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Dr. Reddy's Lab Stock Rating Overweight F07 Should Turn Out Industry View Excellent

ADR Price Target

EPS F07E

Attractive

What's Changed	
Price Target	

Rs1,477.00 to Rs1,584.00 \$33.00 to \$35.90 Up 11% to 74.4

We reiterate our Overweight rating on Dr Reddy's Lab and continue to position it as a 'surprise stock' for 2006. We have raised our price target to Rs1,584, implying 17% upside from current levels, and our F07 EPS by 11% to Rs74.4 (ahead of consensus).

Sharp earnings ramp in F07E. Improving (and now profitable) base business and several major launches in the US (Allegra, Proscar, Zocor and Zofran) and gradual build-up of IPR (NCE progress in clinicals) underpin our rating.

Balaglitazone carcinogenicity studies results were satisfactory and the drug could progress to Phase III studies in the latter part of F07 for US/EU NDA filing. This could be a mid-term valuation driver.

Major earnings drivers for the US market,

specifically Zocor, Zofran and Proscar each with 180 days exclusivity, are shaping up well. Importantly, according to management, there is a likelihood that Teva/Ranbaxy will launch generic Zocor by end-June (though FDA's appeal is pending). Zofran exclusivity in Dec 06 looks quite certain, in our view.

German price cuts could have a neutral impact due to the ban on discounts, according to management.

Management offered no comments on Plavix

settlement. We believe that DRL/Sanofi talks could be subject to the Apotex deal being cleared by FTC. The company was silent on the launch prospects of generic Propecia in June 06 (where we believe DRL is 'first to file'), which could hint to better economics for Merck Authorised Generic deal.

Key Ratios and Statistics

Reuters: REDY.BO Bloomberg: DRRD IN ADR: RDY.N

India Pharmaceuticals	-			
Price target			Rs´	1,584.00
Shr price, close (May 31, 2006)			Rs	1,357.40
Mkt cap, curr (mn)			Rs	103,863
52-Week Range		R	s1,916.60)-693.05
Sh out, basic, curr (mn)				77
EV, curr (mn)			R	s96,693
Net debt/cap (06) (%)				(47.9)
ROE (06) (%)				11.8
Sh out, basic, per-end (06) (mn)				77
S'hldr eqty (06) (mn)			R	s22,139
RNOA (06) (%)				8.9
Fiscal Year (Mar)	2005	2006e	2007e	2008e
ModelWare EPS (Rs)*	2.76	31.28a	74.36	61.36
Prior ModelWare EPS (Rs)	-	-	67.14	61.37
EPS, basic, rpt'd (Rs)	2.76	31.28a	74.36	61.36
Prior EPS, basic, rpt'd (Rs)	-	-	67.14	61.37
Rev, net (Rs mn)	19,472	22,135a	28,877	29,424
ModelWare net inc (Rs mn)	211	2,393a	5,690	4,695
P/E	268.0	45.4a	18.3	22.1
P/BV	2.8	4.9a	3.8	3.4

38.5

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= Please see explanation of Morgan Stanley ModelWare later in this note.

EV/EBITDA

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a = Actual company reported data e = Morgan Stanley Research estimates

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Financial Summary

Income Statement

(Rs million)	2005	2006	2007E	2008E
Gross Revenues	19,472	22,135	28,877	29,424
Cost of Goods Sold	9,386	10,879	12,541	14,266
Gross Profit	10,086	11,256	16,335	15,157
S, G & A expenses	6,810	7,313	8,115	8,521
R & D expenses	2,803	1,760	2,342	2,142
Amortization Expenses	350	289	290	291
Forex (gain)/losses	489	(100)	(100)	(100)
Operating Expenses	19,838	20,140	23,188	25,119
Operating profit	(366)	1,995	5,689	4,304
Equity in Loss Affiliates	(58)	40	40	40
Other income	532	538	737	1,004
Pre-tax profit	108	2,573	6,466	5,348
Taxation	(94)	180	776	652
Minority Interest	9	0	0	0
Net profit	211	2,393	5,690	4,695
Effective Tax Rate (%)	-87.0	7.0	12.0	12.2
EPS	2.8	31.3	74.4	61.4
DPS	5.0	7.0	10.0	11.0
Balance Sheet				
(Rs million)	2005	2006	2007E	2008E
Total Liabilities	21,602	23,405	28,330	32,183
Equity share capital	383	383	383	383
Additional paid in capital	10,085	10,085	10,085	10,085
Retained Earnings Total Stockholder's	9,827	11,630	16,555	20,409
equity	20,336	22,139	27,064	30,918
Total Long term Liab	1,166	1,166	1,166	1,166
Total Short term Liab	100	100	100	100
Total Assets	21,602	23,405	28,330	32,183
Net block	6,685	6,754	6,735	6,630
Total net fixed assets	6,685	6,754	6,735	6,630
Investments	305	355	405	455
Intangible assets	2,135	1,846	1,557	1,266
Cash & cash Eqv	6,282	7,315	10,763	14,572
Current Assets	9,078	10,474	12,553	13,308
Inventories	3,086	3,726	4,295	4,886
Receivables	4,268	4,852	6,171	6,127
Other current assets	1,725	1,897	2,087	2,296
Less : Curr Liab	2,971	3,427	3,771	4,136
Net Current Assets	6,107	7,048	8,782	9,172
Net Debt	(6,132)	(7,165)	(10,613)	(14,422)

