# Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd 

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Relative Performance


Source: Bloomberg, ENAM Research

## Stock data

| No. of shares | $: 93.3 \mathrm{mn}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Market cap | $:$ Rs.107bn |
| 52 week high/low | $:$ Rs $1,494 /$ Rs 493 |
| Avg. daily vol. (6mth) | $: 128,000$ shares |
| Bloomberg code | : ABNL IN |
| Reuters code | : ABRL.BO |


| Shareholding (\%) | Mar-07 | QoQ chg |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Promoters | $:$ | 39.0 | 0.7 |
| FIIs | $:$ | 15.0 | 1.1 |
| MFs / UTI | $:$ | 9.2 | 0.3 |
| Banks / FIs | $:$ | 11.4 | $(0.9)$ |
| Others | $:$ | 25.4 | $(1.2)$ |

## Growth Businesses Lead Valuations

Aditya Birla Nuvo (ABNL) reported a $44.3 \%$ YoY growth at the topline driven by higher growth in telecom, financial services and the BPO segment (led by consolidation of Minacs in this space). PAT growth at $17.7 \%$ YoY was impacted by higher interest outgo and depreciation.

## Telecom: Earnings/ Value driver

With $8.6 \%$ market share on a all-India subscriber base, holdings in Idea continue to be a dominant valuation driver for ABNL ( $\sim 65 \%$ currently). Idea's USD 2bn investments in the ensuing years is likely to increase its market share and lead to better growth rates; even from its foray in the long distance segment. Additionally, operating profit margin has an upside potential as new circles show improvement in profitability when they reach a threshold level subscriber base (with current base of just 0.65 mn in new circles). Idea's 3 new circles are in the investment phase causing a dent of $\sim 7 \%$ to Idea's consolidated EBITDA.

## Life Insurance: Increase in market share hold key

First year premiums in individual business segments grew at a muted rate of $10.7 \%$ YoY in Q4FY07; with individual business segment recording a $34.8 \%$ YoY growth in Q4FY07. We are given to understand that the new schemes - Supreme Life and Children's Dream Plan have received a good response. The coming year should see expansion in distribution reach, new product launches and efficient improvement in processes.

FY08 Capex: ABNL is planning Rs 6.7bn capex for BPO (Rs 1.6bn) and garments/apparel retail (Rs 1.8 bn ). This excludes $\sim$ Rs 4 bn capex in FY08 for insurance and USD 2bn capex by Idea over the next 2 yrs.

Valuations : Our revised our sum-of-parts valuation at Rs 1,376, indicates a fair share for telecom ( $64.7 \%$ share) and insurance ( $13.1 \%$ share). At CMP of Rs 1,150 , the stock trades at $30.5 x$ FY08E earnings of Rs 37.7. We reiterate our sector Outperformer rating on the stock.

Financial summary

| Y/E Mar | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Sales } \\ \text { (Rs mn) } \end{array}$ | EBIDTA <br> (Rs mn) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { PAT } \\ \text { (Rs mn) } \end{array}$ | Consensus <br> EPS* (Rs.) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EPS } \\ & \text { (Rs.) } \end{aligned}$ | Change <br> YoY (\%) | $\begin{gathered} P / E \\ (x) \end{gathered}$ | RoE (\%) | RoCE <br> (\%) | EV/EBIDTA <br> (x) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 | 31,708 | 2,309 | 645 | - | 10.8 | 143 | 37.1 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 13.5 |
| 2006 | 48,136 | 6,119 | 2,081 | - | 24.9 | 131 | 29.8 | 13.2 | 12.5 | 14.0 |
| 2007 | 82,580 | 10,751 | 2,812 | - | 30.1 | 21 | 35.2 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 14.3 |
| 2008E | 109,037 | 15,596 | 3,523 | 39.0 | 37.7 | 25 | 30.5 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 11.2 |

