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## **Hindustan Unilever**

<b>BSE SENSEX</b> 18,969	<b>S&amp;P CNX</b> 5,687	Rs27	'1								Ne	eutral
Bloomberg	HUVR IN	YEAR	NET SALES	РАТ	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	ROE	ROCE	EVI	EVI
Equity Shares (m)	2,177.5	END	(R\$ M)	(RS M)	(R\$)	GR. ( <b>%</b> )	(X)	(X)	(*)	(*)	SALES	EBITDA
52-Week Range (Rs)	329/218	03/10A	177,253	20,587	9.4	-0.4	28.7	22.9	79.7	105.1	3.2	20.4
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%)	-1/3/-10	03/11E	195,487	20,802	9.5	1.0	28.4	19.8	69.8	88.4	2.9	21.4
M.Cap. (Rs b)	590.1	03/12E	218,873	22,851	10.5	9.9	25.9	17.6	68.2	87.5	2.6	19.2
M.Cap. (US\$ b)	12.9	03/13E	244,038	25,872	11.9	13.2	22.9	15.7	68.7	88.6	2.3	16.7

### Key takeaways from the concall

- The 3QFY11 concall highlighted innovation and market intervention strategies that enabled Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) to grow ahead of the market, strengthening its leadership.
- Palm fatty acid and other crude-linked costs are rising. HUL is making calibrated price increases but it is not possible to completely mitigate the impact of input cost inflation.
- Although inflation is high, consumer demand has not been impacted so far.
- The FMCG market will be very competitive and adspends are unlikely to fall in the medium term.

### 3QFY11: 13% volume growth, margins fall 310bp, PAT down 2%

HUL's 3QFY11 volumes grew 13%, the fourth consecutive quarter of double digit volume growth. FMCG sales grew sequentially from 9.7% to 11.5%. Gross margins expanded 180bp to 49.9%. Adspends grew 17.4% YoY to Rs7.4b, ad/ sales expanded 70bp YoY to 14.5%. EBITDA margins contracted 310bp to 14.1% and EBITDA de-grew 8% to Rs7.2b (against our estimate of Rs7.9b). Soaps and detergents EBIT margins fell 570bp to 7.7% and personal products EBIT margins fell 310bp. Adjusted PAT fell 2.1% to Rs5.9b.

### Cutting estimates due to higher input costs, competitive pricing; Neutral

- We expect sequential improvement in 4QFY11 profit margins of soaps and detergents due to (1) a low base in 4QFY10 and (2) benefit from 4-5% increase in toilet soap prices.
- HUL will face strong headwinds due to (1) a likely increase in competition, (2) high input costs and (3) a higher base.
- We are cutting FY10-13 estimates by 4-8% to factor in the impact of (1) input cost inflation, (2) competitive pricing and (3) higher financial other income due to an increase in interest rates.
- We are reducing FY11 EPS estimates to Rs9.5 (earlier Rs9.9), FY12 EPS estimates to Rs10.5 (Rs11.2 earlier) and FY13 EPS estimates to Rs11.8 (Rs12.9 earlier). The stock trades at 25.9x FY12E and 22.9x FY13E. Neutral.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE									(R	s Million)
Y/E MARCH		FY	10			FY11			FY10	FY11E
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE		
Volume Growth (%)	2.0	1.0	5.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	13.0	9.0	4.8	11.5
Net Sales (incl service inc)	45,026	42,692	45,732	43,802	48,762	47,647	51,277	47,801	177,253	195,487
YoY Change (%)	6.3	3.9	4.4	8.5	8.3	11.6	12.1	9.1	5.4	10.3
Gross Profit	21,910	21,181	23,622	21,627	24,296	23,817	25,586	22,663	88,474	96,361
Margin %	48.7	49.6	51.7	49.4	49.8	50.0	49.9	47.4	49.9	49.3
EBITDA	7,150	6,520	7,875	5,955	6,809	6,469	7,250	5,582	27,500	26,110
Margins (%)	15.9	15.3	17.2	13.6	14.D	13.6	14.1	11.7	15.5	13.4
Depreciation	425	462	450	503	535	554	563	575	1,840	2,227
Interest	52	15	2	1	1	1	1	3	70	5
Other Income	335	473	389	284	421	768	770	494	1,481	2,454
РВТ	7,009	6,515	7,812	5,735	6,695	6,683	7,456	5,498	27,071	26,331
Tax	1,643	1,520	1,822	1,513	1,485	1,426	1,589	1,030	6,481	5,530
Rate (%)	23.4	23.3	23.3	26.4	22.2	21.3	21.3	18.7	23.9	21.0
Adjusted PAT	5,367	4,995	5,990	4,221	5,210	5,257	5,867	4,468	20,590	20,802
YoY Change (%)	-0.6	9.4	-1.8	-7.6	-2.9	5.2	-2.1	5.8	0.7	1.0
Extraordinary Inc/(Exp)	65	-710	501	1,591	122	404	508	0	1,430	1,035
Reported Profit	5,432	4,285	6,491	5,812	5,332	5,661	6,375	4,468	22,020	21,837
E: MOSL Estimates, PFAD - 1QF	'Y08 as 10t	7 with 3m	onth lag							