Cash Flow

(Rs million)	2005	2006	2007E	2008E
Profit after tax Net change in Working	211	2,393	5,690	4,695
capital	(57)	(941)	(1,734)	(390)
operations	1,398	2,723	5,314	5,751
Capital expenditure	(1,750)	(1,050)	(1,050)	(1,050)
Sale of investments Intangible/Related	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Party/Other assets	0	0	0	0
investing	(1,800)	(1,100)	(1,100)	(1,100)
Issue of shares Dividends paid including	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
dividend tax	(422)	(590)	(765)	(842)
Net cash from financing	(422)	(590)	(765)	(842)
Net Inc/(Dec) in Debt	823	(1,032)	(3,448)	(3,809)
Opening Debt	(6,955)	(6,132)	(7,165)	(10,613)
Closing Debt	(6,132)	(7,165)	(10,613)	(14,422)
Ratios				

2005	2006	2007E	2008E
51.8	50.9	56.6	51.5
-1.9	9.0	19.7	14.6
0.6	11.6	22.4	18.2
1.1	10.8	19.7	16.0
492.2	45.4	18.3	22.1
5.1	4.7	3.8	3.4
1.0	11.3	23.1	16.2
0.5	11.4	25.0	17.7
588.7	38.2	14.5	16.9
-0.30	-0.32	-0.39	-0.47
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
120	125	125	125
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Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

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Investment Case

Summary & Conclusions - Overweight

We reiterate our Overweight rating on Dr Reddy's Lab and continue to position it as 'surprise stock' for 2006.

Sharp earnings ramp up in F07e. Improving base business (now turned profitable), several earnings catalysts (Allegra, Zocor, Proscar and Zofran) in the pipeline, and gradual Intellectual Property build up (NCE progression in clinical trials) underpin our recommendation. Our new price target of Rs1,584 implies 17% upside from current levels.

We raise our F07E EPS by 11% to Rs74.4 to include the forecast upside from Zocor exclusivity (as Authorised Generic) in our model.

Earnings Call Highlights

- **Management view.** The company is excited about F07 growth prospects and views this as an 'inflection year'.
- Qualitative F07 guidance. DRL expects ٠ momentum in sales to continue - domestic business will exceed market growth rate, Russia/CIS business will maintain high growth trajectory, several key drug launches in US generic market, custom Pharma services to hit \$100 million target in 12 months. In terms of profitability, the base business will unlock margins due to scale benefits (two acquisitions and organic growth) and high potential from US drug launches will further drive up earnings. Gross margin in Betapharm is closer to (high) DRL's brand formulation business level, whereas for Roche's CPS (custom pharmaceutical services) business is closer to (low) DRL's bulk active business. The effective tax rate will be close to 10% (driven by bulk active and authorized generic businesses).
- Investments in longer term growth initiatives will continue. The company plans \$100 million capex in manufacturing facilities. It will continue to pursue low-risk NCE research strategy of sharing cost with its partners/alliances. DRL targets to acquire a couple of dermatology brands in the US in F07 as a launching pad for its in house pipeline (could take 3–4 years to launch).

