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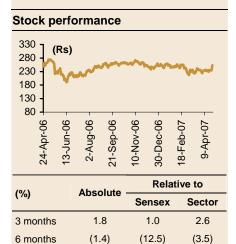
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Y/E 31 Mar	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Net sales (INR m)	35,787	42,039	49,531
Net profit (INR m)	6,608	7,665	9,105
Adj EPS (INR)	8.5	9.9	11.7
PER (x)	29.8	25.7	21.6
PCE (x)	25.7	22.0	18.7
EV/Core EBITDA (x)	23.5	20.1	16.8
Price/Book (x)	6.2	5.3	4.6
ROE (%)	25.5	22.3	22.8
ROCE (%)	25.5	22.8	23.4
Consensus EPS (INR) *	9.5	11.6	
* Bloomberg			

#### Growth slows on a large base

Cipla's Q4FY07 result fell short of our expectations. On a large base, gross sales recorded a moderate growth of 6% YoY in the quarter. The domestic formulation business recorded strong growth of 14% YoY in Q4FY07. Exports remained flat YoY in the quarter. The sharp drop in export API sales was negated by rise in formulation export sales. API exports dipped 27% YoY in Q4FY07 and 3% in FY07. In Q4FY06, CIPLA's sales were boosted by sale of Sertraline to Teva/Ivax, which dropped significantly in the current quarter.

#### Sharp drop in EBITDA margins

Cipla's core EBITDA dropped 28% YoY in Q4FY07. In the quarter, the EBITDA margins collapsed to 15.8% compared to 20.6% in the year ago period. The EBITDA margins were the lowest in the last four years. The fall in EBITDA margins was attributed to higher overheads, product mix and pricing pressures, particularly in regulated markets. The management has stated that the margin pressure would continue.

Net profit fell by 34% YoY to INR 1,257m, below our expectation of INR 1,869m. For the full-year FY07, net profit recorded a moderate growth of 10% YoY to INR 6,608m.

#### Company guidance much lower than street expectations

The company has guided for a revenue growth of 10-12% for FY08, which is significantly below market expectations. As per the Bloomberg estimates, the consensus is building in a revenue growth of 24% in FY08. We believe that the management's guidance is conservative, but we reckon that the growth will fall far short of the current street expectations.

#### We cut our estimates

We cut our revenue expectations marginally. However, we cut our earnings estimate by 12-13% as we reduce our margins assumptions. Our EPS estimates for FY08 and FY09 are INR 9.9 and INR 11.7 respectively.



Q4FY07 result

## **Cipla Ltd**

Bloomberg: CIPLA IN Reuters: CIPL.NS Mkt cap: Rs196.8bn/US\$4.8bn

## **Disappointing quarter**

We cut our EPS estimates, price target. Maintain SELL

#### Maintain SELL with March 2008 price target of INR 210

We reduce our March 2008 price target to INR 210 based on 18xFY09 earnings. We value other large cap pharmaceutical stocks (DRRD, RBXY) at 18xFY09 earnings ex-NCE R&D. Since CIPLA spend on NCE research is low, we reckon that the multiple of 18xFY09 EPS is justified. Based on our target price, the stock would trade at 13.8xFY09 EV/EBITDA.

Figure 1: Quarterly resul	Figure 1: Quarterly results (INR m)									
	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	% chg YoY	FY07	FY06	% chg YoY				
Gross sales	9,291	8,762	6	35,330	30,209	17				
Tech transfer income	242	75	221	766	469	63				
Other operating income	71	119	-40	575	374	54				
Total income	9,604	8,956	7	36,671	31,052	18				
Excise duty	219	250	-13	884	1,195	-26				
Net sales	9,385	8,706	8	35,787	29,857	20				
(Increase)/Decrease in stock	285	-142	-301	338	-841	-140				
Consumption of material	4,690	4,454	5	16,942	15,084	12				
Staff cost	433	426	2	1,843	1,473	25				
Other exp	2,507	2,165	16	8,437	7,477	13				
EBITDA	1,470	1,803	-18	8,227	6,664	23				
Other income	221	468	-53	891	1,311	-32				
Interest	13	33	-61	70	114	-39				
Depreciation	261	250	4	1,041	830	25				
РВТ	1,417	1,988	-29	8,008	7,031	14				
Tax	160	80	99	1,400	1,030	36				
Current	125	70	79	1,240	896	38				
Deferred	25	0		125	98					
FB tax	10	10	-5	35	37	-5				
PAT (Before EO)	1,257	1,908	-34	6,608	6,001	10				

Source: Company, Brics Research

#### Slowdown in revenues on a large base

CIPLA's Q4FY07 gross sales, up 6% YoY at INR 9,290m, were 4% higher than our estimate. For FY07, the revenues recorded growth of 17% YoY.

