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Shareho	olding pa	ittern		
(in %)	Dec-21	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22
Promoter	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0
FII	12.3	11.8	11.9	12.4
DII	15.0	15.7	15.8	15.3
Others	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.3



Recent Events & Key Risks

(i) Significant decline in expected capex to affect order inflows, (ii) Higher commodity prices to impact profitability. (iii) Significantly higher order inflows

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Key Financial Summary

Particulars (₹ crore)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	5 Year CAGR (FY17-FY22)	FY24E	FY25E	3 Year CAGR (FY22-FY25E)
Net Sales	4,791.3	6,128.3	8,191.2	12.9%	9,909.8	9,909.8	17.4%
EBITDA	355.2	421.4	587.4	7.9%	824.7	824.7	25.1%
EBITDA Margin (%)	7.4	6.9	7.2		8.3	8.3	
Net Profit	206.6	312.3	435.1	13.5%	615.9	615.9	25.4%
EPS (₹)	17.3	26.2	36.5		51.7	61.0	
P/ E (x)	131.5	87.0	62.4		44.1	37.4	
RoNW (%)	7.6	8.9	11.4		14.3	14.4	
RoCE (%)	9.8	11.3	14.6		18.3	18.7	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Cautiously optimistic...

About the stock: Thermax Ltd (Thermax) offers integrated solutions in the areas of energy and environment - heating, cooling, power, water & waste management, air pollution control and chemicals.

- It operates in three key segments energy (~70.7% of FY22 revenue), environment segment (~20.6%) and chemicals segment (~8.7%)
- Focus to increase product & services share (~50% in FY22) vs. projects

Q2FY23 Results: Thermax reported decent Q2FY23 results.

- Consolidated revenue at ₹ 2075.3 crore, up 41.7% YoY, on better execution
- EBITDA came in at ₹ 140.6 crore, up 27.8% YoY, with margins at 6.8% impacted by commodity inflation and higher freight cost
- Adjusted PAT came in at ₹ 109.1 crore, grew by 24.2% YoY
- Order inflows for Q2FY23 were decent at ₹ 2015 crore, up 9% YoY

What should investors do? Strong balance sheet, prudent working capital management, recent technological tie-ups, are expected to support growth.

We remain long term positive on the stock but change our rating from BUY to **HOLD** as we are cautiously optimistic on the stock

Target Price and Valuation: We value Thermax at ₹ 2540 i.e. 45x on average on FY24E & FY25E EPS.

Key triggers for future price performance:

- We expect revenue, EBITDA to grow at CAGR of ~17.4%, 25.1%, respectively, in FY22-25E amid margins gradually returning to normal levels
- Recent broad based recovery in order inflows, strong order enquiry pipeline across industrial sectors likely to ensure decent order inflows, going forward
- Controlled net working capital (NWC), strong balance sheet

Alternate Stock Idea: We also like Larsen & Toubro in our coverage.

- Focus on asset monetisation to further strengthen the balance sheet and improve return ratios. Strong b/s, controlled working capital and strong cash generation
- BUY with a target price of ₹ 2355



Key takeaways of recent quarter & conference call highlights

Q2FY23 Results: Decent performance

- Energy segment revenue (that contributes ~70.6% to revenue) grew 38.6% to ₹ 1465 crore, YoY. Environment segment revenue grew 44.1% YoY to ₹ 449.3 crore and chemical segment revenue came in at ₹ 190.3 crore, up 48% YoY
- EBITDA came in at ₹ 140.6 crore, up 27.8% YoY. Consequently, EBITDA margin came in at 6.8% (vs. our estimate of 7.1%). Gross margins contracted 440 bps to 40.6% YoY
- Consolidated order inflow for the quarter came in decent at ₹ 2015 crore (vs. ₹ 1856 crore in Q2FY22). Order booking was spread across multiple industries with core sectors like metal & steel, chemical, refinery & petrochemical continuing to show strength. Consolidated order book as on Q2FY23 was at ₹ 9485 crore, up 46% YoY

