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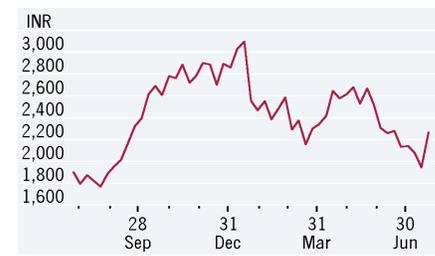
Reliance Industries (RELI.BO)

Buy: In-Line 1Q; Projects Inch Closer, but Low Visibility on Timing

- 1Q in-line** — RIL's 1Q net income of Rs41.1bn was up 13% yoy but largely in-line with estimates. Key highlights of the quarter were: (1) sequentially flat GRM of US\$15.7/bbl, as differential to Singapore GRM contracted surprisingly, (2) slightly better than expected petchem quarter, and (3) higher crude-led upstream contribution despite lower gas volumes. This was offset by rise in other expenses due to (i) forex losses and (ii) higher conversion & selling costs.
- GRMs disappoint a tad** — GRM at US\$15.7/bbl was below expectations (despite inventory gain of US\$1.7); the differential contracted from US\$8.5 to US\$7.5, against the trend in other diesel-heavy PSU refineries. Absolute EBIT, however, rose 7% qoq, aided by INR depreciation. While petchem margins were flat, EBIT was +8% qoq despite 3% volume decline, as PVC & PX spreads widened.
- D6 to start soon, resolution of gas allocation critical** — Mgmt. expressed confidence in its ability to sell gas as per gas utilization and pricing policy. On the 80IB tax issue, the issue will likely be resolved in courts once it files its first tax returns. The two refineries would require 10-12mmscmd to start with. The east-west pipeline is ready and currently being tested. RIL also announced a discovery in D6 in a new channel play, which could gain in significance. Meanwhile, MA development plan has been approved for capex of US\$2.5bn.
- RPL commissioning in stages** — Mgmt. indicated that the refinery will be commissioned in stages, i.e., CDU-wise and would involve a period of trial production. However, there was little visibility on the target markets especially gasoline given the increasing challenges in the market.

Buy/Low Risk	1L
Price (24 Jul 08)	Rs2,306.55
Target price	Rs2,850.00
Expected share price return	23.6%
Expected dividend yield	0.7%
Expected total return	24.2%
Market Cap	Rs3,352,913M
	US\$79,708M

Price Performance (RIC: RELI.BO, BB: RIL IN)



Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2006A	90,693	65.10	19.8	35.4	11.2	26.4	0.4
2007A	119,434	82.18	26.2	28.1	5.2	25.8	0.5
2008E	148,046	101.87	24.0	22.6	4.4	21.1	0.7
2009E	198,827	136.82	34.3	16.9	3.6	23.5	0.9
2010E	231,120	159.04	16.2	14.5	3.0	22.5	1.0

Source: Powered by dataCentral

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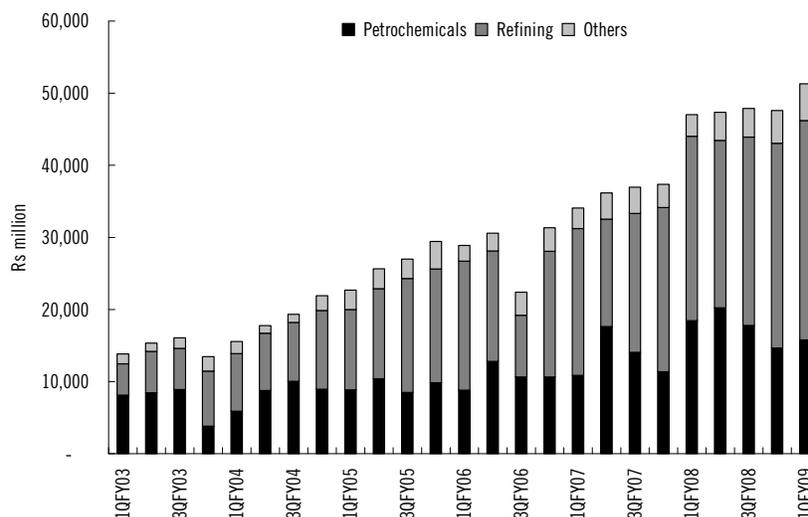
RIL 1QFY09 Results – Key Highlights

