CMP: INR 1,715 Target Price: INR 1,635 (INR 1,463) 🔻 -5%

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### Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

#### Pharma

### Swift growth in India aids an operationally in-line quarter

Sun Pharma's (Sun) Q1FY25 revenue and EBITDA was in line with expectations. Sun had increased its field force count by nearly 44% in the last four years and ~160 brands in Indian market in the last two years, which helped it grow at 16% in Q1, i.e., 1.8x of India pharma market's growth rate. Specialty biz is expected to get a boost from the launches of Nidlegy in Europe and Leqselvi (deuruxolitinib) in US (subject to outcome of litigation by Incyte Corp.) while existing products such as Ilumya (8% market share in US IL-23 market) and Winlevi are poised to boost specialty products sales (18% CAGR over FY24-26E). Management aims to grow its revenue in single-digit in FY25. We raise our FY25E/26E EPS by ~5–6%. Retain **HOLD**, TP revised to INR 1,635 (INR 1,463 earlier) based on 30x FY26E earnings (28x earlier).

### Revenue and EBITDA in-line; other income boost profits

Revenues grew 6% YoY (5.6% QoQ) to INR 126.5bn (I-Sec: INR 128bn), led by strong performance in India. Gross margins rose 200bps YoY (-130bps QoQ) to 78.9% due to improvement in product mix. EBITDA grew 8.3% YoY to INR 36.1bn (I-Sec: INR 35.6bn). EBITDA margins expanded 60bps YoY (+320bps QoQ) to 28.5% (I-Sec: 27.8%), marginally impacted by higher R&D and marketing costs. Adj. PAT grew of 24.1% YoY (+2.9% QoQ) to INR 28.4bn (I-Sec: INR 25.9bn) aided by higher other income (up 160.5% YoY).

### Levulan slows down specialty run-rate; India growth cheering

US revenue declined 2.1% QoQ (-1.1% YoY) to USD 466mn. Sun's generic business, excluding gRevlimid (flat QoQ), has grown on a sequential basis. Global specialty revenue declined 1.8% QoQ to USD 266mn due to lower sales of Levulan on account of seasonality, save for this, other products have grown QoQ. We expect overall US sales CAGR at 8.4% over FY24–26E to ~USD 2.2bn driven by a ramp-up in Ilumya and Winlevi. India business grew at 16.4% YoY driven by better volumes across therapies and new launches. Sun had launched six new products in Q1FY25. We expect domestic business CAGR of 9% over FY24–26E. EMs grew 10.5% YoY at INR 23.7bn. RoW region sales, at INR 15.8bn, declined 1.4% YoY impacted by price cuts in Japan. API sales declined 8.3% YoY to INR 4.9bn due to an increase in captive consumption. Management expects R&D to rise in FY25 to ~8–10% of sales.

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#### Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	4,115bn
Market Cap (USD)	49,142mn
Bloomberg Code	SUNP IN
Reuters Code	SUN.BO
52-week Range (INR)	1,746 /1,068
Free Float (%)	45.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	45.9

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	14.2	21.8	50.0
Relative to Sensex	4.3	7.6	26.8

#### **Financial Summary**

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	4,37,271	4,83,309	5,28,284	5,71,079
EBITDA	1,14,882	1,28,571	1,49,638	1,66,979
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.3	26.6	28.3	29.2
Net Profit	87,894	1,02,151	1,14,519	1,29,425
EPS (INR)	36.6	42.6	47.7	53.9
EPS % Chg YoY	160.3	13.2	21.7	13.0
P/E (x)	49.5	43.7	35.9	31.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	35.1	30.8	26.0	22.8
RoCE (%)	14.8	15.0	15.5	15.8
RoE (%)	16.9	17.1	17.0	17.1

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	2.0	1.3
EPS	5.7	5.0

#### **Previous Reports**

23-05-2024: <u>Q4FY24 results review</u> 01-02-2024: <u>Q3FY24 results review</u>



#### Valuation and risks

Sun's Q1 results were driven by solid traction in its India business. The company has grown at ~16% YoY in India, as compared to the market's growth of ~9%. Despite being the largest company in India, Sun has been able to increase its market share from 8.3% to 8.6% YoY in India through sales force addition (MR count increased from 9,707 in FY20 to 13,984 in FY24) and a steady number of new launches (160 brands launched in two years).