Q2FY23 Earnings Conference Call highlights

- For Q2FY23, consolidated order inflow for the quarter came in at ₹ 2015 crore (vs. ₹ 1856 crore in Q2FY22). Major sectors in Q2FY23 order inflows include metal & steel (16%), chemical (12%), refinery & petrochemicals (11%), F&B/agro based (11%), sugar/distillery (9%), power (9%), cement (6%), bioenergy (5%), fertiliser (4%) and others (17%). Consolidated order inflows comprise energy segment (₹ 1495 crore), environment (₹ 331 crore) & chemicals segment contributed ₹ 190 crore. Domestic order inflows contributed 70.2% to ₹ 1415 crore while export orders were at 29.8% (₹ 600 crore)
- Consolidated order book as on Q2FY23 was at ₹ 9485 crore, up 46% YoY. It consists of ~69.8% from energy sector followed by environment (29.4%) and chemicals (0.8%)
- Thermax' inquiry pipeline has plateaued in this quarter. However, consistent demand is seen across sectors. Larger projects are not as good as last year as most bulk orders in the oil & gas segment have been awarded and there seems to be a lack of visibility in the FGD space. Though the company is witnessing a broad based recovery in multiple industries with core sectors like metal & steel, food processing while segments such as cement, edible oil refinery & petrochemical are plateauing. In Europe, there is a good enquiry and pipeline from the waste to energy and biomass segment owing to the current energy crisis. Water, as a space, can be a multi-decadal opportunity for Thermax, going ahead
- On the EBITDA margin front, in the chemical business, the management expects stability to come in the coming quarters. The company is expected to continue to invest in this segment as fairly large business comes from exports and will remain a long term growth area. In the chemical segment, margins are expected to remain at ~15-20%, going forward. In the project business, there is definitely room to improve in terms of margins. The management is expecting sub 10% but these businesses are cash rich in nature. In product and services, the company's focus is on earning double digit margin. Also, they are investing in this business
- In the Indonesia business, there were small losses in the last quarter. Now, the situation is improving as order inflows were intact and there no further losses are expected. In the business in Demark and Poland, the company is witnessing a massive inquiry and is not taking orders beyond a point
- Two FGD projects on a fixed priced basis were impacting profitability. They
 are on their last legs as they are almost ~90% complete

 Under the new energy business portfolio, Thermax expanded its solar business under FEPL, transitioning from the rooftop-based capex model to the solution-based opex model, projected to grow to a 1 GW scale in the next five years, based on its predominant opex strategy with an IRR of 16-19%. The three projects in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Gujarat are expected to contribute over H2YF23-FY24E



Exhibit 1: Variance Analy	sis (Cons	olidated)					
des.	Q2FY23	Q2FY23E	Q2FY22	YoY (Chg %	Q1FY23	QoQ (Chg %)	Comments
Total Operating Income	2,075.3	1,752.4	1,469.3	41.2	1,654.5	25.4	Revenue growth came on the back of better execution led by both segments
Other Income	39.8	35.0	36.8	8.4	20.5	93.9	
Raw Material Expenses	1,232.3	972.6	808.0	52.5	970.7	27.0	
Employee Expenses	236.7	,	195.6	21.0	214.9	10.1	
Other Expenses	465.7	420.6	355.8	30.9	372.9	24.9	
Total Expenditure	1,934.7	1,628.0	1,359.3	42.3	1,558.5	24.1	
EBITDA	140.6	124.4	110.0	27.8	96.0	46.4	
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.8	7.1	7.5	-71 bps	5.8	97 bps	
Depreciation	29.8	26.4	27.4	8.7	28.6	4.4	
Interest	8.0	4.4	5.1	58.0	6.6	21.5	
Exceptional Item	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	27.9		
PBT	142.6	128.5	114.3	24.8	81.4	75.1	
Total Tax	33.2	33.4	26.4	26.1	22.4	48.2	
PAT	109.4	95.1	87.9	24.4	58.9	85.5	
Adjusted PAT	109.1	95.1	87.9	24.2	58.9	85.1	
Key Metrics							
Energy segment revenues	1,465		1,057	38.6	1,227	19.4	
Environment segment revenues	610		412	48.0	427	42.8	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

