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Zydus Lifesciences

Pharma

Limited visibility in near term US pipeline

Zydus Lifesciences' (Zydus) Q2FY25 result was in line with our expectations, though higher R&D (up 48.8% YoY) cost for novel drugs and rise in tax rate (29.4% of PBT) were surprising. US revenue at USD 288mn was down 22.4% QoQ, impacted by lower sales of gRevlimid and competition in gAsacol, partially offset by Mirabegron sales. Exclusivity in Mirabegron may stay for next few quarters while Asacol sales may be further impacted in Q3. Rise in market share of gRevlimid may drive growth in US in FY26 but material launches from US pipeline are only expected in FY27. Management maintains FY25 guidance of mid-teen revenue growth and EBITDA margin of 28-29%. Cut EPS by ~9% for FY25–26E to factor in higher tax rate. Stock price has corrected ~20% in last 3 months. Upgrade to HOLD; lower TP to INR 960, based on 22x FY26E earnings.

In-line result; higher R&D cost and taxes surprise

Revenue grew 19.9% YoY (-15.6% QoQ) to INR 52.4bn (I-Sec: INR 52.8bn), aided by Europe and emerging markets. Gross margin expanded ~350bps YoY (-240bps QoQ) to 79.1%. R&D cost rose 48.8% YoY (up 22% QoQ) to INR 3.9bn and stood at 9.2% of sales vs 7.4% in Q2FY24 and 6.3% in Q1FY25. EBITDA grew 33.5% YoY to INR 14.2bn (I-Sec: INR 14.3bn). EBITDA margin expanded 276bps YoY (-691bps QoQ) to 27.0%. Adj. PAT grew 19.6% YoY (-38.9% QoQ) to INR 8.9bn (I-Sec: INR 9.2bn).

Lower sales of gRevlimid and Asacol drag US sales

Domestic formulation business grew 9% YoY to INR 14.6bn. Branded formulations grew faster than the market at 10% driven by traction across therapies such as cardiology, gastro-intestinal, respiratory, anti-infectives and super specialty therapy of oncology. We expect the segment to grow at a CAGR of 10.5% over FY24–26E. Consumer business revenue was up 12% YoY at INR 4.9bn driven by 8.4% volume growth with steady performance in personal care and food & nutrition segments. US business grew robust 28% YoY (-22.4% QoQ) to USD 288mn. Lower sales of gRevlimid and Asacol dragged US sales on sequential basis though base business continued its growth run rate. Competitive pressure in Asacol impacted sales of this product and may dip further in Q3FY25. It launched four new products in Q2FY25. We factor in 7.0% CAGR for US business over FY24–26E. Emerging markets and Europe grew 19.6% YoY to INR 5.4bn led by good demand across key geographies. API business declined 14.8% YoY to INR 1.2bn.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	1,95,474	2,22,520	2,34,698	2,47,333
EBITDA	53,533	63,139	65,255	63,686
EBITDA Margin (%)	27.4	28.4	27.8	25.7
Net Profit	38,430	42,038	43,536	41,994
EPS (INR)	38.2	41.8	43.3	41.7
EPS % Chg YoY	74.8	9.4	3.6	(3.5)
P/E (x)	24.3	22.6	21.9	22.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.2	15.2	14.2	13.9
RoCE (%)	18.0	17.6	15.9	13.6
RoE (%)	20.6	19.5	17.3	14.6

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	956bn
Market Cap (USD)	11,324mn
Bloomberg Code	ZYDUSLIF IN
Reuters Code	ZYDU BO
52-week Range (INR)	1,324/614
Free Float (%)	25.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	30.0

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(24.0)	(3.3)	52.4
Relative to Sensex	(22.8)	(11.6)	31.8

ESG Score	2022	2023	Change
ESG score	52.2	70.3	18.1
Environment	38.4	64.9	26.5
Social	27.5	58.2	30.7
Governance	77 1	80.4	3.3

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher number indicating a higher ESG score.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