US growth had been a bit tepid due to seasonality impact in Levulan; however, with better traction in Ilumya (up 37.8% in FY24) and Winlevi we expect Sun's specialty biz to grow at a 18.7% CAGR over FY24-26E. Sales of gRevlimid were flat QoQ, indicating there is no improvement in market share of this product, unlike a few of its peers who have also launched this product in the US.

Remediation for Halol and Mohali is ongoing, though there are no critical filings pending from these sites. Strong sales from India and emerging markets coupled with better product mix has lifted gross margins by an impressive 200bps YoY to ~78.9% in Q1FY25. Marketing cost for launch of Nidlegy in Europe and Leqselvi in US is expected to increase when these products are launched in the near term; besides, it has six specialty assets across phases in clinical trial, which are also likely to increase its R&D spending. We envisage Sun spending ~7% of its revenues on R&D (CAGR of 12% over FY24–26E).

We raise our FY25E/26E EBITDA by 1–2% while earnings by 5–6% to factor in higher other income. We expect 8.7% revenue and 12.6% adj. PAT CAGRs over FY24–26E. We see EBITDA margin improving to 29.2% with improving revenue mix towards specialty. The stock currently trades at a pricey 35.9x FY25E and 31.8x FY26E earnings; and EV/EBITDA multiples of 26x FY25E and 22.8x FY26E, which curbs potential upside from its current levels. We retain our **HOLD** rating on the stock with a higher target price of INR 1,635 (earlier INR 1,463) based on 30x FY26E EPS (28x FY26E earlier).

**Key downside risks:** Higher-than-expected pricing pressures in the US; and regulatory hurdles.

Key upside risks: Faster ramp-up in specialty assets in US; and M&A.

#### Q1FY25 conference call highlights

#### India

- It launched six new products in Q1.
- Sun's market share has improved from 8.3% in FY24 to 8.6% in the Indian pharma market (IPM).
- The company witnessed growth across therapies. Increase in prescription volumes and new product launches have boosted growth in India.
- In India, Sun aims to grow in-line or slightly higher than IPM's growth rate.

#### **US** generics

- US generic biz has grown, after excluding gRevlimid.
- Sales of gRevlimid were flat on a QoQ-basis. The product was an insignificant contributor in Q1, though is an important product for the US generic segment.
- It filed one ANDA and received approval for three ANDAs in Q1.



- There are no critical launches lined up from Halol and Mohali plants. Though there are a few products that await USFDA approval, which are filed from these sites.
- Remediation of the Halol plant is ongoing and the company will invite USFDA for a re-inspection once it has completed remediation.

#### **Global specialty**

- Sequential drop in specialty sales is due to lower sales of Levulan, barring which other products have grown sequentially.
- A motion seeking a preliminary injunction has been filed in a US court to prevent the launch of Leqselvi (approved by USFDA on 25 Jul'24).
- The company incurred expenses related to Leqselvi in Q1FY25. Post launch, expenses are likely to increase further.
- 45.2% of Q1 R&D spending was towards its specialty business. Specialty R&D pipeline comprises of six products undergoing clinical studies.
- The company is working on improving realisation for Winlevi. On a small base, revenue has been growing sequentially.
- Sun does not have an established front-end to commercialise its own GLP-1 product in US/Europe; hence, is open for partnerships and out-licensing the product.
- Ilumya has headroom to grow in current indication. The product has a market share of 0.5% across the entire psoriasis market and 8% in IL-23 market.
- Sun has completed one arm of the study for psoriatic arthritis of Ilumya. The topline data of phase-3 trial will be out in H2CY25.
- Ilumetri is being well-accepted in hospitals across China. Sales from this product will be lumpy on a quarterly basis.
- Delay in patient recruitments has led to shift in the time line for phase-2 trial of SCD-044 for atopic dermatitis indication.

