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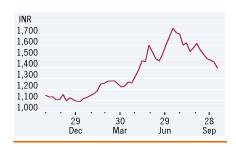
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Britannia Industries (BRIT.B0)

Buy: 2QFY08 – Margin Turnaround Continues

- **Solid earnings growth** Britannia's 2QFY08 net profits grew a solid 117% yoy, miles ahead of our estimates of 80% growth. While its sales growth remains strong, EBITDA margin expansion of 517bps was the key surprise. Britannia continues to enhance margins despite raw material cost pressures.
- Mix, lower pack size aiding margins EBITDA margin turnaround trend, which started in 4QFY07, continues to intensify, driven by improving product mix, and reduction in pack size for some brands, effectively hiking per unit prices. Also, prices for sugar (one of the key raw materials) have declined considerably, though wheat and vegetable oil prices continue to increase.
- Strong growth to continue Britannia's market share is stable, despite strong competition from ITC. Its strategy of expanding product portfolio and transiting from a 'biscuits' player into a 'snacking' player is paying off, aided by strong growth of the Indian processed foods industry. Strong sales growth (15%-20% over next few quarters) and further margin expansion will drive strong earnings.
- Overhang of promoter dispute? While the exit of Danone from Britannia is now almost certain, press reports (ET, BS) suggest a stalemate on the price of Danone's stake sale to Wadias. This has resulted in an overhang on the stock, driving underperformance over the last few months. While it is difficult to ascertain the final transaction price, we urge investors not to overlook the growth story and attractive valuations (13.4xY09E P/E) that enhance the buying opportunity.

Buy/Low Risk	1L
Price (23 Oct 07)	Rs1,403.35
Target price	Rs1,825.00
Expected share price return	30.0%
Expected dividend yield	1.1%
Expected total return	31.1%
Market Cap	Rs33,526M
	US\$844M



Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2006A	1,342	56.18	-14.9	25.0	6.1	27.0	1.1
2007A	1,076	45.04	-19.8	31.2	5.5	18.5	1.1
2008E	1,861	77.90	73.0	18.0	4.5	27.3	1.3
2009E	2,495	104.42	34.0	13.4	3.5	29.4	1.4
2010E	3,051	127.73	22.3	11.0	2.8	28.5	1.6

Source: Powered by dataCentral

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Fiscal year end 31-Mar	2006	2007	2008E	2009E	2010E
Valuation Ratios					
P/E adjusted (x)	25.0	31.2	18.0	13.4	11.0
EV/EBITDA adjusted (x)	16.2	23.9	13.6	9.6	7.2
P/BV (x)	6.1	5.5	4.5	3.5	2.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6
Per Share Data (Rs)					
EPS adjusted	56.18	45.04	77.90	104.42	127.73
EPS reported	56.18	45.04	77.90	104.42	127.73
BVPS	229.85	256.83	314.42	396.27	499.17
DPS	15.00	16.00	18.00	20.00	22.00
Profit & Loss (RsM)					
Net sales	17,133	21,993	25,947	29,573	33,142
Operating expenses	-15,463	-20,994	-24,107	-27,037	-30,001
EBIT	1,670	999	1,841	2,536	3,141
Net interest expense	-51	-54	-1	-1	-1
Non-operating/exceptionals	266	239	350	400	450
Pre-tax profit	1,885	1,184	2,190	2,935	3,590
Tax	-543	-108	-328	-440	-538
Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div. Reported net income	0 1,342	0 1,076	0 1,861	0 2,495	0 3,051
Adjusted earnings	1,342	1,076	1,861	2, 49 5	3,051
Adjusted EBITDA	1,888	1,070	2,105	2,433	3,429
Growth Rates (%)	1,000	1,232	2,103	2,012	3,423
Sales	13.5	28.4	18.0	14.0	12.1
EBIT adjusted	-5.7	-40.2	84.3	37.8	23.9
EBITDA adjusted	-3.7	-33.7	68.2	33.6	21.9
EPS adjusted	-14.9	-19.8	73.0	34.0	22.3
Cash Flow (RsM)					
Operating cash flow	964	890	2,329	2,887	3,499
Depreciation/amortization	217	253	265	277	288
Net working capital	-777	-439	203	116	159
Investing cash flow	-680	-390	-1,844	-2,348	-2,906
Capital expenditure	-382	-119	-180	-181	-180
Acquisitions/disposals	-298	-271	-1,664	-2,167	-2,726
Financing cash flow	-284	-500	-485	-539	-593
Borrowings	32	-69	0	0	0
Dividends paid	-409	-431	-485	-539	-593
Change in cash	0	0	0	0	0
Balance Sheet (RsM)					
Total assets	8,632	9,736	11,758	14,354	17,488
Cash & cash equivalent	2,872	3,709	4,873	6,390	8,298
Accounts receivable	1,155	1,609	1,896	2,159	2,419
Net fixed assets	1,516	1,383	1,298	1,202	1,094
Total liabilities	3,124	3,583	4,230	4,871	5,546
Accounts payable	2,247	2,645	3,111	3,538	3,958
Total Debt Shareholders' funds	94 5,491	25 6,135	25 7,511	25 9,467	25 11,925
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)	0,701	0,100	7,011	0,707	11,020
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EBITDA margin adjusted	11.0 27.0	5.7 18.5	8.1 27.3	9.5 29.4	10.3
ROE adjusted ROIC adjusted	27.0 56.8	18.5 41.1	27.3 75.3	29.4 107.2	28.5 133.5
Net debt to equity	-50.6	-60.0	-64.5	-67.2	-69.4
Total debt to capital	-30.0 1.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
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Britannia Results Tables