FY25E	FY26E
(0.3)	(1.3)
(1.3)	(1.1)
(9.0)	(9.3)
	(0.3) (1.3)

Previous Reports

11-08-2024: <u>Q1FY25 results review</u> 19-05-2024: <u>Q4FY24 results review</u>



Valuation and risks

Zydus' US sales run-rate has come down sequentially due to lower sales of gRevlimid (USD 90-100mn in Q1FY25) while the much-anticipated competition in Asacol HD had also tapered down sales run rate of this product in US. Sales of both the dosages of Mirabegron (USD 50-55mn) have not hampered despite entry of Lupin in 50mg dose; management anticipates sequential growth in this product till the outcome of litigation. Lack of any exclusive launches for the next 18 months in the US may soften growth in coming quarters; however, its market share in gRevlimid is likely to increase in FY26 which could help it grow its US business in FY26 despite more competition anticipated towards the end of FY26. In India, its NCE product portfolio is driving growth and helping it absorb the impact of mandated price cuts. India branded business has grown mostly in line or slightly better than market growth.

Windfall from exclusive products in US has helped the company in paring debt (became debt free in H1FY25). R&D (~8% of overall sales) for development of NCEs and complex generic products should ensure long-term growth. Besides, the company may pursue M&A in US specialty and India branded generics spaces to further improve scale. Zydus' higher dependency on exclusive products may cap its earnings growth beyond FY25.

We cut our EPS by \sim 9% for FY25–26E to factor in higher R&D cost and revised tax rate guidance of 24-25% for FY25. The stock has corrected more than \sim 20% in the last three months. It trades at valuations of 22.7x FY25E and 22.0x FY26E earnings, and EV/EBITDA of 15.2x FY25E and 14.2x FY26E. We upgrade the stock to **HOLD** (Reduce earlier) but lower target price to INR 960, based on 22x FY26E EPS (earlier INR 1,120 on 24x FY26E EPS).

Upside risks: Better-than-expected sales in non-exclusive products and reduced price erosion in US.

Downside risks: More products under price control in India, competition in US and regulatory hurdles.

Q2FY25 conference call highlights

India branded formulations

- It has launched 12 new products including four first to launch products in India.
- Management aspires to grow faster than market ahead.
- Portfolio reorganisation has helped it improve focus on growth. Additionally, innovative products and new launches are driving growth.
- Chronic accounts for ~42% of revenue and the share is surging.
- Lipaglyn (Saroglitizar) and Oxemia (Desidustat) have the potential to rank among top 50 pharma brands in India.
- Biologics brand Ujvira (Trastuzumab) has market share higher than innovator in the respective molecule category.

India consumer

- Volume grew at 8.4% in Q2FY25.
- Acquired Naturell (India), giving it entry into healthy snacks category. The entity had annual sales of INR 1.3bn.
- As per the JV (50% ownership of Zydus) with Perfect Day Inc, it will pursue CDMO of large scale whey protein for global customers.



US

- In Q2FY25, it launched four new products, filed eight ANDAs and received approval for nine ANDAs (incl. 3 tentative approvals).
- Base business in US is growing despite challenges. Q2 revenue was impacted by lower sales of gRevlimid and Asacol.
- Competitive pressure in Asacol impacted sales of this product in Q2FY25. Zydus is still holding good market share as speed of conversion has been slow. Asacol sales are further likely to dip in Q3FY25 due to pricing pressure.
- Its market share in gRevlimid will increase in quarters ahead. Management does not foresee any dip in sales in FY26.
- Revenue from Mirageron has grown QoQ and will continue to grow ahead.
- The company has good products in pipeline from FY27, including palbociclib (tablet), reoxyvit, 505 b(2) and generic injectable products.
- It has two major launches lined up in FY27, which gives growth visibility till FY28-29.
- Litigation outcome for Mirageron is expected to be a couple of quarters away.
- Sitagliptin patent expires in FY26. Zydus will launch a branded product of this molecule. The company has a long-term contract with US government, supplies to which will last even after patent expiry.
- Out of eight transdermal products filed, two are pending approval with USFDA. The company may be able to launch one of these products soon.
- Going ahead, Zydus will file complex drug device combination product in US and may in-license injectable products.
- Management guides for growth in US sales in FY26 despite competition in Asacol.