#### Other businesses

- RoW market growth was impacted due to price cuts in Japan.
- API sales had declined in Q1 due to increase in captive consumption for key products.

#### Guidance

- Effective tax rate is expected to increase ahead.
- Maintained R&D guidance of 8–10% of sales for FY25E.

#### Q1FY25 performance

- Improvement in gross margins was due to improvement in product mix.
- Higher R&D and SG&A cost led to surge in other expenses.
- Sun had net cash balance of USD 2.3bn at end of Q1FY25.



#### **Exhibit 1: Quarterly review**

Particulars (INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY % Chg	Q4FY24	QoQ % Chg	FY24	FY23	YoY % Chg
Net Sales	1,26,528	1,19,408	6.0	1,19,829	5.6	4,83,309	4,37,271	10.5
Gross Profit	99,773	91,827	8.7	96,025	3.9	3,76,682	3,30,649	13.9
Gross margins(%)	78.9	76.9	200bps	80.1	-130bps	77.9	75.6	230bps
EBITDA	36,076	33,318	8.3	30,352	18.9	1,28,571	1,14,882	11.9
EBITDA margins (%)	28.5	27.9	60bps	25.3	320bps	26.6	26.3	30bps
Other income	5,326	2,044	160.5	6,059	(12.1)	13,542	6,345	113.4
PBIDT	41,402	35,362	17.1	36,411	13.7	1,42,113	1,21,227	17.2
Depreciation	6,551	6,513	0.6	6,504	0.7	25,566	25,294	1.1
Interest	615	809	(23.9)	736	(16.4)	2,385	1,720	38.6
Extra ordinary income/ (exp.)	-	(3,229)		(1,016)		(3,283)	(128)	
PBT	34,235	24,812	38.0	28,155	21.6	1,10,879	94,084	17.9
Tax	5,523	4,681	18.0	1,489	270.8	14,395	8,476	69.8
Minority Interest	249	(169)	(247.4)	42	498.3	337	394	(14.5)
Share of profit in JV	(107)	(74)		(79)		(384)	(479)	
Reported PAT	28,356	20,226	40.2	26,546	6.8	95,764	84,736	13.0
Adjusted PAT	28,356	22,845	24.1	27,562	2.9	1,02,151	87,893	16.2

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 2: Business mix

Particulars (INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY % Chg	Q4FY24	QoQ % Chg	FY24	FY23	YoY % Chg
Formulations	1,19,848	1,11,805	7.2	1,13,260	5.8	4,54,048	4,09,200	11.0
India	41,445	35,604	16.4	37,078	11.8	1,48,893	1,36,031	9.5
US	38,894	38,709	0.5	39,544	(1.6)	1,53,493	1,35,353	13.4
US (USD mn)	466	471	(1.1)	476	(2.1)	1,854	1,684	10.1
Emerging Markets	23,695	21,452	10.5	20,348	16.5	86,195	78,977	9.1
RoW	15,814	16,041	(1.4)	16,290	(2.9)	65,468	58,839	11.3
APIs & Others	5,397	6,046	(10.7)	4,873	10.8	19,187	19,724	(2.7)
Other Op. Income	1,282	1,557	(17.6)	1,696	(24.4)	2,690	2,279	18.0
Total Sales	1,26,528	1,19,408	6.0	1,19,829	5.6	4,75,925	4,31,203	10.4

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

### Exhibit 3: Key growth drivers of domestic business in Q1FY25

Brands (INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY24	QoQ (%)	MAT MAR'24	MAT MAR'23	YoY (%)
Rosuvas	1,262	1,019	23.8	1,162	8.6	4,316	3,527	22.4
Levipil	1,051	965	8.9	997	5.4	4,038	3,617	11.6
Volini	815	864	-5.7	737	10.6	3,444	3,457	-0.4
Gemer	845	872	-3.1	805	5.0	3,343	3,143	5.1
Susten	801	768	4.2	748	7.0	2,921	2,775	5.3
Pantocid	773	700	10.4	707	9.3	2,871	2,620	9.6
Pantocid-D	709	647	9.5	663	6.8	2,649	2,453	8.0
Montek-Lc	464	488	-4.9	619	-25.1	2,434	2,300	5.8
Sompraz-D	644	538	19.8	608	5.9	2,292	1,916	19.6
Moxclav	504	427	18.1	611	-17.4	2,256	2,295	-1.7

