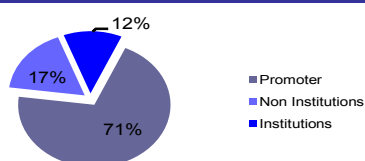


Key Share Data

Face Value (INR)	1.0
Equity Capital (INR Mn)	102.3
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Shareholding Pattern (as on 31st Mar 2017)



Source: Company

Key Financials (INR Million)

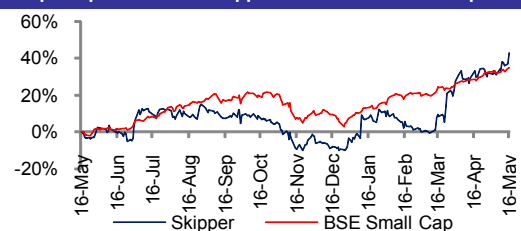
Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Net Sales	14,880.9	16,836.4	19,803.6	22,861.0
Growth (%)	17.1%	13.1%	17.6%	15.4%
EBITDA	2,011.1	2,267.1	2,710.8	3,151.3
PAT	951.3	1,115.0	1,325.9	1,522.8
Growth (%)	6.8%	17.2%	18.9%	14.9%
EPS (INR)	9.3	10.9	13.0	14.9
BVPS (INR)	37.3	48.3	59.4	72.0

Key Financials Ratios

Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
P/E (x)	15.1	14.3	15.8	13.8
P/BVPS (x)	3.8	3.2	3.5	2.8
Mcap/Sales (x)	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.3	9.0	9.4	8.0
ROCE (%)	15.7%	15.5%	17.4%	20.0%
ROE (%)	24.8%	22.4%	22.7%	22.3%
EBITDA Mar (%)	13.5%	13.5%	13.7%	13.8%
PAT Mar (%)	6.4%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%
Debt - Equity (x)	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.5

Source: Company, SKP Research

1 Yr price performance Skipper vis-à-vis BSE Small Cap



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Company Background

Skipper Limited, promoted by Mr S K Bansal of Kolkata, is India's third largest transmission tower manufacturing company (after KEC and Kalpataru) and tenth largest in the world, having production capacity of 2,30,000 MTPA. It also manufactures PVC pipes (accounts for ~12% of total revenue in FY17) for water transportation in which it has aggressive growth plans.

Investment Rationale

Top-line to grow at a CAGR of ~17% over FY16-18E

- ▶ During Q4FY17, Skipper reported net sales of Rs 5,673.6 mn, registering growth of ~7.1% y-o-y basis whereas sales grew by ~13.1% during FY17 due to lower execution in the engineering segment. The growth was also lower as the company received freight benefits on its exports in FY16. Exports share to the total revenue was ~10% ~vis-à-vis ~40-45% last year.
- ▶ **Going forward, we expect Skipper sales to grow at a CAGR of ~17% during FY17-19E on the back of robust demand from Power Grid (PGCIL) and 1.5x capacity addition in the PVC pipe business, resulting into better capacity utilization and higher sales volume.**

Engineering Product Business: Strong order book; expansion underway to encash substantial growth opportunity

- ▶ Skipper has a strong order book of Rs 26 bn (around 1.9x FY17 sales) of which, domestic and export order is 73% & 27% respectively (51% of Skipper's order book is made up of PGCIL orders). Post Q3FY17, the company has managed to bag orders worth Rs. 9 bn.
- ▶ During Q4FY17, the company has commissioned a new manufacturing plant in Palasbari (near to Guwahati) having a capacity of 30,000 MTPA, to tap the growing demands of T&D products in the North East region. It has also entered into the new geographies of Botswana and Philippines and bagged orders worth Rs. 1.2 bn from these geographies.

PVC Pipes Business to grow exponentially, backed by 1.5x capacity addition

- ▶ Post expansion, capacity of PVC pipes will increase from ~48,000 MTPA to ~72,000 MTPA by FY19 registering an exponential sales growth of ~22% CAGR over the FY17-19E, backed by ramping up of manufacturing capacities leading to higher utilization levels coupled with lower working capital requirements, exploring newer markets, strengthening of dealers network and policy push by the government. In the last one year, Skipper has managed to increase its channel partners from 1,500 to 3,500.
- ▶ Its share in the total revenue is likely to increase from ~12% in FY17 to 16% in FY19E. However, engineering products would continue to be the mainstay of the company.