NCE and biosimilars

- Initiated Phase II proof-of-concept trial of Desidustat in partnership with ICMR for patients with sickle cell disease.
- Completed Phase II(a) clinical trials of Usnoflast in India for ALS indication.
- Completed patient recruitment for Phase III clinical trials for one biosimilar.
- Completed Phase II clinical trials for Hepatitis E vaccine.
- For Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV), it will participate in Unicef tender. The tender will be for 80-100mn doses to be supplied over 2-3 years. Zydus expects a small allocation from this tender in FY26/27.
- Read out of Phase II(b)/ III clinical trial of Saroglitazar is likely to happen in Q2FY26.
- Saroglitizar is likely to be the 3rd NCE drug to be approved for PBC indication. It will launch the product in US in Q4FY27.

R&D surge

- Tax rate inched up in Q2 due to absence of MAT credit and higher R&D cost across subsidiaries for clinical trials of Saroglitizar in US.
- 50% of R&D spending is on complex products, rest on biologics and NCE products.
- R&D cost will stand at 8% of revenue for FY25.

FY25 quidance

- Management has maintained its high teen revenue growth for FY25.
- Maintained 100-150bps improvement in EBITDA margin guidance in FY25.
- Effective tax rate will be 24-25% as the company has exhausted MAT credit.



Exhibit 1: Quarterly review

Y/E Mar (INR mn)	Q2 FY25	Q2 FY24	YoY(%)	Q1 FY25	QoQ (%)	H1 FY25	H1 FY24	YoY(%)
Net Sales	52,370	43,688	19.9	62,075	(15.6)	1,14,445	95,084	20.4
EBITDA	14,160	10,608	33.5	21,073	(32.8)	35,233	25,935	35.9
EBITDA Margins (%)	27.0	24.3	276%	33.9	-691%	30.8	27.3	
Other Income	682	540	26.3	632	7.9	1,314	900	46.0
Interest	251	87	188.5	322	(22.0)	573	268	
Depreciation	2,336	1,842	26.8	2,153	8.5	4,489	3,640	23.3
PBT	12,255	9,219	32.9	19,230	(36.3)	31,485	22,927	37.3
Tax	3,731	2,264	64.8	4,361	(14.4)	8,092	4,425	82.9
Tax Rate (%)	30.4	24.6		22.7		25.7	19.3	
PAT	8,978	7,808	15.0	14,636	(38.7)	23,614	18,942	24.7
Minority Int/Others	(131)	(199)		437		306	63	
Net Income	9,109	8,007	13.8	14,199	(35.8)	23,308	18,879	23.5
Adj. PAT	8,788	7,346	19.6	14,379	(38.9)	23,143	18,522	24.9
NPM (%)	17.4	18.3		22.9		20.4	19.9	

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 2: Business mix

INR mn	Q4 FY22	Q1 FY23	Q2 FY23	Q3 FY23	Q4 FY23	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	% YoY	% QoQ
India Formulations	11,640	11,251	12,648	12,316	12,896	12,270	13,341	14,273	13,806	13,758	14,569	9.2	5.9
India Consumer	6,330	6,916	4,227	4,120	7,075	6,936	4,352	3,974	7,755	8,366	4,875	12.0	(41.7)
Exports	17,452	19,224	20,894	22,576	27,303	29,933	23,491	23,759	30,667	36,926	30,498	29.8	(17.4)
US	14,233	15,592	17,084	19,250	22,525	24,541	18,648	18,427	25,235	30,929	24,168	29.6	(21.9)
Europe & EM's	2,750	3,155	3,308	3,078	4,393	4,893	4,504	4,937	4,960	5,309	5,389	19.6	1.5
Alliances & JV	469	477	502	248	385	499	339	395	472	688	941	177.6	36.8
API	1,363	1,224	1,117	1,881	1,251	1,389	1,402	1,431	1,436	1,415	1,194	(14.8)	(15.6)
Total	36,785	38,615	38,886	40,893	48,525	50,528	42,586	43,437	53,664	60,465	51,136	20.1	(15.4)
US sales (USD mn)	189	202	214	235	275	298	225	221	304	371	288	28.0	(22.4)