#### Figure 2: Sales composition

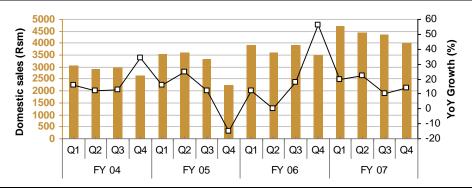
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	Q4FY07	Q4FY06	% chg YoY	FY07	FY06	% chg YoY				
Domestic	3,997	,495	14	17,523	15,027	17				
Exports	5,293	5,266	1	17,807	15,182	17				
Formulation	3,879	3,320	17	13,062	10,315	27				
API	1,415	1,946	-27	4,745	4,868	-3				
Total	9,291	8,762	6	35,330	30,209	17				

Source: Company, Brics Research

#### **Domestic growth remains strong**

Domestic revenues grew at a healthy 14% YoY in the quarter and 17% YoY in FY07. The domestic growth for CIPLA has been ahead of the industry average. The growth in the domestic market was driven by: a) volume growth in certain therapeutic segments such as pain management, anti-asthmatics and anti-AIDS; b) strong pick-up in institutional sales; and, c) price increases, particularly in the generic segment.

#### Figure 3: Domestic revenues remain strong

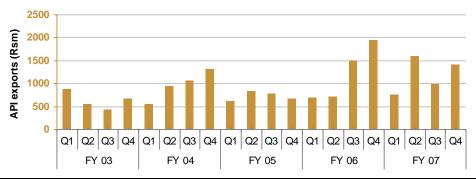


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#### Exports: Strong formulations growth, but API sales drop

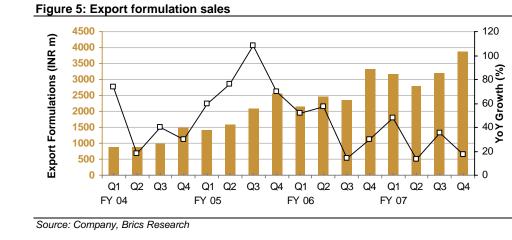
Exports that currently contribute half of the overall revenues remained flat YoY in FY07. The increase in formulation exports was negated by the drop in API sales in the quarter. It should be noted that in Q4FY06, CIPLA benefited from sales of Sertraline to Teva. After the end of Sertraline exclusivity in February 2007, API sales would have dropped sharply. In FY07, API sales declined 3% YoY whereas the formulation recorded a growth of 27%.





Source: Company, Brics Research

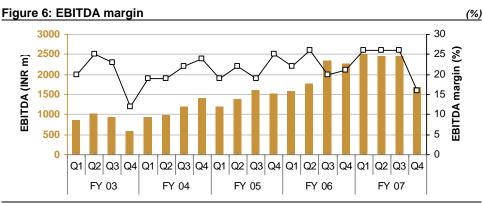
A large fraction of the formulation export growth was driven by pick-up in ARV revenues. We believe Africa made a significant contribution in formulation export growth in FY07. CIPLA's growth in Africa was driven by; a) strong growth in South Africa; and, b) tender business, particularly for anti-retroviral in other African nations.



CIPLA sells its products in South Africa through Cipla-Medpro, which is a subsidiary of Enaleni Pharmaceuticals. Enaleni acquired Cipla-Medpro in 2005. Cipla-Medpro is the third largest generic player in the South African market, with 12.7% market share (Source: Aspen). Enaleni recorded strong growth in Cipla-Medpro in CY06. Cipla-Medpro's sales in CY06 reached R 551m (USD 79m) against sales of R 283m (USD 40m) in CY05. We expect growth in Cipla Medpro to continue at 20%+ in CY07. In CY07, Enaleni intends to participate in a two-year R 1bn (USD 143m) non-ARV government tender. Furthermore, in early 2008, the government is likely to invite three-year tenders' worth R 4-5bn (USD 600-700m) for ARVs. However, in the tender business, we expect competition to be significantly higher than in the previous tender.