[^0]Results update (Consolidated)

| (Rs mn) | Quarter ended |  |  |  |  | 12 months ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar-07 | Mar-06 | \% Chg | Dec-06 | \% Chg | Mar-08E | Mar-07 | \% Chg |
| Net revenue | 25,441 | 17,550 | 45.0 | 22,888 | 11.2 | 109,037 | 82,580 | 32.0 |
| EBITDA | 2,848 | 1,921 | 48.3 | 2,994 | (4.9) | 15,596 | 10,751 | 45.1 |
| Other income | 202 | 77 | 162.8 | 85 | 138.3 | 226 | 649 | (65.2) |
| PBDIT | 3,051 | 1,998 | 52.7 | 3,079 | (0.9) | 15,822 | 11,400 | 38.8 |
| Depreciation | 1,170 | 747 | 56.5 | 1,193 | (1.9) | 6,626 | 4,228 | 56.7 |
| Interest | 1,094 | 361 | 202.8 | 1,129 | (3.0) | 4,596 | 3,629 | 26.6 |
| PBT | 787 | 889 | (11.5) | 758 | 3.8 | 4,600 | 3,543 | 29.8 |
| Tax | 164 | 256 | (35.7) | 292 | (43.7) | 1,518 | 1,115 | 36.2 |
| Minority Interest | (178) | (73) | 143.2 | (99) | 79.2 | (441) | (383) | 15.0 |
| Adj. PAT | 800 | 706 | 13.3 | 565 | 41.6 | 3,523 | 2,812 | 25.3 |
| Extra ordinary income / (exp) | 25 | (5) | - | (11) | - | - | - | - |
| Reported PAT | 825 | 701 | 17.7 | 554 | 49.1 | 3,523 | 2,812 | 25.3 |
| No of Shares (mn) | 93 | 84 | - | 84 | - | 93 | 93 |  |
| EBDITA margins (\%) | 11.2 | 10.9 | 25.2 | 13.1 | (14.4) | 14.3 | 13.0 | 9.9 |
| PBIDT margins (\%) | 12.0 | 11.4 | 60.8 | 13.5 | (10.9) | 14.5 | 13.8 | 5.1 |
| EPS - annualized (Rs.) | 34.3 | 33.8 | 1.3 | 27.1 | 26.7 | 37.7 | 30.1 | 25.3 |

Source: Company, ENAM Research

Valuations:

| Sum-of-parts valuation | (Rs mn) | Valuation Parameter (FY08) |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| IT Services | 432 | $6 \times$ EBITDA |
| VFY / Rayon | 6,811 | $6 x$ EBITDA |
| Garments | 5,980 | $6 x$ EBITDA |
| Fertilizer | 8,827 | $5 x$ EBITDA |
| Carbon Black | 8,893 | $6 x$ EBITDA |
| Insulators | 2,389 | $6 x$ EBITDA |
| Textiles | 5,508 | $6 x$ EBITDA |
| BPO (incl. Minacs) | 11,794 | $1.2 x$ Sales |
| Insurance (74\% stake*) | 19,739 | At NBAP of 15\% \& valuation of 18x |
| Telecom (31.8\% stake) | 97,789 | Implied EV/Sub at ~USD 379 @41 INR-USD |
| Birla AMC (50\% stake) | 5,994 | AMC valued at 5\% of AUM |
| Other Financial Svcs. (50\% stake) | 235 | $6 \times$ PAT |
| Business value | 174,390 | - |
| Less: Debt | 28,318 | - |
| Equity valuation | 146,072 | - |
| Equity post rights issue (mn nos.) | 93.3 | - |
| ABNL Sum-of-parts value (Rs) | $\mathbf{1 , 5 6 5}$ |  |

Source: ENAM Research Note:* Economic interest in insurance JV may fall to 51\% in future

FY08E Valuations - Discount Table

| (Rs / share) | Discount to Insurance and Telecom |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Nil | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ |
| Businesses Other Than Insurance and Telecom | 306 | 306 | 306 | 306 |
| Insurance | 212 | 201 | 190 | 180 |
| Telecom | 1,048 | 995 | 943 | 891 |
| Valuation Range | $\mathbf{1 , 5 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 7 6}$ |