	F	FY24E			FY25E		Comments
(₹ Crore)	Old*	New	% Change	Old*	New	% Change	
Revenue	10,002.4	9,909.8	-0.9	-	9,909.8	-	
EBITDA	865.7	824.7	-4.7	-	824.7	-	
EBITDA Margin (%)	8.7	8.3	-38 bps	-	8.3	-	
PAT	648.5	615.9	-5.0	-	615.9	-	
EPS (₹)	54.4	51.7	-5.0	-	61.0	-	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

		(Current		Earli	ier	Comments
	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	
Order inflow growth (%)	96.7	14.1	12.6	12.8	15.0	12.6	Order inflows expected to continue the momentum in medium term
Order backlog growth (%)	65.5	30.7	20.1	13.6	34.6	17.7	
Revenue growth (%)	27.9	33.7	21.0	19.7	29.7	28.3	
EBITDA margin (%)	6.9	7.2	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.3	

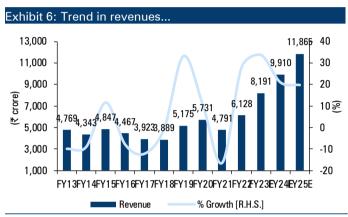
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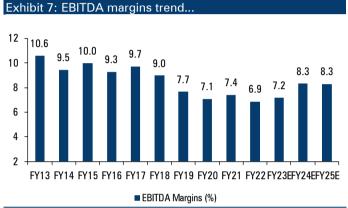




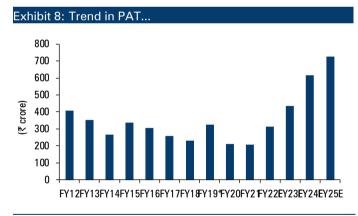
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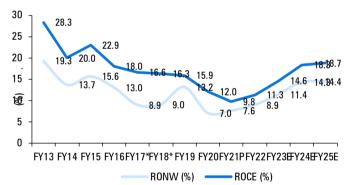


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Exhibit 9: Return ratios to recover in FY20-24E..



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

^{*} Numbers till FY18 includes standalone business with boiler & heater business of Thermax, which is now classified as discontinued operations from standalone and transferred to its subsidiary TBWES with effect from October 1, 2019. Hence, we have changed our presentation of historical numbers (FY19, FY20) and forward numbers to consolidated and valued accordingly.

Financial summary (Consolidated)

Exhibit 10: Profit and	loss staten	nent		₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Total op. Income	6,128.3	8,191.2	9,909.8	11,865.3
Growth (%)	27.9	33.7	21.0	19.7
Raw Material Expenses	3,485.0	4,835.2	5,522.4	6,613.7
Employee Expenses	812.9	942.4	1,264.9	1,519.2
Other Op. Expenses	1,409.0	1,826.2	2,297.7	2,748.4
Admin. Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Op. Expenditure	5,734.9	7,637.5	9,106.0	10,901.1
EBITDA	421.4	587.4	824.7	984.0
Growth (%)	18.6	39.4	40.4	19.3
Depreciation	113.2	123.6	130.3	141.2
Interest	25.2	24.3	17.1	15.5
Other Income	127.0	145.4	155.0	155.0
PBT	410.0	584.9	832.3	982.3
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Tax	97.8	149.5	216.4	255.4
PAT	312.3	435.1	615.9	726.9
Growth (%)	51.2	39.3	41.5	18.0
EPS (₹)	26.2	38.6	51.7	61.0