Margins to stabilize at ~13.8%+ with better operating leverage

- ▶ During Q4FY17, EBITDA margins contracted by 5 bps q-o-q & by 66 bps y-o-y to ~13.2% (adjusted for a forex gain of Rs 164 mn) backed by improved margins of engineering product business and change in project mix for Infrastructure projects vertical. On a segmental basis, EBIT margins in the PVC segment stood at 8.3% (-150 bps y-o-y). However, with an increase in penetration and better product mix, the company expects margins to be in double digits in FY18E.
- ▶ Post expansion of PVC pipe segment, Skipper will become a pan India player, which would lead to higher overhead spending, thereby restricting EBITDA margins at level of ~13.5%+ in the near term. The company has reduced its debt in FY17 by Rs 680 mn even after incurring capex of Rs.750 mn and has a target to reduce its further by 400 mn in FY18.

Valuation

- ▶ With higher order inflow from PGCIL, strong entry barriers, efficient working capital management, increasing PVC Pipes capacity through asset light model and enhancing return ratios, augurs well for Skipper. We have valued the stock on the basis of P/E of 16x of FY19E EPS and recommend a BUY with a target price of Rs 238/- (~16% upside) in 15 months.

Exhibit: Q4FY17 Result Review
Figs. in INR Million

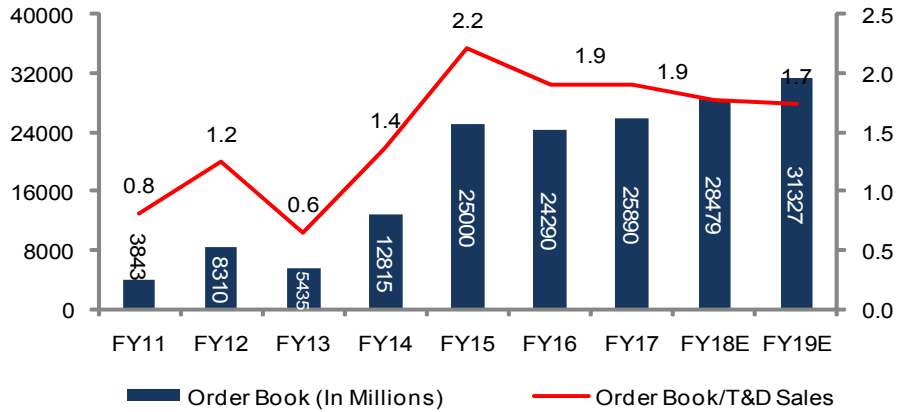
Particulars	Q4FY17	Q4FY16	YoY (%)	Q3FY17	QoQ (%)	FY17	FY16	YoY (%)
Net Sales	5,673.6	5,297.5	7.1%	4,301.5	31.9%	16,836.4	14,881.0	13.1%
Total Income	5,673.6	5,297.5	7.1%	4,305.9	31.8%	16,836.4	14,881.0	13.1%
Expenditure	4,924.9	4,563.4	7.9%	3,735.5	31.8%	14,569.3	12,869.7	13.2%
Material Consumed	3,823.2	2,593.5	47.4%	2,947.4	29.7%	11,729.5	9,538.1	23.0%
<i>(as a % of Total Income)</i>	67.4%	49.0%		68.4%		69.7%	64.1%	
Changes in inventories of Finished Goods	(56.4)	819.8		(104.8)		(821.5)	(53.1)	
<i>(as a % of Total Income)</i>	-1.0%	15.5%		-2.4%		-4.9%	-0.4%	
Employees Cost	192.1	152.4	26.1%	192.7	-0.3%	731.5	499.6	46.4%
<i>(as a % of Total Income)</i>	3.4%	2.9%		4.5%		4.3%	3.4%	
Other Expenses	966.1	997.8	-3.2%	700.2	38.0%	2,929.7	2,885.2	1.5%
<i>(as a % of Total Income)</i>	17.0%	18.8%		16.3%		17.4%	19.4%	
EBITDA	748.7	734.1	2.0%	570.4	31.3%	2,267.1	2,011.2	12.7%
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.2%	13.9%	(66)Bps	13.2%	(5)Bps	13.5%	13.5%	(5)Bps
Depreciation	100.2	63.2	58.5%	76.1	31.7%	315.5	241.2	30.8%
EBIT	648.5	670.9	-3.3%	494.3	31.2%	1,951.7	1,770.1	10.3%
Other Income	8.2	11.0		8.0		31.3	51.7	
Interest Expense	123.7	155.4		176.8		611.0	570.0	
Income from Forward Contracts	163.7					193.3	181.4	
Profit Before Tax	696.7	526.4	32.4%	325.4	114.1%	1,565.2	1,433.1	9.2%
Income Tax	168.9	165.3		101.9		450.2	481.8	-6.5%
<i>Effective Tax Rate (%)</i>	24.2%	31.4%		31.3%		28.8%	33.6%	
Profit After Tax (PAT)	527.9	361.2	46.2%	223.5	136.2%	1,115.0	951.3	17.2%
PAT Margins (%)	9.3%	6.8%	249 Bps	5.19%	411 Bps	6.62%	6.39%	23 Bps
Diluted EPS	5.2	3.5	46.2%	2.2	136.2%	10.90	9.30	17.2%

