increase in sales of value-added products, with a substantial 46.79% growth, rising from 54,837 MT in 9MFY23 to 80,497 MT in 9MFY24.

#### Merger with Chetan Industries Limited

Pursuant to the completion of merger of Chetan Industries Limited (promoter owned entity), with the Company on March 31, 2023, the Company owns the unit of said Company at Raipur (Chhattisgarh), which has a capacity of 1,00,000 MTPA. The merger has provided JTL with a manufacturing capacity of 1,00,000 MTPA, out of which 50% is dedicated towards producing value-added products. The strategic location of the acquired plant has offered an advantage of backward integration to JTL ensuing cost synergies, and greater proximity to raw materials facilitating JTL to procure raw materials at competitive prices.

#### Pan India Geographical Presence

JTL Industries has a pan-India presence and has a diverse geographic footprint, providing services to domestic and international markets. JTL gets locational advantage from its strategically located state of art manufacturing plants at different regions of the country i.e. in northern region it has plants at Derabassi and Mandi in Punjab, in western region it has a plant at Mangaon in Maharashtra and to cover the central and eastern regions it has plant at Raipur in Chhattisgarh. The strategic positioning enables the Company to efficiently source raw materials and effectively reach customers across different regions.

#### Sales Distribution and Dealers Network

The company currently exports its products to 5 continents in over 20 countries and has a strong domestic distribution network of 800+ distributors spread all across pan- India in such a way that they are majorly covering all the dealers present in India right now. Out of 1,000 or 1,100 dealers currently present in India right now the company has already tapped 80% dealers with them and the orders are being repeated by dealers well. So, the company is growing the dealers network as well and the to cater the additional capacity generated by them.

#### **Capacity expansion plan**

JTL is planning to expand its capacity from the current 0.6 MTPA to 1 MTPA by FY25 (at a total cost of Rs.340 cr) and it will be enhancing its VAP share from the current 31% in FY23 to 50% by FY25. JTL will add an additional 0.2MT capacity each at Mangaon and Raipur by the end of FY25 which will take its total capacity to 1MT by FY25. The company is trying to get incentives for the Raipur facility, but no conclusive announcement made yet. Out of the incremental 0.4MT capacity in the next two years, ~50% of the capacity will be equipped with DFT (Direct Forming Technology) which will facilitate the company to produce various sizes of hollow sections without roll change, increasing







efficiency and capacity utilization. This will also add additional SKUs. In the long term, JTL plans to add another 1MT capacity post FY25 which will bring its total capacity to 2MT by FY28.

In Q3FY24, JTL has announced that through its wholly owned subsidiary JTL Tubes Limited, that it is planning to the establish a mega capacity augmentation project in Maharashtra. This mega project will facilitate the expansion and diversification of company's product portfolio. Through this capex, JTL aims to incorporate additional production lines, enhance its capability to manufacture galvanized, pre galvanized, colour coated products, and strengthen its competitiveness through both forward and backward integration, and become a leading provider of one stop solutions for all structural steel requirements.

To finance this mega project, JTL is set to raise Rs. 1310 Crores through various routes, including but not limited to Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP). As explained by the management in press release, within the total fundraise, the promoter and promoter group will be contributing Rs. 540 crores, while the public, non-promoter group will be contributing Rs. 270 cr. The remaining Rs. 500 cr will be garnered through the QIP route.

It had earlier raised Rs.340 crores through fully convertible warrants to fund its expansion to reach 750 ktpa by FY24 end and 1 mtpa by FY25. Management is targeting 30% YoY sales volume growth in FY24 and product mix improvement, to eventually reach 50% contribution from higher-margin Value Added Products (VAPs) by FY25. With most of its aggressive expansions being funded through internal accruals and the issuance of convertible warrants, leverage levels would remain low, translating to good financial prudence.

#### **Export Composition**

The company has its global presence into over 20 nations on 5 continents and the export mix of the company comprises of value-added products (VAP) and commercial-grade products. VAP accounts for approximately 90% of the Company's export sales volume, contributing significantly to its high revenue and margins. In FY23, JTL's export revenue share was 13%, while its export volume share was 8%. Looking ahead, JTL aims to increase its exports to 15% of its total sales volume by FY25.