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 3: Key growth drivers of domestic business in Q2FY25

Brands (INR mn)	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	MAT SEP'24	MAT SEP'23	YoY (%)
Deriphyllin	472	486	-3.0	478	-1.3	2,119	2,152	-1.5
Atorva	632	350	80.5	502	26.0	1,827	1,219	49.9
Thrombophob	455	409	11.3	401	13.5	1,681	1,753	-4.1
Amicin	419	406	3.3	398	5.4	1,634	1,506	8.5
Lipaglyn	397	408	-2.8	357	11.2	1,398	1,356	3.1
Formonide	390	239	63.0	300	29.9	1,246	891	39.9
Skinlite	296	287	3.2	275	7.5	1,185	1,192	-0.5
Dexona	247	266	-7.3	272	-9.5	1,103	1,171	-5.8
Monotax	288	245	17.5	351	-18.0	1,101	821	34.1
Vivitra	279	287	-2.7	247	13.2	1,045	1,082	-3.4

Source: IQVIA

Exhibit 4: Growth profile of key therapies in India

Therapies (INR mn)	Q2FY25	Q2FY24	YoY (%)	Q1FY25	QoQ (%)	MAT SEP'24	MAT SEP'23	YoY (%)
Respiratory	2,535	2,053	23.5	2,297	10.3	8,908	8,047	10.7
Cardiac	2,179	2,064	5.6	1,995	9.2	8,899	8,659	2.8
Anti-Infectives	2,456	2,016	21.8	1,979	24.1	8,351	7,504	11.3
Gastro Intestinal	1,743	1,587	9.8	1,704	2.3	6,396	6,178	3.5
Pain / Analgesics	1,347	1,309	2.9	1,254	7.4	4,977	4,738	5.0
Gynaec.	1,232	1,078	14.3	1,336	-7.8	4,707	3,808	23.6
Antineoplast / Immunomodulator	1,089	1,128	-3.5	1,157	-5.9	4,417	4,365	1.2
Derma	1,008	957	5.4	1,047	-3.7	4,076	3,792	7.5
Vitamins/Minerals/Nutrients	578	601	-3.9	646	-10.6	2,353	2,404	-2.1
Hormones	577	552	4.5	544	6.1	2,135	2,191	-2.6

Source: IQVIA

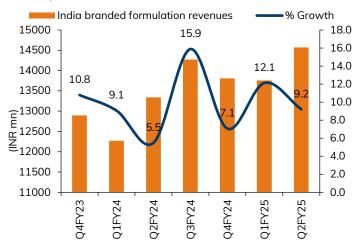
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Exhibit 5: Lower sales of gRevlimid and competition in gAsacol led to sequential decline



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 7: Growth driven by strong volume traction across portfolio



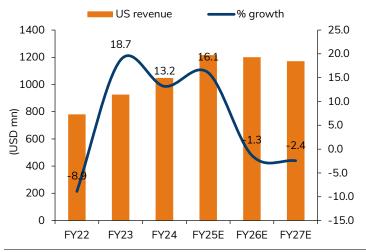
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Exhibit 9: Growth driven by good performance in Europe and emerging markets



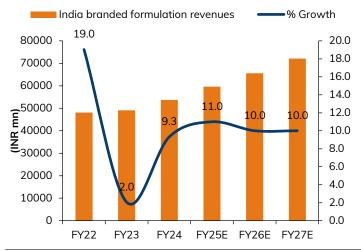
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 6: US sales growth may peak in FY25E