#### EBITDA margins collapsed in Q4FY07

Cipla's core EBITDA dropped 18% YoY in Q4FY07. In the quarter, the EBITDA margins collapsed to 15.8% compared to 20.6% in the year-ago period. The EBITDA margins were the lowest in the last four years. The fall in EBITDA margins was attributed to higher overheads, product mix and pricing pressures, particularly in regulated markets. ARVs are lower-margin products, and their proportion is rising in the product mix. For the full-year FY07, EBITDA margins were at 23.3% compared to 22.1% in FY06.



Source: Company, Brics Research

We expect margins pressures to continue. The EBITDA margins in Q4FY07 were significantly below average, and we reckon they are to an extent a quarterly aberration. In the years ahead, on a full-year basis, we expect margins to be higher than that in Q4FY07. In our projections for FY08 and FY09, we maintain EBITDA margins at FY07 levels. This may be an aggressive assumption and there could be a potential downside.

#### Net profit falls below expectations

Net profit fell by 34% YoY to INR 1,257m, below our expectation of INR 1,869m. For the full-year FY07, net profit recorded a moderate growth of 10% YoY to INR 6,608m.

#### We reduce our EPS estimate by 10% to factor in lower margins

The company has guided for a revenue growth of 10-12% for FY08, which is significantly below the market expectations. As per the Bloomberg estimates, the consensus is building in a revenue growth of 24% in FY08. We believe that the management's guidance is conservative, but we reckon that the growth will fall far short of the current street expectations. We are building in revenue growth of 18% in FY08, which we believe is aggressive.

We cut our revenue expectations marginally. However, we cut our earnings estimate by 12-13% as we reduce our margins assumptions.

Old		New		% Chg	
FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09	FY08	FY09
41,974	50,376	41,550	49,000	-1	-3
10,757	12,853	9,566	11,322	-11	-12
8,665	10,406	7,665	9,105	-12	-13
	<b>FY08</b> 41,974 10,757	FY08         FY09           41,974         50,376           10,757         12,853	FY08         FY09         FY08           41,974         50,376         41,550           10,757         12,853         9,566	FY08         FY09         FY08         FY09           41,974         50,376         41,550         49,000           10,757         12,853         9,566         11,322	FY08         FY09         FY08         FY09         FY08           41,974         50,376         41,550         49,000         -1           10,757         12,853         9,566         11,322         -11

#### Figure 7: Change in estimates (INR m)

Source: Brics Research

#### We cut our target price; Maintain SELL

Our EPS estimates for FY08 and FY09 are INR 9.9 and INR 11.7 respectively. Cipla is currently trading at 25.2xFY08 and 21.3xFY09 estimates. On EV/EBITDA basis, the stock is trading at 19.9xFY08E. We believe the valuations are stretched, given the possibility of a significant slowdown in the years ahead.

Consolidation with increasing focus on vertical integration could present a significant risk to CIPLA's partnership-based business model. Beside consolidation, another threat to CIPLA's business model comes from partners establishing their own manufacturing presence, in our view.

We reduce our March 2008 price target to INR 210 based on 18xFY09 earnings. We value other large cap pharmaceutical stocks (DRRD, RBXY) at 18xFY09 earnings ex-NCE R&D. Since CIPLA spend on innovation research is low, we reckon that the multiple of 18xFY09 EPS is justified. Based on our target price, the stock would trade at 13.8xFY09 EV/EBITDA.

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Income statement Year ended 31 Mar	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	INR m
Net sales	22,545	29,826	35,787	42,039	49,531
Growth (%)	17.2	32.3	20.0	17.5	49,331
( )	(17,592)	(23,121)	(27,560)	(32,473)	(38,210)
Operating expenses Core EBITDA	4,953	(23,121) 6,704	(27,500) <b>8,227</b>	9,566	11,322
Other income	<b>4,333</b> 820	1,322	891	900	900
EBITDA	5,773	8,027	9,119	10,466	12,222
Depreciation	(551)	(802)	(1,041)	(1,271)	(1,440)
EBIT	(331) 5,222	7,225	(1,041) 8,078	,	,
				9,195	10,782
Interest paid	(76)	(114)	(70)	(70)	(70)
Pre-tax profit	5,146	7,111	8,008	9,125	10,712
Tax (current + deferred)	(1,050)	(1,022)	(1,400)	(1,460)	(1,463)
Profit after tax	4,096	6,089	6,608	7,665	9,105
Net profit	4,096	6,089	6,608	7,665	9,105
Adjusted net profit	4,096	6,089	6,608	7,665	9,105
Growth (%)	29.5	48.6	8.5	16.0	18.8
Balance sheet					INR m
Year ended 31 Mar	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Current assets	15,404	21,092	31,491	36,239	42,503
Investments	183	224	224	224	224
Fixed assets	8,449	11,436	14,395	16,124	17,185
Other assets	2,125	1,831	1,831	1,831	1,831
Total assets	26,161	34,583	47,941	54,419	61,743
Current liabilities	7,741	9,022	10,189	11,493	12,683
Total Debt	1,950	4,689	4,689	4,689	4,689
Other liabilities	933	1,040	1,147	1,278	1,421
Total liabilities	10,624	14,751	16,026	17,460	18,794
Paid-up capital	600	600	1,555	1,555	1,555
Reserves & surplus	14,937	19,233	30,360	35,403	41,394
Shareholders' funds	15,536	19,833	31,915	36,959	42,949
Total equity & liabilities	26,161	34,583	47,941	54,419	61,743