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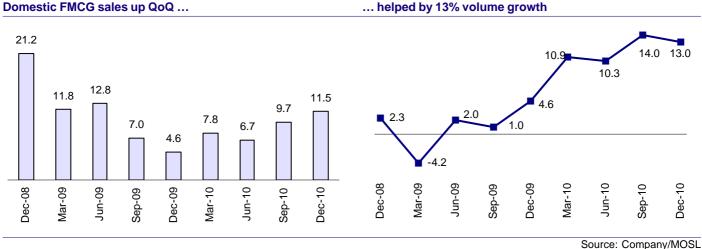
### Key takeaways from the concall

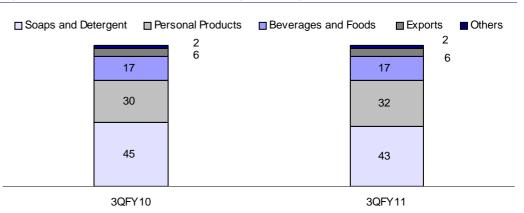
- 3QFY11 concall highlighted the fourth consecutive quarter of double digit volume growth, which indicates the success of the company's innovation programs and market intervention strategies as it grew ahead of the market in terms of volume and value, strengthening its leadership.
- Input costs are a key concern as prices of palm oil-based inputs (above their 2008 peak) were up by more than 50% in 3QFY11??? Besides, crude-linked carriage and freight costs are also rising. HUL has increased toilet soap prices by 4-5% since September 2010, though it is not possible to completely mitigate the impact of input cost inflation.
- HUL continues to invest in the categories of tomorrow, including water, hair conditioners, fabric conditioner, deodorants and premium skin care. HUL said it would continue to make new innovations and product launches.
- Although inflation is high, consumer demand has not been impacted so far.
- The Indian FMCG market will be extremely competitive due to long term attractiveness and advertising spends are unlikely to decline in the medium term.

### Volume up 13% but margin contraction drives 2.1% PAT decline

HUL 3QFY11 sales grew 12.1% to Rs51.3b and adjusted PAT declined 2.1% to Rs5.9b.

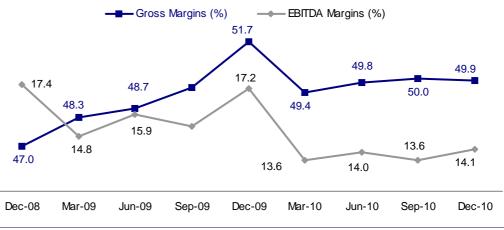
- Volumes grew 13%, the fourth consecutive quarter of double digit volume growth.
  FMCG sales growth increased QoQ from 9.7% to 11.5%.
- Gross margins expanded 180bp to 49.9%. Ad-spends grew 17.4% YoY to Rs7.4b, ad/ sales expanded 70bp YoY to 14.5% and other expenses increased 17.7% YoY to 16.8% of sales.
- EBITDA margins contracted 310bp to 14.1% and EBITDA de-grew 8% to Rs7.2b.
- A 98% increase in financial other income and a 200bp lower tax rate cushioned PAT growth decline to 2%. Reported PAT of Rs6.4b included exceptional income from gain on the sale of long-term investment (Rs159m) and properties (Rs492m).
- Soap and detergent EBIT margins were at an all time low of 7.7% and margins are likely to expand sequentially.
- Personal care: sales were up 20% YoY and EBIT margins were down 310bp. We expect competition to stiffen.
- Food sales were up 13% YoY and beverage EBIT increased 24% due to higher prices. Export EBIT rose 200%.