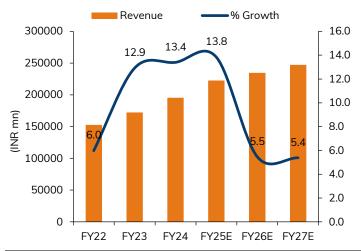
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 8: Traction in acute portfolio to drive 10.5% CAGR in India revenue over FY24–26E



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

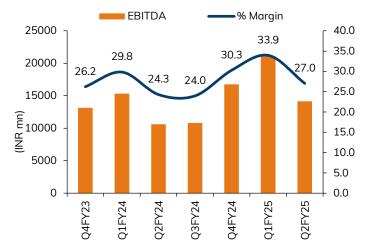
Exhibit 10: Revenue CAGR likely at 9.6% over FY24-26E



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

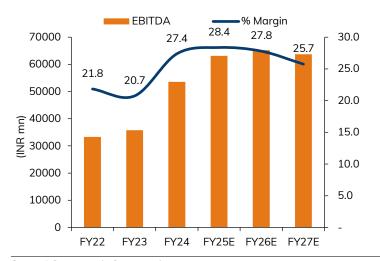
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Exhibit 11: Margins contracted sequentially due to dip in US



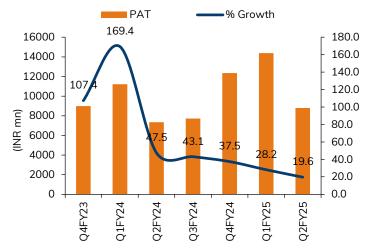
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Exhibit 12: Exclusive launches to drive EBITDA margin



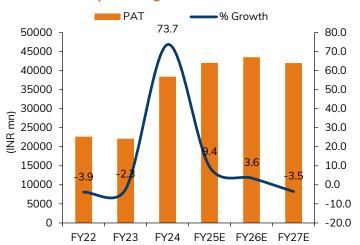
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Exhibit 13: PAT grew at ~19.6% YoY



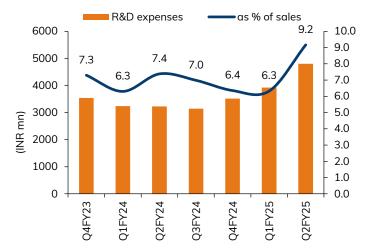
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 14: Net profit to grow 6.4% over FY24-26E



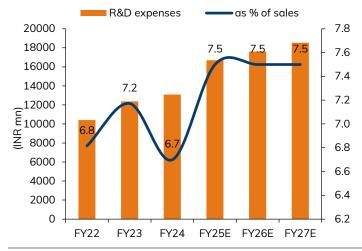
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 15: R&D spending surged 49% YoY in Q2FY25



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 16: R&D spending to range between 7-8% in FY26E



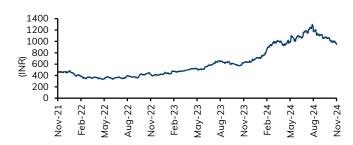
Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Exhibit 17: Shareholding pattern

%	Mar'24	Jun'24	Sep'24
Promoters	75.0	75.0	75.0
Institutional investors	18.4	18.0	18.3
MFs and others	6.7	7.2	6.8
FIs/Banks	-	-	-
Insurance	5.7	5.2	3.9
FIIs	5.9	5.6	7.6
Others	6.7	7.0	6.7