Figure 1. Britannia — 2QFY08 Results Summary (Rupees in Million, Percent)

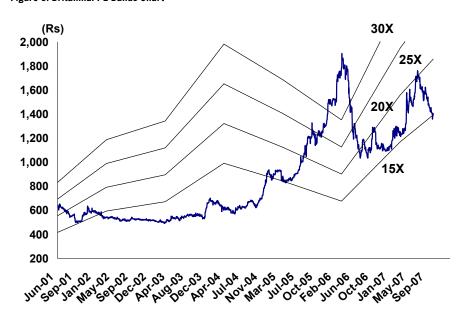
	2Q FY07	2QFY08	% уоу
Net Sales	5,497	6,588	19.8
Expenditure	-5,209.0	-5,902	13.3
EBITDA	288	686	138.2
EBITDA Margin (%)	5.2	10.4	517 bps
Interest	-16	-29	81.3
Depreciation & Amortisation	-64	-72	12.5
Other Income	27	58	114.8
PBT	235.0	643	173.6
Tax	3	-127	
Tax Rate (%)	-1.3	19.8	Nm
PAT	238	516	116.8
Exceptional items	-26	-31	
PAT after Exceptionals	212	485	128.8
EPS	8.9	20.3	128.8
Source: Company Reports			

Figure 2. Britannia – 2QFY08 Key Costs (Rupees in Million, Percent)

	2Q FY07	2QFY08	% yoy
Net Sales	5,497	6,558	19.8
Total Raw Material Cost	3,520	3,894	10.6
% of Sales	64.0	59.1	-493 bps
Employee/Staff Cost	195	223	14.4
% of Sales	3.5	3.4	-16 bps
Advertising Cost	296	467	57.8
% of Sales	5.4	7.1	170 bps
Other Expenditure	1,198	1,318	10.0
% of Sales	21.8	20.0	-179 bps
Source: Company Reports			

Britannia P/E Bands Chart

Figure 3. Britannia: PE Bands Chart



Source: Citi Investment Research

Britannia Industries

Company description

Britannia is a leading player in the bakery business in India. In the biscuit segment, Tiger is its largest brand, and has been a key growth driver. The company has brands that straddle all segments of the biscuit market. It has also launched small packs to drive up volumes. The shift in the bakery segment from branded to unbranded products should benefit Britannia.

Investment strategy

We rate Britannia Buy (1L). At current valuations, the stock looks attractive and free cash yield of 7.4% should provide downside support. While raw material cost pressures have been building up for some time now, we believe commodity prices may be nearing their peak and cost pressures may ease soon. As such, Britannia management is looking to increase the proportion of high-end products, which should improve the overall mix and margin profile. We acknowledge the rising presence of ITC in the bakery segment, but see room for another player, given that a large part of the market in still unbranded. In our view, entry of a new player would help grow the market.

Valuation

At current valuations we rate the Britannia Buy (1L). Our Rs1,825 target price is based on 20x mid-FY09E P/E, at the higher end of its recent trading band. Our target P/E reflects new top management appointments that should quell corporate governance concerns and ensure strong business growth, as well as recent resurgence in sales growth and margins. We expect a 42% EPS CAGR over FY07-10E. At 20x mid-FY09E P/E, Britannia would trade at a 20% premium to the market average P/E. We use P/E as our base valuation methodology, as Britannia has steady earnings growth. At our target price, the stock would trade at 15x 12-month forward EV/EBITDA, which is at about 20% premium to the average market multiple.

Risks

We rate Britannia Low Risk based on our quantitative risk-rating system, which tracks 260-day share price volatility. The key downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price are: 1) continuation of the inflationary trends in raw-material prices, which could put further pressure on margins; 2) slowing demand resulting in poor top- line growth; 3) and increased competitive intensity, which could restrain pricing power. The key upside risks that could prevent the shares attaining our target are: further pick-up in volume growth on the back of resurgence in rural demand; rationalization of competition allowing for price increases in biscuits especially in the high volume glucose biscuits where prices have not seen increases in the last three years; a potential stake sale by the Wadias to Danone International which along with the Wadias is an equal majority stake holder in Britannia; turn in the agricommodity price trend which could mitigate raw-material cost pressure.

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