### Higher share of personal products arrest gross margin contraction

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Source: Company/MOSL

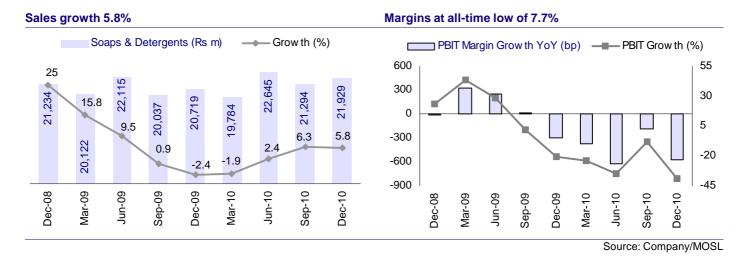
### **Quarterly segment analysis**

	3QFY11	3QFY10	Chg. %	9MFY11	9MFY10	Chg. %
Net Sales (Rs m)						
Soaps and Detergents	21,929	20,719	5.8	65,868	62,872	4.8
Personal Products	16,547	13,770	20.2	43,850	37,927	15.6
Beverages	6,022	5,511	9.3	17,101	15,723	8.8
Processed Foods	2,219	1,872	18.6	6,525	5,332	22.4
Ice Creams	481	368	30.9	2,076	1,757	18.2
Exports	2,909	2,653	9.7	8,204	7,497	9.4
EBIT (Rs Mn)						
Soaps and Detergents	1,693	2,785	-39.2	6,682	9,325	-28.3
Personal Products	4,769	4,399	8.4	11,296	10,232	10.4
Beverages	1,014	817	24.0	2,585	2,408	7.3
Processed Foods	-161	-13	1184.8	45	-35	-230.6
Ice Creams	-6	-37	-84.5	202	143	41.8
Exports	227	75	201.2	643	452	42.1
EBIT Margin %						
Soaps and Detergents	7.7	13.4	-5.7	10.1	14.8	-4.7
Personal Products	28.8	31.9	-3.1	25.8	27.0	-1.2
Beverages	16.8	14.8	2.0	15.1	15.3	-0.2
Processed Foods	-7.2	-0.7	-6.6	0.7	-0.6	1.3
Ice Creams	-1.2	-10.2	9.0	9.7	8.1	1.6
Exports	7.8	2.8	5.0	7.8	6.0	1.8

Source: Company/MOSL

### Soaps, detergents EBIT margins at all time low; may expand QoQ

Soaps and detergents (43% of sales) posted 5.8% sales growth and 39.2% decline in EBIT, indicating 570bp YoY and 400bp QoQ decline in margins. EBIT margins are at an all time low for HUL in the segment. Competition and a delay in passing on input cost increases impacted profit margins. HUL raised prices of Pears and Dove but prices were left untouched in the laundry segment in 3QFY11, possibly due to concerns over market share loss.

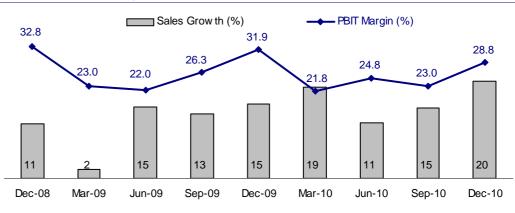


The premium personal wash portfolio and Rin recorded good volume growth with overall growth ahead of the market. HUL reported small market share gains in toilet soaps after a long gap. PFAD (Palm Fatty Acid) and LAB prices were up ~50% and 11% respectively in 3QFY11. Our channel check suggests HUL is increasing Lux and Lifebuoy prices by 4-5% (price increase and grammage change) which should relieve input cost pressure in 4QFY11. However, margins are unlikely to return to 14-15% as they were 12-18 months earlier.