Source: Company Data, SKP Research

Order Book is expected to grow at a CAGR of ~7% over FY16-18E

Exhibit: Trends in Orderbook

PGCIL contributes ~51% of the total order book, domestic-others constitutes of ~22% and export for ~27%.

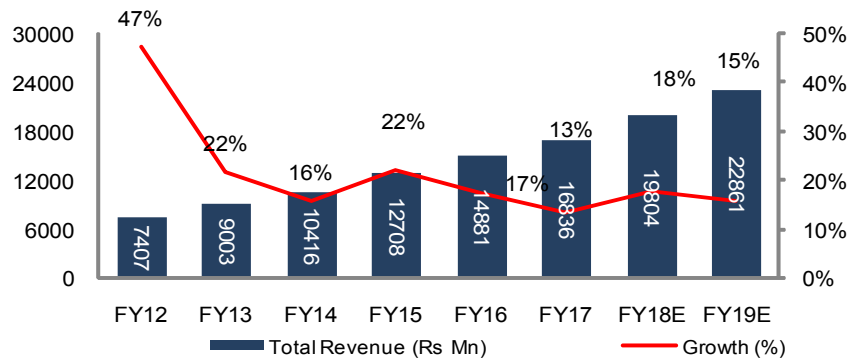


Source: Company, SKP Research

Top-line expected to grow at a CAGR of 17% over FY16-18E

Exhibit: Total Revenue & Revenue Growth (%)

Net Sales is expected to grow at a CAGR 17% to Rs 22,861 million over FY17-19E, backed by higher capacity utilization.

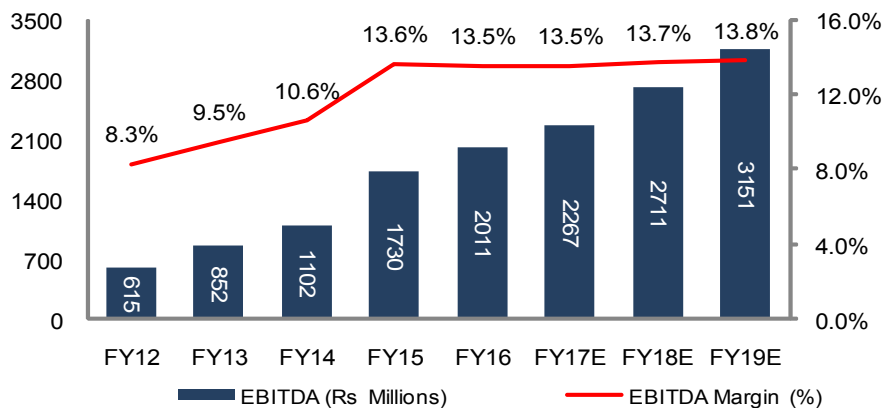


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Margins to stabilize at ~13%+ with better operating leverage