Source: IQVIA

### Exhibit 4: Growth profile of key therapies in India

Therapies (INR mn)	Q1FY25	Q1FY24	YoY (%)	Q4FY24	QoQ (%)	MAT MAR'24	MAT MAR'23	YoY (%)
Neuro / CNS	7,877	7,168	9.9	7,377	6.8	29,200	26,497	10.2
Cardiac	7,645	7,039	8.6	7,229	5.8	28,494	25,976	9.7
Gastro Intestinal	5,992	5,403	10.9	5,413	10.7	21,937	19,866	10.4
Anti-Infectives	3,347	3,183	5.1	3,656	-8.5	14,632	14,187	3.1
Pain / Analgesics	3,556	3,132	13.5	3,156	12.7	12,897	11,656	10.6
Anti-Diabetic	3,475	3,052	13.9	3,174	9.5	12,437	11,181	11.2
Respiratory	1,845	1,813	1.7	2,324	-20.6	8,822	8,273	6.6
Derma	1,902	1,818	4.6	1,728	10.1	7,265	7,121	2.0
Vitamins/Minerals/Nutrients	1,890	1,758	7.5	1,709	10.6	7,048	6,824	3.3
Gynaec.	1,807	1,708	5.8	1,649	9.6	6,679	6,330	5.5

Source: IQVIA

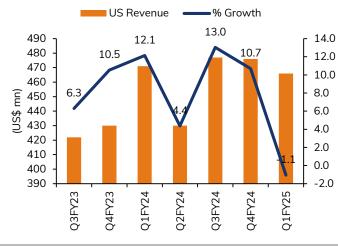


#### Exhibit 5: Sun's global specialty pipeline

Candidate	Indication	Current phase	Next milestone
deuruxolitinib	alopecia areata	Approved for alopecia areata in the US	Launch
NidlegyTM (EU, ANZ rights with Sun)	melanoma and non- melanoma skin cancers	Filed with EMA (EU) for treatment of locally advanced, fully resectable melanoma in the neoadjuvant setting	Approval
llumya	psoriatic arthritis	Phase-3	Topline data during H2CY25
MM-II	pain in osteoarthritis	Phase-2 completed	Phase-3 to start in H1CY25
SCD-044	psoriasis atopic dermatitis	Phase-2	Topline data by H1CY25 Topline data by H1CY25
GL0034	type-2 diabetes & obesity	Phase-1 completed	Phase-2 to start by H2CY24

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 6: US generic business grew sequentially ex-Revlimid



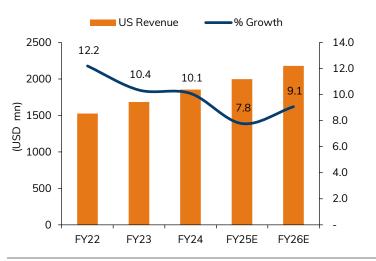
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### Exhibit 8: New product launches and better volumes across therapies boosted India growth



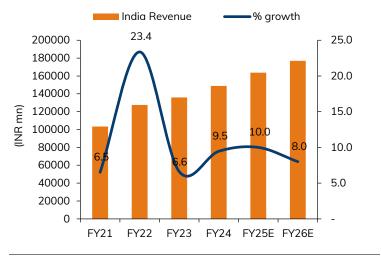
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 7: US revenue to touch USD 2.2bn by FY26E



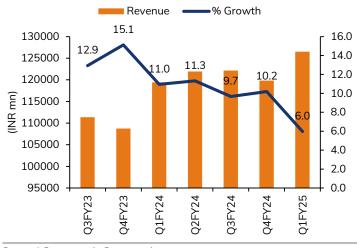
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#### Exhibit 9: Strong volumes and calibrated pricing to drive 9% CAGR growth in India over FY24–26E