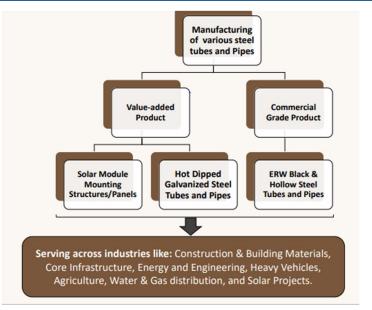
# **Diversified Business segments**

The company's ERW Balck and Hollow steel tubes and pipes, solar module and hot dipped galvanized steel tubes and pipes have diverse application making them less cyclical products. These products are used across agriculture, water distribution, Solar projects, Energy and Engineering, Heavy Vehicles, construction of building & building material and other core infrastructure applications.









#### **Attractive financial ratios**

The company has a strong EBITDA margin (operating profit margin) of 8% and PAT margins of 6% as compared to its peers having 7% and 4% respectively. As of end of FY23 the return of equity and the return on capital employed of the company is 30% and 34.4% respectively. Also, the company has been continuously maintaining the D/E ratio of below 1x and as of September 2023 the D/E ratio was at 0.12x vs. 0.36x of its peers.

#### Peer comparison:

Particulars(TTM)	Sales	ОРМ	PAT Margins	D/E	EPS	P/E	P/BV	EV/EBITDA
JTL Industries	1,821	8%	6%	0.12	6.47	39.7	9.15	27.4
APL Aollo Tubes Ltd	17,933	7%	4%	0.36	27.68	56.7	13.2	33.9

(Source: Company, HDFC Sec)

# Creeping acquisition by promoters:

Promoters have raised their stake in the company in the December quarter from 55.78% to 56% by creeping acquisition from the market.

Key Risks & Concerns:







#### Volatility in prices of raw materials

The company's ~90% of total expenses is RM cost and the major RM for it is steel HR coils. The Company procures HR coils and processes them to produce ERW pipes. As a result, the Company's working capital requirement is dependent on steel HRC prices. Volatility in the HRC prices could lead to inventory restocking/destocking cycles leading to inventory loss/gains for JTL. To mitigate the risk, the Company is increasing its dealer network and striving to minimise the inventory days in future.

# Delay in capacity expansion

With the ambition to achieve a higher export target of 15% of revenue amid steady demand prospects domestically, any delay in completion of the expansion projects or lower-than-expected utilisation of the expanded projects could lead to lower revenue and profitability impacting JTL's stock price.

#### **Unorganized Secondary Player**

Currently, ~55% of the ERW pipes manufacturers comprises unorganised secondary players, thereby exerting competitive pressure on organised players and leading to lower EBITDA margins for ERW manufacturers. However, with the formalisation of the economy, unorganized players are likely to face compliance requirements related to GST and other regulations. This may likely to reduce the share of unorganised players.

# Less bargaining power with customers

JTL is in semi-engineering industry which supplies material to further engineering industries for further processes and is a relatively smaller company supplying various steel products to the various big engineering companies in the market. It has limited negotiating/ bargaining power with the large customers. It is a generally a price taker and also the company's realization heavily depends on the steel prices which are very volatile.

#### **Company Background:**

JTL Industries Limited (JTL), erstwhile known as JTL Infra Limited, was initially incorporated as Jagan Tube Limited in July 1991 and later its name was changed to JTL Infra Limited in April 2008. JTL specialises in the production of ERW black pipe and has expanded its offering by including valueadded products such as hot dipped galvanised steel tubes and pipes, solar module mounting structures, and large diameter steel tubes & pipes. These products are used across agriculture, water distribution, solar projects, energy and engineering, heavy vehicles, construction & building material and other core infrastructure applications.







The Company operates from four state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities located at strategic locations across India, including two plants located in Punjab (Derabassi & Mandi Gobindgarh), one in Maharashtra (Mangaon) and one recently added in Chhattisgarh (Raipur) through the amalgamation with its promoter-held Chetan industries. The company is currently going under a capacity expansion which will turn company's capacity to 1 MTPA. The major client base of company involves Tata power, AVAADA, Sterling & Wilson, Thyssenkrupp group and company also serves various other big players such as IGL, NTPC, ABB, BHEL, HPCL, Suzlon, Siemens, etc. via its distribution channel







# Financials:

Income Statement					
Particulars (Rs cr)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenues	436	1355	1550	2133	3168
Growth (%)		211.0	14.4	37.6	48.5
Operating Expenses	403	1266	1422	1971	2905
EBITDA	33	89	128	162	263
Growth (%)		170.3	43.5	26.4	62.2
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.6	6.6	8.3	7.6	8.3
Depreciation	2	3	4	6	15
Other Income	5	4	5	7	9
EBIT	36	90	129	163	257
Interest expenses	9	8	6	6	6
РВТ	27	82	123	158	251
Тах	7	21	32	41	64
РАТ	20	61	90	117	187
Share of Asso./Minority Int./JV	0	0	0	0	0
Adj. PAT	20	61	90	117	187
Growth (%)		200.1	47.6	29.8	59.8
EPS	1.2	3.6	5.3	6.8	10.9