Exhibit: EBITDA & EBITDA Margin

EBITDA is expected to grow at a CAGR 18% to Rs 3151 million over FY17-19E

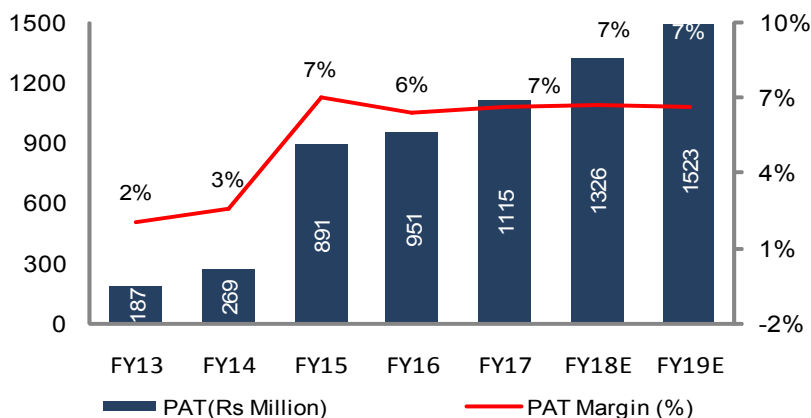


Source: SKP Research

PAT expected to grow at a CAGR of 17% over FY16-18E

Exhibit: PAT And PAT Margin (%)

PAT is expected to grow at a CAGR 17% percent to Rs 1523 million over FY17-19E

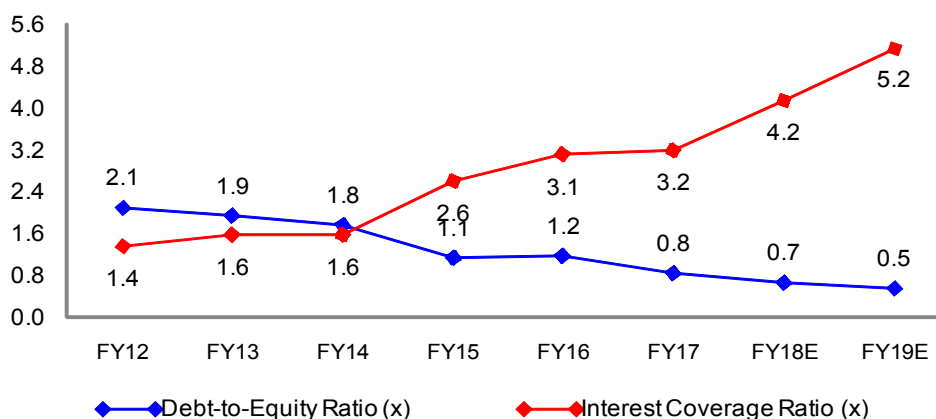


Source: SKP Research

D/E ratio improves to 0.8x in FY19E from a high of 1.9x in FY13

Exhibit: D/E Ratio and Interest Coverage Ratio

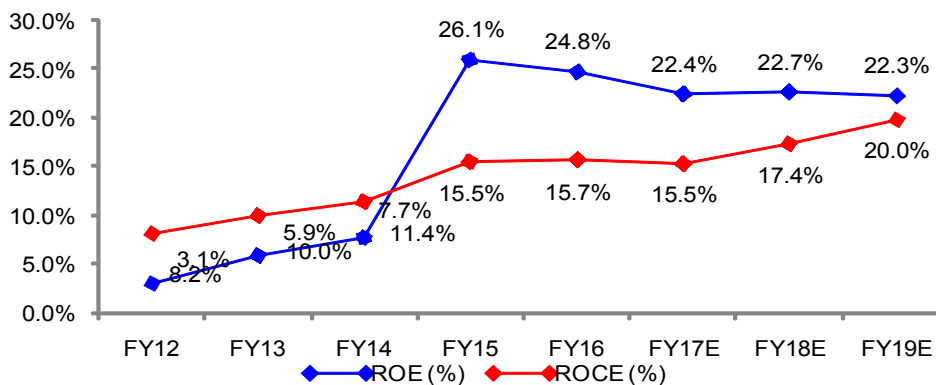
The company has reduced its debt in FY17 by Rs 680 mn even after incurring capex of Rs.750 mn. Debtor days also reduced on a y-o-y basis and led to D/E improving to 0.8 from 1.2 at the end of FY16. Company has a target to reduce its debt by Rs.400 mn in FY18.