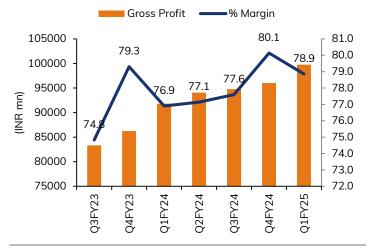
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## Exhibit 10: Strong performance in India and emerging markets aids growth



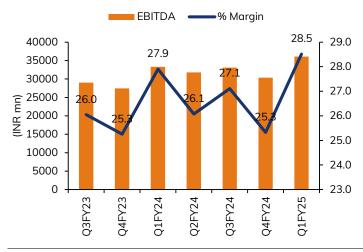
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### **Exhibit 12:** Gross margin expansion due to higher revenue from India branded business



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

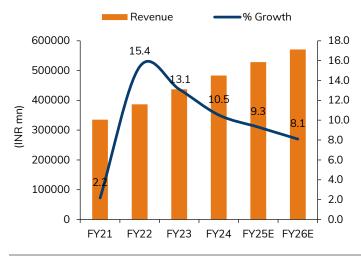
# Exhibit 14: Higher R&D and marketing costs curbed EBITDA growth



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

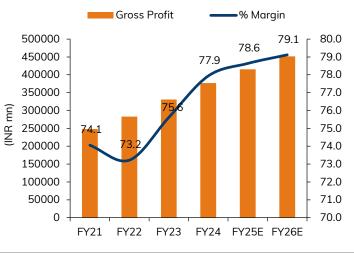
#### Exhibit 11: Revenue to grow 8.7% over FY24–26E

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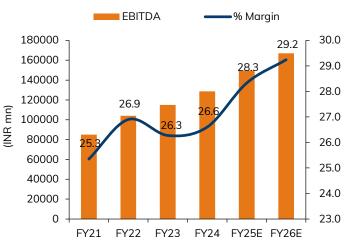


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## **Exhibit 13:** Gross margin is expected to improve led by better product mix



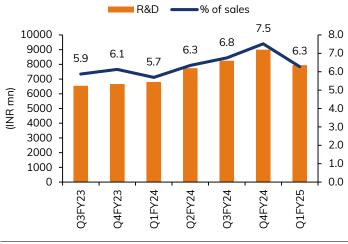
Source: I-Sec research, Company data



# Exhibit 15: Higher specialty sales contribution to drive EBITDA margin going forward

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 16: R&D expense rose 16.8% YoY in Q1FY25



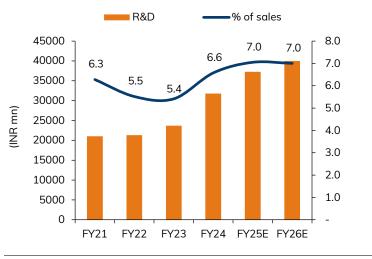
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### Exhibit 18: Shareholding pattern

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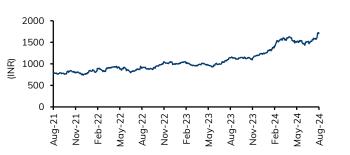
Source: Bloomberg

#### Exhibit 17: Specialty R&D to increase going forward



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

#### **Exhibit 19: Price chart**



Source: Bloomberg



### **Financial Summary**

#### Exhibit 20: Profit & Loss

#### (INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	4,37,271	4,83,309	5,28,284	5,71,079
Operating Expenses	2,15,767	2,48,111	2,65,789	2,84,855
EBITDA	1,14,882	1,28,571	1,49,638	1,66,979
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.3	26.6	28.3	29.2
Depreciation & Amortization	25,294	25,566	26,440	27,934
EBIT	89,588	1,03,005	1,23,198	1,39,045
Interest expenditure	1,720	2,385	1,784	1,424
Other Non-operating Income	6,345	13,542	12,625	13,793
Recurring PBT	94,213	1,14,162	1,34,039	1,51,414
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	(479)	(384)	(384)	(384)
Less: Taxes	8,476	14,395	18,765	21,198
PAT	85,737	99,768	1,15,273	1,30,216
Less: Minority Interest	(394)	(337)	(370)	(407)
Extraordinaries (Net)	(1,715)	(4,943)	-	-
Net Income (Reported) Net Income (Adjusted)	83,150 87,894	94,104 1,02,151	1,14,519 1,14,519	1,29,425 1,29,425

