

Autos Jun'20 earnings preview

Automobile Assembler

Underweight

Key Points

- While presenting result expectations for our Auto sector universe for the quarter ended Jun'20, where top line of the sector during the quarter is expected to decline 71%YoY and gross profit margins are likely to decline 4.1ppts.
- We expect Indus Motor Company Limited (INDU) to record 82%YoY decline in its 4QFY20 earnings with a PAT of PKR633mn (EPS PKR8.06). For FY20, the company is expected to report a PAT of PKR5,617mn registering a decline of 59% over FY19. INDU is also expected to announce a final cash dividend of PKR3.5/share.
- For Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited (PSMC) we expect the company's PAT to arrive at PKR-1,166mn in 2QCY20 as compared to PKR-545mn of 2QCY19. For 1HCY20 we expect the company to register a loss after tax of PKR2,107mn (LPS PKR25.61)
- We have an underweight stance on the sector.

Jun'20 results preview

Earnings of our automobile universe (INDU, PSMC and HCAR) are likely to take a significant hit during the quarter ended Jun'20. Lockdown throughout the country that was imposed towards the end of Mar'20 has severely affected unit sales. Unit sales of the companies under our coverage stood at 12,919 units during the quarter compared to 54,612 units of the same period last year and 30,645 units of the preceding quarter. The bottom line of INDU is expected to remain green whereas PSMC is likely to register losses. HCAR has already announced the quarter results where the company posted significant loss. Combined Loss After Tax (LAT) of our Auto universe is expected to clock in at PKR1,044mn for the quarter ended Jun'20 compared to a profit of PKR3,155mn of the same period last year. Gross profit for the quarter is expected to be lower by 89% whereas gross margins are likely at 2.5% compared to 6.7% of the same period last year.

Indus Motor Company (INDU)

INDU for the quarter ended 4QFY20, is expected to register a PAT of PKR633mn (EPS PKR8.06) as compared to a PAT of PKR3,458mn (EPS PKR43.99) during 4QFY19, an 82%YoY decline. The expected decline in profitability can be attributed to low unit sales along with inability of the company to pass on the cost pressures to the end consumers. Top line of the company is expected to arrive 74%YoY lower on the back of low unit sales. Unit sales for the quarter under review stood at 3,078 units posting a decline of 81%YoY/72%QoQ. Gross profit in absolute terms is likely to taper off by 82%YoY whereas gross margins are forecasted to decline by 3ppts. Along with the result INDU is also expected to announce a final cash dividend of PKR3.5/share.

Pak Suzuki Motor Company (PSMC)

PSMC has been incurring losses for the past six quarters and 2QCY20 is expected to be no different. We anticipate the company to record a loss of PKR1,166mn (LPS PKR14.17) as compared to a loss of PKR545mn (LPS of PKR6.62) of 2QCY20. The company's top line is likely to decline by 70%YoY mainly on the back of depressed unit sales. Lockdown that was imposed towards the end of Mar'20 continued into April on the back of which units sales were down to 7,512 units a 75%YoY/45%QoQ decline. Due to the challenging environment we expect the company to post a gross loss of PKR180mn. Finance cost is expected to remain elevated on the back of short term borrowings to meet working capital requirements.

Outlook

Although the lockdown has been lifted and economic activities are gradually recovering to pre-corona levels, we believe challenges for the automobile sector remain intact. Changing buying patterns, higher selling prices owed to cost pressures and dismal performance of the corporate and other businesses will keep units sales in check. Moreover, margins of the OEMs will remain under pressure as reduced buying power will restrict them to completely pass on the cost pressures to end consumers. However, the significant decline in interest rate is a major positive that could provide vital support to the sector. With an underweight stance on the sector.

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Key Data

Mkt. Cap. (USDmn)	1,970.8
Mkt. Cap. (PKRbn)	331.5
Index Weightage (KSE-100)	3.3%
Number of Listed Companies	12

Source: PSX, Next Research

Jun'20 Sector Estimates

	EPS	YoY	QoQ	DPS
INDU (4QFY20)	8.06	-82%	-76%	3.50
PSMC (2QCY20)	(14.17)	NM	NM	-

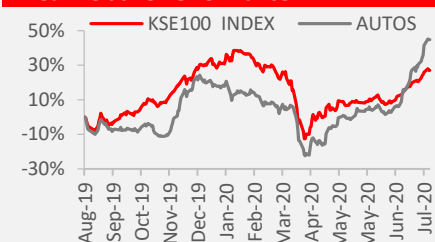
Source: Company Accounts, Next Research

Cumulative Sector Estimates

	EPS	YoY	DPS
INDU (FY20)	71.46	-59%	26.50
PSMC (1HCY20)	(25.61)	NM	-

Source: Company Accounts, Next Research

1 Year Relative Performance



Source: PSX, Next Research

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