#### PFAD prices up ~50% in 3QFY11 LAB prices up 11% in 3QFY11 Palm Fatty Acid LAB Prices 1,200 140 998 950 USD/MT 110 Rs/Kg 10 91 90 700 87 86 80 614 450 50 200 Aug-10 Apr-07 Aug-07 Apr-08 Aug-08 Dec-08 Apr-09 Aug-09 Apr-10 Dec-06 Dec-07 Dec-10 Feb-10 Dec-09 <sup>-</sup>eb-08 Jay-08 Feb-09 Aay-09 Jay-10 Aug-07 Aug-08 Nov-08 Aug-09 Vov-09 .ug-10 Vov-10 May-07 Nov-07 Source: Company/MOSL

### Personal care sales up, EBIT margins down; stiff competition expected

Personal product sales grew 20% and margins contracted 310bp to 28.8% but EBIT grew just 8.4%. Skin care led sales growth due to strong demand for winter creams and the success of innovations in Fair & Lovely, Ponds White Beauty and Vaseline. HUL had increased prices of personal care products like FAL, Close-Up and Pepsodent, which partially offset the impact of input cost inflation. HUL is leading innovation in skin care, deodorants and hair care but competitive intensity is increasing in key sub-segments in high margin skin creams, and competition in hair care is particularly fierce. We believe competitive intensity in personal care could intensify due to (1) the likely entry of P&G in toothpastes and (2) reduction in entry level prices by P&G and other MNCs in the skin care segment. Margins are likely to be under pressure.



#### Personal products margins disappoint

Source: Company/MOSL

### Food sales up, beverage EBIT up on higher prices; exports EBIT up 200%

Food, beverages and ice-cream sales grew 12.5% and EBIT grew 10%. Growth was led by the beverage segment, which posted a 9% increase in sales and 24% increase in EBIT as margins expanded 200bp. Processed food sales grew 18.6% to Rs2.2b and EBIT loss increased to Rs161m as margins declined 660bp due to high input costs and ad spends on key brands. Higher prices of tea and coffee brands and the relaunch of Red Label tea boost beverage performance. Exports posted 500bp margin expansion and 200% jump in EBIT.

### Estimates cut due to higher input costs, competitive pricing; Neutral

- HUL posted all-time low EBIT margins of 7.7% in soaps and detergents due to competitive pricing in laundry and a sharp increase in input costs of PFAD (Palm Fatty Acid), a key input in toilet soaps. We expect sequential improvement in profit margins of soaps and detergents due to (1) a low base in 4QFY11 and (2) benefits from 4-5% increase in toilet soap prices.
- HUL aggressively launched new innovations and products but rising competition and input costs impaired profitability.
- We expect increased competition in the personal care segment due to (1) P&G's likely entry in the toothpaste segment and (2) a reduction in entry level prices by P&G and other MNCs in the skin care segment. We believe structural adjustment in personal care margins is a key determinant for the coming couple of years. It is the most

profitable segment with 25.8% EBIT margins v/s 14.1% for HUL and accounted for 51% of EBIT in 9mFY11.

- We believe HUL will face strong headwinds due to (1) the likelihood of increased competition in the toothpaste and skin creams segments, (2) high input costs and (3) a higher base as it has reported its fourth consecutive quarter of double digit volume growth.
- We are cutting FY10-13 estimates by 4-8% to factor in the impact of (1) input cost inflation, (2) competitive pricing and (3) higher financial other income due to an increase in interest rates.
- We are reducing FY11 EPS estimates to Rs9.5 (earlier Rs9.9), FY12 EPS estimates to Rs10.5 (Rs11.2 earlier) and FY13 EPS estimates to Rs11.8 (Rs12.9 earlier). The stock trades at 25.9x FY12E and 22.9x FY13E. Maintain Neutral.