- German price cuts. The company is evaluating its options on a product by product basis but estimates that the price cuts will be made up by the (ban on) discounts. Hence, the net effect on the bottom line could be neutral, according to the management.
- NCE pipeline. DRL is satisfied with the recently completed carcinogenicity studies for its lead compound, Balaglitazone. The company is conducting some balance Phase I studies, after which, it will take the molecule to Phase III studies (Phase II is over) towards the latter part of F07 for US/EU NDA filing.
- Plavix settlement with Sanofi. Management offered no comments. We believe that its discussion with the innovator might be pending FTC comments/clearance on the Apotex deal. We have not included any upside from this deal in our numbers.
- Zocor exclusivity. Management appeared confident about the prospects of Ranbaxy/Teva launch of the generic with 180 days exclusivity, which will catalyse the launch of authorized generic version by DRL. The company believes that this could happen towards the end of June despite the appeal filed by the USFDA.
- **Fexofenadine.** DRL believes that its current market share of 2%, as reported by IMS, lags the actual

Company Description

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. manufactures and markets pharmaceutical products. The company has three bulk-drug manufacturing plants and one formulation manufacturing plant. It exports to the UK, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Russia and the Netherlands.

Industry View: Attractive

Earnings momentum and IPR build-up are the reasons.

MSCI Country: India

Asia Strategist's Recommended Weight: 1.4% MSCI Asia/Pac All Country Ex Jp Weight: 6.0%

figure (which is higher, according to the management). Also, the company is focused on the profitability and, therefore, hasn't lowered prices meaningfully to gain share. The additional competition may not get launched in June.

- **Propecia.** The company did not offer comments whether it would launch the generic product in June 2006.
- I Venture deal for generic R&D might not be renewed for a second set of ANDA filings; i.e., beyond F06. The first set includes drugs filed in two years of F2005-06.
- Regulatory filings. DRL has 49 ANDAs (Abbreviated New Drug Application) pending USFDA approval and has done a cumulative 81 DMF (Drug Master File) submissions and 25 EDMF (European DMF) submissions.

Key Takeaways from F4Q06 Results

We have detailed F4Q06 results in Exhibits 2 and 3. Importantly, the fourth quarter numbers include 28 days data (March 2 onwards) of Betapharm and 3 months data of Roche's CPS business, both acquired by DRL over the last six months. According to management, the F4Q06 quarter number cannot be extrapolated to the full year due to partial inclusion of sales/costs, a few one-time acquisition related expenses and the 'not regular' business circumstances (due to management change over, we believe). Therefore, we have done a rather brief analysis of the quarter performance below.

Overall sales were up 29% (excluding the impact of Betapharm and Roche's CPS business), driven by the allround performance: domestic formulations (also helped by low base due to VAT issues last year), bulk active business (terbinafine, sertraline and montelukast), and international formulations. The EU generic business revenue (excluding Betapharm) declined to Rs325 million from Rs410 million last year due to price declines (now stabilized) for omeprazole and amlodipne. The North American generic business revenue was up 57% to Rs544 million driven by the new launches, zonisamide and glimipiride.

Gross margins compressed by 6 percentage points due to lower contribution from international formulation business and full quarter impact of lower margin Roche's CPS business. The company reported net losses of Rs236 million versus Rs520 million losses last year.

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Valuations and Price Target

The stock trades at 18 times our F2007 earnings estimate, a 15% discount to the sector. We believe that the current valuation is not factoring the near term earnings ramp for Dr Reddy's Lab.

We increase our price target to Rs1,584, implying 17% upside potential from current levels. We arrive at our new price target by applying a target earnings multiple of 21.3 (in line with the sector target P/E of 21x) to our F2007E EPS estimate of Rs74.4. The increase in our price target comes largely from our F2007 earnings upgrade and a marginal cut in the target P/E multiple (in line with the decline in sector valuations). We believe Dr Reddy's should trade in line with the industry P/E given the significant, but relatively shorter earnings growth period for three key products (6-9 month window for each generic opportunity – Allegra, Zofran and Zocor) and gradual IPR optionality.

The key downside risks to our price target are a loss of Zofran/Zocor exclusivities, lower-than expected market share in the US for its key products, failure of drugs in the research pipeline, and slower-than-expected recovery in the base business.