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 21: Balance sheet

#### (INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	3,05,107	3,48,904	4,36,218	5,34,614
of which cash & cash eqv.	57,703	1,05,207	1,72,414	2,50,925
Total Current Liabilities & Provisions	1,35,810	1,40,144	1,51,228	1,62,018
Net Current Assets	1,69,297	2,08,761	2,84,990	3,72,596
Investments	1,48,243	1,50,258	1,50,258	1,50,258
Net Fixed Assets	1,03,904	1,01,923	96,233	89,049
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	9,634	11,077	11,077	11,077
Total Intangible Assets	1,76,849	1,72,652	1,72,652	1,72,652
Other assets	5,434	5,919	5,919	5,919
Deferred Tax Assets	58,259	63,887	63,887	63,887
Total Assets	6,71,626	7,14,485	7,85,026	8,65,448
Liabilities				
Borrowings	68,859	32,737	26,737	20,737
Deferred Tax Liability	317	1,551	1,551	1,551
provisions	3,429	4,139	4,524	4,891
other Liabilities	5,866	4,999	4,999	4,999
Equity Share Capital	5,59,954	6,36,668	7,12,452	7,98,101
Reserves & Surplus	33,201	34,392	34,762	35,170
Total Net Worth	5,93,155	6,71,060	7,47,215	8,33,271
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	6,71,626	7,14,485	7,85,026	8,65,448

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 22: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Cashflow	49,593	1,21,350	1,34,475	1,50,461
Working Capital Changes	(9,730)	12,014	(13,816)	(13,655)
Capital Commitments	(78,178)	(13,109)	(20,750)	(20,750)
Free Cashflow	1,27,771	1,34,458	1,55,225	1,71,211
Other investing cashflow	(1,259)	6,207	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(79,437)	(6,902)	(20,750)	(20,750)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(1,720)	(2,385)	(1,784)	(1,424)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(25,197)	(28,982)	(38,734)	(43,776)
Others	64,130	(35,735)	(6,000)	(6,000)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	37,213	(67,102)	(46,518)	(51,200)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	7,369	47,346	67,207	78,511
Closing cash & balance	57,703	1,05,049	1,72,414	2,50,925

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### Exhibit 23: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

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	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	34.7	39.2	47.7	53.9
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	36.6	42.6	47.7	53.9
Cash EPS	47.2	53.2	58.8	65.6
Dividend per share (DPS)	11.5	13.5	16.1	18.2
Book Value per share (BV)	233.4	265.4	296.9	332.6
Dividend Payout (%)	33.2	34.4	33.8	33.8
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	13.1	10.5	9.3	8.1
EBITDA	10.5	11.9	16.4	11.6
EPS (INR)	160.3	13.2	21.7	13.0
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	49.5	43.7	35.9	31.8
P/CEPS	36.4	32.2	29.2	26.2
P/BV	7.3	6.5	5.8	5.2
EV / EBITDA	35.1	30.8	26.0	22.8
P / Sales	9.4	8.5	7.8	7.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	75.6	77.9	78.6	79.1
EBITDA Margins (%)	26.3	26.6	28.3	29.2
Effective Tax Rate (%)	9.2	12.8	14.0	14.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	20.1	21.1	21.7	22.7
NWC / Total Assets (%)	-	-	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.5)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(1.2)	(1.7)	(2.0)	(2.3)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	14.8	15.0	15.5	15.8
RoE (%)	16.9	17.1	17.0	17.1
RoIC (%)	18.1	18.9	21.0	23.6
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	4.2	4.7	5.3	6.2
Inventory Turnover Days	93	78	76	75
Receivables Days	101	89	89	88
Payables Days	50	45	43	42
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Source Company data, I-Sec research



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