Source:SKP Research

ROE to improve from 3% in FY12 to 22% by FY18E

Exhibit: Return Ratio



Source:SKP Research

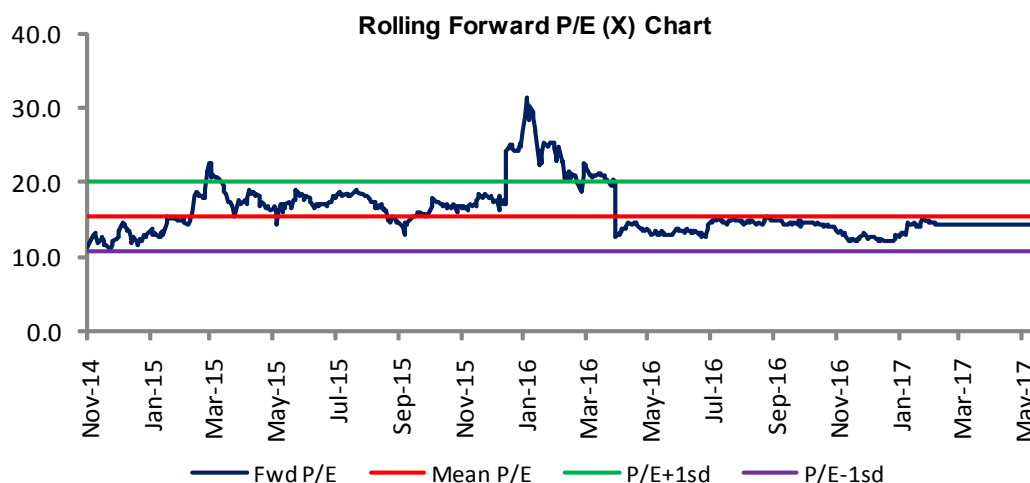
Key Concerns

- ▶ **Slowdown in order intake & execution:** Over the last couple of years, Skipper reported healthy top-line on the back of order pick-up from PGCIL and export market. However, going forward, any slowdown in transmission capex and lower than expected execution for the export market could adversely impact order book intake and could also impact our estimates for the engineering product segment, thereby, adversely affecting the overall performance.
- ▶ **Delay in capacity addition for PVC segment:** Skipper has an aggressive capacity expansion plan for the PVC business which will bring new execution and competition challenges. If the company resorts to aggressive pricing on its way to become a national player than it would be a margin dilutive proposition for Skipper.
- ▶ **Volatile Dollar Rupee Rate:** Export market contributes 27% of total order book. Any unfavorable USD-INR movement may have negative impact on the margins and profitability.

Valuations

- ▶ With Gol's thrust on improving T&D infrastructure (capex of Rs 2.6 tn over the 13th five year plan) in the country coupled with higher order inflow from PCGIL, strong entry barriers, efficient working capital management, prudent approach to reinforce orders, increasing PVC capacity through asset light model and enhancing return ratios augurs well for the company.
- ▶ We have valued the stock on the basis of P/E of 16x of FY19E EPS and recommend a BUY on Skipper with a target price of Rs 238/- (~16% upside) in 15 months.