Balance Sheet					
Particulars (Rs cr)- As at March	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
Share Capital	11	13	17	34	34
Reserves	86	184	390	558	995
Shareholders' Funds	97	198	407	592	1029
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt	63	91	55	57	57
Net Deferred Taxes	2	2	4	6	6
Other Non-curr. Liab.	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sources of Funds	162	291	466	655	1092
APPLICATION OF FUNDS					
Net Block & Goodwill	28	49	65	93	239
CWIP	0	3	4	40	150
Investments	0	12	16	20	20
Other Non-Curr. Assets	1	17	4	26	41
Total Non Current Assets	30	81	90	179	450
Inventories	53	119	168	205	304
Debtors	95	110	141	175	260
Cash & Equivalents	4	2	53	61	48
Other Current Assets	27	27	111	160	208
Total Current Assets	180	258	473	601	820
Creditors	34	26	29	29	43
Other Current Liab & Provisions	14	22	69	96	135
Total Current Liabilities	47	48	97	125	178
Net Current Assets	132	210	376	476	642
Total Application of Funds	162	291	466	655	1092

(Source: Company, HDFC Sec)



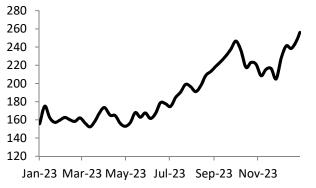




Cash Flow Statement						Key Ratios
Particulars (Rs cr)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	Particulars
Reported PBT	27	82	123	158	251	Profitabilit
Non-operating & EO items	-1	0	0	-21	-16	EBITDA Ma
Interest Expenses	8	7	6	6	6	EBIT Margi
Depreciation	2	3	4	6	15	APAT Marg
Working Capital Change	-37	-49	-102	-92	-180	RoE
Tax Paid	-3	-26	-26	-41	-64	RoCE
OPERATING CASH FLOW ( a )	-5	17	5	16	12	Solvency R
Capex	-6	-22	-19	-70	-270	Net Debt/E
Free Cash Flow	-11	-5	-14	-54	-258	Net D/E
Investments	0	-16	-4	-4	0	PER SHARE
Non-operating income	-1	3	2	0	0	EPS
INVESTING CASH FLOW ( b )	-8	-34	-21	-74	-270	CEPS
Debt Issuance / (Repaid)	5	14	-41	2	0	BV
Interest Expenses	-8	-8	-6	-6	-6	Dividend
FCFE	-16	-10	-63	-62	-264	Turnover R
Share Capital Issuance	0	0	23	70	250	Debtor day
Dividend	0	-2	0	0	0	Inventory d
Others	16	12	90	0	0	Creditors d
FINANCING CASH FLOW ( c )	-4	5	-25	66	244	VALUATIO
NET CASH FLOW (a+b+c)	-16	-13	-41	8	-14	P/E

Particulars	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Profitability Ratios (%)					
EBITDA Margin	7.6	6.6	8.3	7.6	8.3
EBIT Margin	8.3	6.6	8.3	7.7	8.1
APAT Margin	4.7	4.5	5.8	5.5	5.9
RoE	42.0	41.5	29.8	23.4	23.1
RoCE	45.1	40.2	34.4	29.4	29.6
Solvency Ratio (x)					
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.8	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net D/E	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
PER SHARE DATA (Rs)					
EPS	1.2	3.6	5.3	6.8	10.9
CEPS	1.3	3.8	5.5	7.2	11.8
BV	5.7	11.6	23.8	34.6	60.2
Dividend	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Turnover Ratios (days)					
Debtor days	80	28	30	27	25
Inventory days	44	23	34	32	29
Creditors days	28	8	6	5	4
VALUATION					
P/E	215.8	71.9	48.7	37.6	23.5
P/BV	45.3	22.2	10.8	7.4	4.3
EV/EBITDA	134.6	50.1	34.3	27.0	16.7
EV / Revenues	10.2	3.3	2.8	2.1	1.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend Payout (%)	10.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0

**One Year Price Chart** 



(Source: Company, HDFC Sec)







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