### Downgrading estimates by 4-8%

Particular		FY11			FY12			FY13	
_	Prev.	New	% Chg	Prev.	New	% Chg	Prev.	New	% Chg
	Est	est		Est	est		Est	Est	
Net Sales	196,288	195,487	-0.4	219,701	218,873	-0.4	245,486	244,038	-0.6
Sales Growth (%)	10.7	5.1		11.9	12.0	11.7	11.5		
EBITDA	27,470	26,110	-5.0	31,168	28,751	-7.8	35,604	32,548	-8.6
EBITDA Margin (%)	14.0	13.4		14.2	13.1		14.5	13.3	
PAT	21,688	20,802	-4.1	24,465	22,851	-6.6	28,154	25,872	-8.1
PAT Growth (%)	5.3	2.9		12.8	9.9		15.1	13.2	
EPS (Rs)	9.9	9.5	-4.1	11.2	10.5	-6.6	12.9	11.9	-8.1
EPS Growth (%)	5.3	2.9		12.8	9.9		15.1	13.2	

Source: Company/MOSL

### Hindustan Unilever: an investment profile

### **Company description**

Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) is the largest company in the FMCG industry, with market leadership in soaps, detergents and personal care categories. It has a wide distribution network with direct reach of over 1m retail outlets. HUL is a subsidiary of Anglo Dutch FMCG giant Unilever.

### Key investment argument

- It is the market leader in most of the categories and has strong brands.
- It has a product range that straddles categories and it has a presence at all price points.
- A decline in raw material prices will result in improved margins.

### Key Investment risk

- Loss in market share has forced HUL to pass on significant benefit from reduction in raw material prices.
- Competitive pressure has intensified with more companies entering personal care and toilet soap and detergents which account for 80% of HUL' profits.

### **Recent developments**

- HUL has increased prices in key mass market soap brands over the past 15 days.
- During the quarter the company launched Bedami flavored Ice Cream.

### Valuation and view

- We are reducing FY11 EPS estimates to Rs9.5 (earlier Rs9.9), FY12 EPS estimates to Rs10.5 (Rs11.2 earlier) and those for FY13 to Rs11.8 (Rs12.9 earlier).
- The stock trades at 25.9x FY12E and 22.9x FY13E. Maintain Neutral.

### Sector view

- We have a cautious view on the sector due to inflationary pressure in the economy.
- Companies with competitive positions (Dabur is a follower in bigger categories) will be better placed to withstand a slowdown in a particular segment.
- Long term prospects are bright given rising incomes and low penetration.

Comparative	valuatior	IS		
		HLL	ITC	Nestle
P/E (x)	FY11E	28.4	26.2	41.4
	FY12E	25.9	22.3	34.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	FY11E	21.4	16.4	27.7
	FY12E	19.2	13.7	22.7
EV/Sales (x)	FY11E	2.9	5.8	5.4
	FY12E	2.6	5.0	4.5
P/BV (x)	FY11E	19.8	7.5	42.4
	FY12E	17.6	6.3	29.7

### EPS: MOSL forecast v/s Consensus (Rs)

FY11 9.5 10.	1 -5.9
FY12 10.5 11.	5 -8.5

### Target price and recommendation

Current	Target	Upside	Reco.
Price (Rs)	Price (Rs)	(%)	
271	261	-3.7	Neutral

### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

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	Dec-10	Sep-10	Dec-09
Promoter	52.0	52.0	52.0
Domestic Inst	12.7	12.9	13.9
Foreign	17.8	17.5	15.4
Others	17.5	17.6	18.7

### Stock performance



### **Financials and Valuations**

INCOME STATEMENT			(RS I	MILLION)
Y/E MARCH	FY10	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
Net Sales	175,238	191,945	214,997	239,765
Other Operating Income	2,015	3,542	3,876	4,273
Total Revenue	177,253	195,487	218,873	244,038
Change (%)	-14.0	10.3	12.0	11.5
COGS	88,779	99,125	112,004	124,361
Gross Profit	88,474	96,361	106,870	119678
Operating Exp	60,975	70,252	78,119	87,130
EBIDTA	27,500	26,110	28,751	32,548
Change (%)	-9.5	-5.1	10.1	13.2
Margin (%)	15.5	13.4	13.1	13.3
Depreciation	1,840	2,227	2,446	2,637
Int. and Fin. Charges	70	5	10	10
Other Income - Recurring	1,481	2,454	3,002	3,482
Profit before Taxes	27,071	26,331	29,296	33,383
Change (%)	-10.5	-2.7	11.3	13.9
Margin (%)	15.4	13.7	13.6	13.9
Tax	6,262	5,319	6,152	7,177
Deferred Tax	221	211	293	334
Tax Rate (%)	24.0	21.0	22.0	22.5
Profit after Taxes	20,587	20,802	22,851	25,872
Change (%)	-16.0	1.0	9.9	13.2
Margin (%)	11.7	10.8	10.6	10.8
Non-rec. (Exp)/Income	1,433	1,035	0	0
Reported PAT	22,020	21,837	22,851	25,872