Exhibit: Valuation Charts



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Exhibit: Income Statement
Figures in INR Million

Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Total Income	14,880.9	16,836.4	19,803.6	22,861.0
Growth (%)	17.1%	13.1%	17.6%	15.4%
Expenditure	12,869.7	14,569.3	17,092.8	19,709.7
Material Cost	9,538.1	11,729.5	12,439.0	14,359.3
Traded goods	-53.1	-821.5	237.6	251.5
Employee Cost	499.6	731.5	673.3	777.3
Admin & Other Exp.	2,885.2	2,929.7	3,742.9	4,320.7
EBITDA	2,011.1	2,267.1	2,710.8	3,151.3
Depreciation	241.2	315.5	329.1	363.3
EBIT	1,770.0	1,951.7	2,381.8	2,788.0
Other Income	233.0	224.5	197.6	228.1
Interest Expense	570.0	611.0	573.4	541.3
Profit Before Tax (PBT)	1,433.0	1,565.2	2,005.9	2,303.8
Income Tax	481.7	450.2	680.0	781.0
Profit After Tax (PAT)	951.3	1,115.0	1,325.9	1,522.8
Growth (%)	6.8%	17.2%	18.9%	14.9%
Diluted EPS	9.3	10.9	13.0	14.9

Exhibit: Cash Flow Statement
Figures in INR Million

Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Profit Before Tax (PBT)	1,433.0	1,565.2	2,005.9	2,303.8
Depreciation	241.2	315.5	329.1	363.3
Finance Costs	570.0	611.0	573.4	541.3
Chg. in Working Capital	281.0	399.9	(365.4)	(557.5)
Direct Taxes Paid	(570.0)	(611.0)	(573.4)	(541.3)
Other Charges	(481.7)	(450.2)	(680.0)	(781.0)
Operating Cash Flows	1,473.5	1,830.4	1,289.5	1,328.7
Capital Expenditure	(941.0)	(750.0)	(550.0)	(550.0)
Investments	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Investing Cash Flows	(940.3)	(753.2)	(549.3)	(550.8)
Changes in Equity	-	-	-	-
Inc / (Dec) in Debt	178.2	(907.6)	(632.2)	(511.0)
Dividend Paid (inc tax)	(143.2)	(163.7)	(163.7)	(194.4)
Financing Cash Flows	35.0	(1,682.3)	(795.9)	(705.4)
Chg. in Cash & Cash Eqv	568.1	(605.1)	(55.6)	72.5
Opening Cash Balance	286.4	854.5	249.3	193.7
Balances with Banks	-	-	-	-
Closing Cash Balance	854.5	249.3	193.7	266.2

Source: SKP Research, Cash Balances with the bank Rs 356.5 mn in FY16

Exhibit: Balance Sheet
Figures in INR Million

Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Share Capital	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3
Reserve & Surplus	3,712.9	4,840.6	5,974.2	7,268.6
Shareholders Funds	3,815.2	4,943.0	6,076.5	7,371.0
Total Debt	4,402.6	4,158.6	4,066.8	4,026.6
Deferred Tax (Net)	314.8	391.9	391.9	391.9
Total Liabilities	8,532.6	9,493.5	10,535.3	11,789.5
Net Block inc. Capital WIP	4239.4	4777.5	5048.5	5285.1
Deferred Tax (Net)				
Non-Current Assets	7,628.9	8,523.6	8,995.4	9,249.5
Inventories	2,499.9	3,681.8	3,952.0	3,916.1
Sundry Debtors	3,723.7	3,729.7	4,059.9	4,283.3
Cash & Bank Balance	498.0	249.3	193.7	266.2
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Loans & Advances	907.4	862.9	789.8	783.8
Current Liabilities & Prov	3,335.7	3,807.7	3,508.6	2,745.0
Total Assets	8,532.6	9,493.5	10,535.3	11,789.5

Exhibit: Ratio Analysis

Particulars	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Earning Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.5%	13.5%	13.7%	13.8%
PAT Margins (%)	6.4%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%
ROCE (%)	15.7%	15.5%	17.4%	20.0%
ROE (%)	24.8%	22.4%	22.7%	22.3%
Per Share Data (INR)				
Diluted EPS	9.3	10.9	13.0	14.9
Cash EPS (CEPS)	11.7	14.0	16.2	18.4
BVPS	37.3	48.3	59.4	72.0
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	15.1	14.3	15.8	13.8
Price/BVPS	3.8	3.2	3.5	2.8
EV/Sales	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1
EV/EBITDA	9.3	9.0	9.4	8.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%
Balance Sheet Ratios				
Debt - Equity	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.5
Current Ratio	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9
Fixed Asset Turn. Ratios	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2

Notes:

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