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Cash-flow					INR m
Year ended 31 Mar	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
Pre-tax profit	5,146	7,111	8,008	9,125	10,712
Depreciation	551	802	1,041	1,271	1,440
Tax paid	(1,182)	(1,571)	(1,215)	(1,285)	(1,403)
Chg in working capital	(1,967)	(3,965)	(1,913)	(3,170)	(3,126)
Cash flow from operations (a)	2,547	2,376	5,921	5,941	7,622
Capital expenditure	(2,958)	(3,610)	(4,000)	(3,000)	(2,500)
Chg in investments	1,621	(41)	0	0	0
CF from investing (b)	(1,338)	(3,652)	(4,000)	(3,000)	(2,500)
Free cash flow (a+b)	1,210	(1,275)	1,921	2,941	5,122
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	(0)	7,735	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	(155)	2,739	0	0	0
Dividend (incl. tax)	(1,049)	(1,268)	(1,833)	(2,305)	(2,683)
Other financing activities	86	95	0	0	0
CF from financing (c)	(1,118)	1,566	5,902	(2,305)	(2,683)
Net chg in cash (a+b+c)	91	291	7,824	636	2,440

#### Key ratios Year ended 31 Mar FY05 FY06 FY07E FY08E FY09E Adjusted EPS (Rs) 5.5 8.1 8.5 9.9 11.7 Adjusted EPS growth (%) 29.5 48.7 4.6 16.0 18.8 Core EBITDA growth (%) 18.2 35.4 22.7 16.3 18.3 Core EBITDA margin (%) 22.8 22.0 22.5 23.0 22.9 Pre-tax margin (%) 22.8 23.8 22.4 21.7 21.6 ROE (%) 25.5 22.3 22.8 29.1 34.4 ROCE (%) 30.8 32.9 25.5 22.8 23.4 Net debt/Equity (%) 11.6 21.4 (11.2) (11.4) (15.5)

#### Valuation parameters

Year ended 31 Mar	FY05	FY06	FY07E	FY08E	FY09E
PER (x)	46.4	31.2	29.8	25.7	21.6
PCE (x)	40.9	27.6	25.7	22.0	18.7
Price/Book (x)	12.2	9.6	6.2	5.3	4.6
Yield (%)	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4
EV/Net sales (x)	8.8	6.7	5.4	4.6	3.8
EV/Core EBITDA (x)	40.1	30.0	23.5	20.1	16.8

### Cipla: Recommendation history

Date	Stock price (INR )	Recommendation	Price target (INR )	Report
19-Jul-05	333	BUY	375	Steady does it: Low cost structure, steady growth in formulation exports
26-Jul-05	342	BUY	380	Q1FY06 result: Earnings growth in line with estimates
25-Jan-06	432	NEUTRAL	480	Q3FY06 result: Bottomline bolstered by other income - Outlook is modest — We downgrade stock to Neutral
26-Apr-06	248	NEUTRAL	262	Q4FY06 result: A strong quarter - But stock's current price factors in near-term upsides
24-Jul-06	220	NEUTRAL	215	Q1FY07 result: Performance falls short of expectation - We cut FY07 EPS estimate, price target
23-Oct-06	263	NEUTRAL	215	Q2FY07 result: Falls short of expectations
27-Apr-07	253	SELL	210	Q4FY07 Disappointing quarter — We cut our EPS estimates, price target. Maintain SELL



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