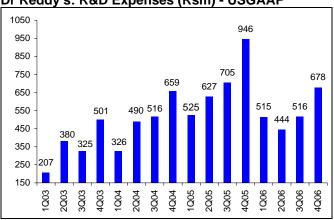


Exhibit 1 Dr Reddy's: R&D Expenses (Rsm) - USGAAP

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

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Exhibit 2 Dr. Reddy's: F4Q06 (As Per US GAAP)

<u>(Rs mn)</u>	F4Q06	F4Q05	%chg	F3Q06	%chg	F2006	F2005	%chg
(period ending)	31-Mar-06	31-Mar-05	YoY	31-Dec-05	QoQ	31-Mar-06	31-Mar-05	YoY
Total Sales	6974	4252	64.0%	5902	18.2%	24267	19472	24.6%
Total Expenses	7173	5041	42.3%	5568	28.8%	22825	19838	15.1%
Cost of Revenues	4036	2218	82.0%	2911	38.6%	12417	9386	32.3%
SG&A Expenses	2279	1721	32.4%	2026	12.5%	8029	6810	17.9%
R&D Expenses	678	946	-28.3%	516	31.4%	2153	2803	-23.2%
Amortization Expenses	162	87	86.2%	86	88.4%	420	350	20.0%
Other operating (income)/Expense			NM		NM	(320)		NM
Forex Loss (Gains)	18	69	-73.9%	29	-37.9%	126	489	-74.2%
Operating Profit	121	(789)	NM	334	-63.8%	1442	(366)	NM
Equity loss of affiliates	48	16	200.0%	9	433.3%	(88)	(58)	NM
Other Income (net) (%)	(369)	160	NM	591	NM	534	532	0.4
РВТ (%)	(296)	(645)	NM	916	NM	1887	107	1663.6
Тах	(62)	(127)	NM	287	NM	258	(94)	NM
Minority Interest	(1)	(1)	NM	1	NM	0	10	NM
РАТ (%)	(236)	(520)	NM	628	NM	1629	211	672.0
OPM (%)	1.7	-18.6	20.3	5.7	-3.9	5.9	-1.9	7.8
NPM (%)	-3.4	-12.2	8.8	10.6	-14.0	6.7	1.1	5.6
Effective Tax Rate (%)	NM	NM	NM	31.3	NM	13.7	-87.9%	101.5%

Exhibit 3

Dr. Reddy's: F4Q06 Revenue Mix (As Per US GAAP)

(Rs mn)	F4Q06	F4Q05	%chg	Revenue Share	F2006	F2005	%chg	Revenue Share
Domestic	1815	1209	50.1%	26.0%	7820	6332	23.5%	32.2%
Formulation	1269	832	52.5%	18.2%	5524	4360	26.7%	22.8%
Bulk	546	377	44.8%	7.8%	2296	1972	16.4%	9.5%
Exports	3929	2818	39.4%	56.3%	14399	12012	19.9%	59.3%
Formulation	811	680	19.3%	11.6%	4401	3463	27.1%	18.1%
Bulk	1544	1382	11.7%	22.1%	5942	4972	19.5%	24.5%
Generics*	1574	756	108.2%	22.6%	4056	3577	13.4%	16.7%
Custom Pharma								
Services**	1037	91	1039.6%	14.9%	1326	312	325.0%	5.5%
Emerging Businesses	164	133	23.3%	2.4%	691	527	31.1%	2.8%
Drug Discovery	0	0	NM	0.0%	0	0	NM	0.0%
Others	29	0	NM	0.4%	29	288	-89.9%	0.1%
Business-wise breakup								
Formulation	3654	2268	61.1%	52.4%	13981	11400	22.6%	57.6%
Bulk	2090	1759	18.8%	30.0%	8238	6944	18.6%	34.0%
Others	1230	224	449.1%	17.6%	2046	1127	81.5%	8.4%
Total Sales	6974	4251	64.1%		24265	19471	24.6%	

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Overweight/Buy	713	36%	261	41%	37%	
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Biocon Ltd (BION.BO)	U (10/24/2005)	Rs397.65
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Dr. Reddy's Lab (REDY.BO)	Overweight	Rs1357.40
	(12/19/2005)	
GlaxoSmithKline Pharma	E (02/15/2006)	Rs1130.00
(GLAX.BO)		
Lupin Ltd. (LUPN.BO)	U (03/31/2006)	Rs1030.90
Ranbaxy Laboratories (RANB.BO)	E (04/29/2005)	Rs411.45
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(SUN.BO)		
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