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 11: Cash flow state		₹ crore		
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Profit after Tax	312.3	435.1	615.9	726.9
Add: Depreciation	113.2	123.6	130.3	141.2
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-425.1	-676.1	-1,032.0	-1,000.6
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	672.2	543.0	636.5	693.2
Others	3.3	3.0	5.0	5.0
CF from operating activities	672.7	425.6	350.7	560.7
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-584.2	-20.0	-20.0	-20.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-86.2	-80.0	-111.5	-213.5
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activities	-736.8	-160.0	-190.9	-295.7
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	50.4	0.0	-30.0	-30.0
Dividend paid & dividend tax	-84.4	-107.2	-131.1	0.0
Inc/(dec) in Sec. premium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	-20.3	-107.2	-161.1	-30.0
Net Cash flow	-84.4	158.4	-1.3	235.1
Opening Cash	461.4	377.0	535.3	534.0
Closing Cash	377.0	535.3	534.0	769.1

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 12: Balance s	heet			₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
Reserve and Surplus	3,470.5	3,798.4	4,283.3	5,010.2
Total Shareholders funds	3,493.1	3,821.0	4,305.8	5,032.7
Total Debt	355.4	355.4	325.4	295.4
Deferred Tax Liability	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Minority Interest / Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities	3,997.6	4,350.5	4,830.4	5,552.3
Assets				
Gross Block	2,006.7	2,056.0	2,256.0	2,456.0
Less: Acc Depreciation	852.4	962.5	1,079.3	1,206.9
Net Block	1,154.3	1,093.6	1,176.8	1,249.1
Capital WIP	44.3	75.0	0.0	0.0
Total Fixed Assets	1,198.6	1,168.6	1,176.8	1,249.1
Investments	703.4	723.4	743.4	763.4
Inventory	727.0	709.3	919.7	1,030.7
Debtors	1,423.7	1,907.5	2,334.9	2,795.7
Loans and Advances	5.2	12.8	9.0	17.1
Other Current Assets	865.0	937.0	1,243.1	1,367.3
Cash	377.0	535.3	534.0	769.1
Total Current Assets	3,397.9	4,102.0	5,040.8	5,979.9
Creditors	1,459.8	1,795.3	2,036.3	2,438.1
Provisions	206.8	396.8	450.0	538.8
Total Current Liabilities	3,459.9	4,002.9	4,639.4	5,332.6
Net Current Assets	1,347.3	1,638.7	2,032.9	2,575.3
Others Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Application of funds	3,997.6	4,350.5	4,830.4	5,552.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 13: Key ratios				₹ crore
(Year-end March)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	26.2	36.5	51.7	61.0
Cash EPS	35.7	46.9	62.6	72.9
BV	293.1	320.7	361.4	422.4
DPS	7.1	9.0	11.0	0.0
Cash Per Share	31.6	44.9	44.8	64.5
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	6.9	7.2	8.3	8.3
PBT / Total Operating income	6.7	7.1	8.4	8.3
PAT Margin	5.1	5.3	6.2	6.1
Inventory days	43.3	31.6	33.9	31.7
Debtor days	84.8	85.0	86.0	86.0
Creditor days	86.9	80.0	75.0	75.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	8.9	11.4	14.3	14.4
RoCE	11.3	14.6	18.3	18.7
RoIC	21.7	33.6	38.8	44.6