Exhibit 18: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 19: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	1,95,474	2,22,520	2,34,698	2,47,333
Operating Expenses	1,41,941	1,59,381	1,69,443	1,83,647
EBITDA	53,533	63,139	65,255	63,686
EBITDA Margin (%)	27.4	28.4	27.8	25.7
Depreciation & Amortization	7,641	9,082	9,639	10,196
EBIT	45,892	54,057	55,616	53,490
Interest expenditure	812	1,018	1,018	1,018
Other Non-operating Income	2,841	3,308	3,808	3,808
Recurring PBT	47,921	56,348	58,406	56,280
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184
Less: Taxes	9,775	14,142	14,601	14,070
PAT	39,314	42,427	43,804	42,210
Less: Minority Interest	1,133	1,407	1,453	1,400
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	39,365	42,203	43,536	41,994
Net Income (Adjusted)	38,430	42,038	43,536	41,994

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 20: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	1,12,489	1,51,927	1,92,678	2,35,417
of which cash & cash eqv.	11,051	30,367	64,509	1,00,392
Total Current Liabilities &	45,626	47,772	49,951	55,083
Provisions	45,020	47,772	43,331	33,003
Net Current Assets	66,863	1,04,155	1,42,727	1,80,334
Investments	8,043	8,043	8,043	8,043
Net Fixed Assets	58,033	61,770	61,502	60,811
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	24,233	24,233	24,233	24,233
Total Intangible Assets	65,652	60,833	59,462	57,957
Other assets	7,339	7,611	7,734	7,861
Deferred Tax Assets	16,442	16,442	16,442	16,442
Total Assets	2,47,182	2,83,744	3,20,836	3,56,411
Liabilities				
Borrowings	8,042	8,042	8,042	8,042
Deferred Tax Liability	4,465	4,465	4,465	4,465
provisions	3,097	3,097	3,097	3,097
other Liabilities	10,562	12,023	12,681	13,364
Equity Share Capital	1,006	1,006	1,006	1,006
Reserves & Surplus	1,97,289	2,32,390	2,68,824	3,03,717
Total Net Worth	1,98,295	2,33,396	2,69,830	3,04,723
Minority Interest	22,721	22,721	22,721	22,721
Total Liabilities	2,47,182	2,83,744	3,20,836	3,56,411

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 21: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	43,607	32,350	46,723	48,410
Working Capital Changes	(3,832)	16,868	3,930	1,206
Capital Commitments	28,343	8,000	8,000	8,000
Free Cashflow	15,264	24,351	38,723	40,410
Other investing cashflow	(3,261)	-	-	-
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(25,082)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Issue of Share Capital	(6)	-	-	-
Interest Cost	-	-	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(3,907)	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(3,018)	(4,024)	(4,024)	(4,024)
Others	(6,280)	(1,011)	(556)	(503)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(13,211)	(5,035)	(4,580)	(4,527)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	5,314	19,316	34,143	35,883
Closing cash & balance	11,045	30,367	64,509	1,00,392

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 22: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	39.1	42.0	43.3	41.7
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	38.2	41.8	43.3	41.7
Cash EPS	45.8	50.8	52.9	51.9
Dividend per share (DPS)	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Book Value per share (BV)	197.1	232.0	268.2	302.9
Dividend Payout (%)	7.7	9.5	9.2	9.6
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	13.4	13.8	5.5	5.4
EBITDA	49.7	17.9	3.4	(2.4)
EPS (INR)	74.8	9.4	3.6	(3.5)
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	24.3	22.6	21.9	22.8
P/CEPS	20.7	18.7	18.0	18.3
P/BV	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.1
EV / EBITDA	18.2	15.2	14.2	13.9
P / Sales	5.0	4.4	4.1	3.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	68.1	69.2	68.6	65.2
EBITDA Margins (%)	27.4	28.4	27.8	25.7
Effective Tax Rate (%)	19.9	25.0	25.0	25.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	19.7	18.9	18.5	17.0
NWC / Total Assets (%)	-	-	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	(0.2)	(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.6)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	18.0	17.6	15.9	13.6
RoE (%)	20.6	19.5	17.3	14.6
RoIC (%)	18.3	18.8	19.3	18.7
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.0
Inventory Turnover Days	68	73	70	70
Receivables Days	104	110	106	106
Payables Days	42	38	37	42



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