[^1]Segmental Analysis (Consolidated) - Q4FY07

| (Rs. mn) <br> Branded garments | Quarterly Sales |  |  | Quarterly PBIT |  |  | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar-07 | Mar-06 | \% Chg | Mar-07 | Mar-06 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Chg } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | 2,189 | 1,584 | 38.2 | 165 | 90 | 82.7 | Branded garments - Own retail stores and brand momentum led to sustained volume momentum across shorts, trousers and suits segments. ABNL has 3.1 lac sq. ft retail space currently and has locked an additional 2.5 lac sq. ft. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Contract exports - Volume growth aided by capacity expansion as well as client additions in Europe and US. ABNL intends to expand capacity in shirts and knits by Aug 2007 |
| Rayon (VFY Chemicals) | $1,074$ | 1,005 | 6.9 | 123 | 223 | (44.7) | For Q4, realization for VFY improved to Rs $169 / \mathrm{kg}$ ( $\uparrow 8 \%$ ) on back of exports and better product mix, while realization for chemicals was flat. Though margins were down for Q4FY07, installation of captive power plant in Sep 2006 helped overall margins for FY07 |
| Carbon black | 1,813 | 1,554 | 16.7 | 294 | 180 | 63.6 | Although volumes were flat for Q4FY07, pricing was up $16 \%$. For full year FY07, robust demand from the auto sector ensured improved pricing, consequently resulting in better margins. ABNL intends to complete a brownfield expansion of 60 ktpa by June 2007 at a cost of Rs 358mn. |
| Insulators | 702 | 682 | 2.9 | 203 | 100 | 102.3 | Labour unrest impacted production and sales volumes, though better pricing cushioned revenues. NGK has exited this business and ABNL now owns $100 \%$ in this subsidiary. |
| Textiles | 1,590 | 1,485 | 7.0 | 111 | 101 | 10.1 | Woolen segment continues to do well ( $47 \%$ growth in FY07). Although linen segment degrew by7\% in Q4, it maintained a healthy $9 \%$ growth for full year. ABNL intends to increase its share of value added products in worsted segment and is looking at expanding capacity for linen. It has also decided to downsize the synthetics capacity (and possibly shut production in FY08) since margins are thin. |
| Fertilizers | 1,977 | 1,556 | 27.0 | 312 | 209 | 48.9 | For Q4, higher volumes ( $\uparrow 14 \%$ ) with higher capacity utilization led revenue growth. New fertilizer policy impacted OPM and the management believes that regulations are still not conducive for improving margins in FY08. |
| Life Insurance | 7,202 | 7,033 | 2.4 | (648) | (279) | 132.7 | New product launches in late FY07 resulted in 35\% growth for Q4 in the individual segment. Group segment did not do well in Q4 ( $\downarrow 9 \%$ ), but managed to grow $41 \%$ for FY07. S\&M efforts were intensified once again leading to increasing loses. |
| Software | 249 | 255 | (2.5) | 28 | 22 | 26.7 | Higher proportion of offshore effort is aiding the revival of margins. |
| BPO | 3,739 | 435 | 759.8 | 78 | 71 | 10.0 | Transworks - Higher proportion of non-voice bodes well for margin improvement going forward. Company has managed to grow $21 \%$ for FY07 despite fall in total no. of employees to 3,596 (from 4,114 at end FY06). PAT was impacted mainly due to increased interest burden on account of Minacs acquisition. <br> Minacs - One time restructuring costs and a change in accounting policies have widened bottomline loses. ABNL believes Minacs can achieve a 8-9\% sustainable OPM going forward (4.1\% for Q4) |


| (Rs. mn) | Quarterly Sales |  |  | Quarterly PBIT |  |  | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar-07 | Mar-06 | \% Chg | Mar-07 | Mar-06 | $\begin{array}{r} \% \\ \text { \% } \mathrm{F} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Telecom | 4,491 | 1,704 | 163.5 | 958 | 413 | 131.8 | No. of subscribers at end FY07 reached $\sim 14 \mathrm{mn}$ ( $\uparrow 91 \%$ from FY 06 ). Stellar growth in 8 established circles. Although new circles impacted OPM negatively (due to investment phase), these hold good potential for future growth. IDEA plans to rollout services in Mumbai and Bihar by Jan 2008. |
| Financial Svcs. | 456 | 282 | 61.7 | 68 | 70 | (2.6) | Financials for Q4FY07 are lower across segments, though company has done well for full year FY07. |
| Others | (41) | (25) | 65.2 | 0 | (0) | (133.3) | - |
| Total Inc. * | 25,441 | 17,550 | 45.0 | 1,692 | 1,201 | 40.9 | - |

Source: Company , ENAM Research,* After Inter Segmental Revenue

Revenue: Changing Complexion
PBIT: New Businesses picking up slowly


[^2]
## Capex plans for FY08



## Source: Company

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[^0]:    Source: *Consensus broker estimates, Company, ENAM estimates

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