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	87.0	62.4	44.1	37.4
EV / EBITDA	64.4	45.9	32.7	27.1
EV / Net Sales	4.4	3.3	2.7	2.2
Market Cap / Sales	4.4	3.3	2.7	2.3
Price to Book Value	7.8	7.1	6.3	5.4
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3
Debt / Equity	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current Ratio	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Quick Ratio	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Company	CMP			M Cap		EPS (₹)			P/E (x)		R	oCE (%)	ı	RoE (%)	
	(₹)	TP(₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
L&T (LARTOU)	2,000	2,355	Buy	280640	56.8	66.1	76.7	35.2	30.2	26.1	8.9	9.3	11.6	12.1	12.9	13.6
Siemens Ltd	2,905	3,660	Buy	103453	29.5	36.7	50.5	98.5	79.1	57.5	13.9	15.7	19.2	10.1	11.6	14.2
AIA Engineering (AIAENG)	2,745	3,011	Buy	25891	64.6	79.8	86.0	42.5	34.4	31.9	16.5	17.9	17.1	13.2	14.3	13.6
Thermax (THERMA)	2,280	2,536	Hold	27168	36.5	51.7	61.0	62.4	44.1	37.4	14.6	18.3	18.7	11.4	14.3	14.4
KEC International (KECIN)	409	515	Buy	10515	12.9	15.4	30.3	31.7	26.5	13.5	11.9	13.8	20.5	10.6	10.7	17.9
Greaves Cotton (GREAVE)	149	209	Buy	3445	0.7	3.5	3.6	210.5	42.3	41.7	2.5	9.4	10.7	1.3	6.7	7.7
Elgi Equipment (ELGEQU)	503	520	Hold	15933	7.2	9.4	11.4	70.2	53.6	44.1	19.0	21.4	22.0	19.8	21.3	21.1
Bharat Electronics (BHAELE)	107	135	Buy	77995	3.2	3.8	4.5	33.3	28.1	23.7	26.1	28.4	30.0	19.5	21.2	22.4
Cochin Shipyard (COCSHI)	667	745	Buy	8767	42.9	38.6	42.8	15.5	17.3	15.6	10.9	10.5	10.6	12.7	11.0	11.3
SKF (SKFIND)	4,836	5,215	Buy	23908	77.0	108.7	130.3	62.8	44.5	37.1	26.0	30.7	31.3	20.6	23.3	23.4
Timken India (TIMIND)	2,901	3,561	Buy	21821	43.5	61.3	71.2	66.7	47.3	40.7	25.3	36.2	42.0	19.7	27.9	32.2
NRB Bearing (NRBBEA)	149	220	Buy	1444	7.8	9.2	12.1	19.1	16.2	12.3	15.0	15.3	19.2	12.6	12.6	14.8
Action Construction (ACTCON)	347	365	Buy	4132	8.8	15.1	19.2	39.4	23.0	18.1	23.0	25.6	26.7	13.9	18.3	18.9
Data Patterns (DATPAT)	1370	1,555	Buy	7108	18.1	22.0	30.4	75.6	62.3	45.1	23.8	24.9	28.4	16.4	18.2	21.0
HAL (HINAER)	2,486	2,860	Buy	83129	151.9	130.9	143.1	16.4	19.0	17.4	27.4	30.6	30.8	26.3	23.2	23.4
ABB (ABB)	3,025	3,275	Buy	64094	25.5	38.9	43.7	118.8	77.8	69.2	45.0	49.2	64.9	11.2	13.0	17.6
Ador Welding (ADOWEL)	853	890	Buy	1160	33.2	37.5	49.3	25.7	22.7	17.3	19.9	23.8	26.8	13.6	17.1	19.3
Bharat Dynamics (BHADYN)	947	1,200	Buy	17348	27.3	33.0	42.7	34.7	28.7	22.2	24.6	24.7	27.9	17.3	17.7	20.0
Mazagon Dock (MAZDOC)	798	562	Buy	16085	30.3	31.2	40.1	26.3	25.6	19.9	20.0	18.1	20.9	16.1	14.6	16.6
Solar Industries India (SOLIN)	4,049	4,701	Buy	36639	48.8	76.6	99.7	83.0	52.9	40.6	22.5	32.5	34.6	23.9	29.0	28.8
Anup Engineering (THEANU)	879	1,085	Buy	870	62.7	49.5	72.3	14.0	17.8	12.2	15.3	16.6	19.4	12.2	12.5	14.5
Control Prints (CONTROLPR)	419	520	Buy	684	24.7	28.7	34.6	16.9	14.6	12.1	17.9	21.4	23.4	13.8	15.4	16.3
KSB Ltd. (KSBPUM)	1,829	2.180	Buv	6365	43.7	50.0	62.2	41.9	36.6	29.4	15.7	16.0	18.3	14.7	14.9	15.9

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

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