Y/E MARCH	FY10	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
Basic (Rs)				
EPS	9.4	9.5	10.5	11.9
Cash EPS	10.3	10.6	11.6	13.1
BV/Share	11.8	13.7	15.4	17.3
DPS	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.5
Payout %	68.9	73.4	71.6	71.7
Valuation (x)				
P/E	28.7	28.4	25.9	22.9
Cash P/E	26.4	25.7	23.4	20.7
EV/Sales	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.3
EVIEBITDA	20.4	21.4	19.2	16.7
P/BV	22.9	19.8	17.6	15.7
Dividend Yield (%)	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	79.7	69.8	68.2	68.7
RoCE	105.1	88.4	87.5	88.6
Vorking Capital Ratios				
Debtor (Days)	14	14	14	14
Asset Turnover (x)	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4
Leverage Ratio				
Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

BALANCE SHEET			(RS M	AILLION)
Y/E MARCH	FY10	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
Share Capital	2,182	2,182	2,182	2,182
Reserves	23,653	27,622	31,329	35,504
Net Worth	25,835	29,804	33,510	37,685
Loans	0	0	0	0
Capital Employed	25,835	29,804	33,510	37,685
Gross Block	35,820	40,320	43,320	46,820
Less: Accum. Depn.	-14,199	-16,426	-18,872	-21,509
Net Fixed Assets	21,621	23,894	24,448	25,311
Capital WIP	2,740	1,500	1,500	1,500
Investments	29,249	30,658	38,232	45,872
Deferred Charges	2,488	2,658	2,840	3,034
Curr. Assets, L&A	37,854	39,859	43,720	47,825
Inventory	21,799	23,697	26,219	28,887
Account Receivables	6,784	7,362	8,246	8,868
Cash and Bank Balance	2,314	2,308	2,425	2,884
Others	6,957	6,491	6,829	7,185
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	67,332	68,765	77,229	85,857
Account Payables	43,737	44,402	50,037	55,694
Other Liabilities	15,374	16,064	17,691	19,443
Provisions	8,221	8,299	9,500	10,719
Net Current Assets	-29,478	-28,907	-33,509	-38,032
Application of Funds	26,620	29,804	33,510	37,685
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT			(RS I	AILLION)
Y/E MARCH	FY10	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E
OP/(loss) before Tax	27,500	26,110	28,751	32,548
Int./Div. Received	1,481	2,454	3,002	3,482
Interest Paid	-70	-5	-10	-10
Direct Taxes Paid	-6,262	-5,319	-6,152	-7,177
(Incr)/Decr in WC	12,190	-577	4,719	4,982
Change in Deff	60	-170	-182	-194
CF from Operations	34,898	22,493	30,128	33,630
Extraordinary Items	1,433	1,035	0	0
(Incr)/Decr in FA	-5,021	-3,260	-3,000	-3,500
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-10,055	-1,409	-7,574	-7,640
CF from Invest.	-13,643	-3,634	-10,574	-11,140
Change in Networth	-239	0	0	0
(Incr)/Decr in Debt	-4,219	0	0	0
Dividend Paid	-16,561	-17,868	-19,144	-21,697
Others	172	-996	-293	-334
CF from Fin. Activity	-20,848	-18,864	-19,437	-22,031
Incr/Decr of Cash	407	-6	117	459
Add: Opening Balance	1,906	2,314	2,308	2,425
Closing Balance	2,313	2,308	2,425	2,884

E: MOSL Estimates

### NOTES



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