Figure 1. RIL 1QFY09 Results (Rupees in Millions)

Year to 31-Mar	1QFY08	4QFY08	1QFY09	% yoy	Comments
Net sales	295,240	372,860	415,790	40.8%	Driven primarily by higher absolute prices
Expenditure					
Inc/dec in stock	8,780	12,320	(26,070)	-396.9%	
Raw materials - external purchases	200,100	268,660	341,170	70.5%	
Staff cost	4,960	5,760	6,510	31.3%	
Other expenditure	24,670	25,940	32,970	33.6%	Driven by Rs2.8bn forex losses on WC loans, higher selling & distribution costs, and higher conversion costs
Total	(238,510)	(312,680)	(354,580)	48.7%	
EBITDA	56,730	60,180	61,210	7.9%	Sequentially flat petchem as well as refining margins
<i>EBITDA margins</i>	<i>19.2</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>-449bps</i>	
Interest	(2,950)	(2,720)	(2,940)	-0.3%	
Depreciation	(11,250)	(13,800)	(11,510)	2.3%	qoq lower due to WDV and as 80% of US\$1.7bn capex in 1QFY09 was on E&P and captured entirely in CWIP
Non-op income	1,970	2,890	2,260	14.7%	
PBT	44,500	46,550	49,020	10.2%	
Tax	(5,170)	(5,440)	(5,670)		
PAT after current tax	39,330	41,110	43,350	10.2%	
Provision for deferred tax	(3,030)	(1,990)	(2,250)		
<i>Tax rate (%)</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>-227bps</i>	
Net profit (reported)	36,300	39,120	41,100	13.2%	

Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 2. RIL – Quarterly EBIT Break-up (Rupees in Millions)



Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research. Note: Figures from 1QFY08 onwards are post-merger with IPCL.

Figure 3. RIL 1QFY09 Segmental Profitability (Rupees in Millions)

Year to 31-Mar	1QFY08	4QFY08	1QFY09	%YoY	%QoQ	Comments
Revenues						
Petrochemicals	132,130	141,190	148,710	13%	5%	Higher absolute prices; qoq decline in production
<i>% of total</i>	<i>36.6%</i>	<i>32.1%</i>	<i>30.7%</i>			
Refining	223,280	286,860	325,870	46%	14%	Higher absolute prices
<i>% of total</i>	<i>61.8%</i>	<i>65.2%</i>	<i>67.4%</i>			
Oil and Gas	5,180	8,280	7,870	52%	-5%	
<i>% of total</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>1.6%</i>			
Others	720	3,420	1,240	72%	-64%	
<i>% of total</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>0.3%</i>			
Intra - segment sales/transfers	48,410	52,780	53,190			
Excise Duties recovered	17,660	14,110	14,710			
Net sales	295,240	372,860	415,790	41%	12%	
PBIT						
Petrochemicals	18,450	14,660	15,790	-14%	8%	Higher absolute qoq EBIT despite production decline due to widening of PVC and PX spreads and weaker rupee
<i>% of total</i>	<i>39.2%</i>	<i>30.8%</i>	<i>30.8%</i>			
<i>Margin</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>10.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>-24%</i>	<i>2%</i>	
Refining	25,570	28,390	30,400	19%	7%	While GRMs were flat qoq, absolute margins were positively impacted by weaker rupee
<i>% of total</i>	<i>54.4%</i>	<i>59.6%</i>	<i>59.2%</i>			
<i>Margin</i>	<i>11.5%</i>	<i>9.9%</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>-19%</i>	<i>-6%</i>	
Oil & Gas	2,900	4,470	5,030	73%	13%	Higher crude prices more than compensated for decline in gas production owing to a shutdown at Panna-Mukta
<i>% of total</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>9.8%</i>			
<i>Margin</i>	<i>56.0%</i>	<i>54.0%</i>	<i>63.9%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>18%</i>	
Others	110	90	90	-18%	0%	
<i>% of total</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>			
<i>Margin</i>	<i>15.3%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>-52%</i>	<i>176%</i>	
Total PBIT	47,030	47,610	51,310	9%	8%	

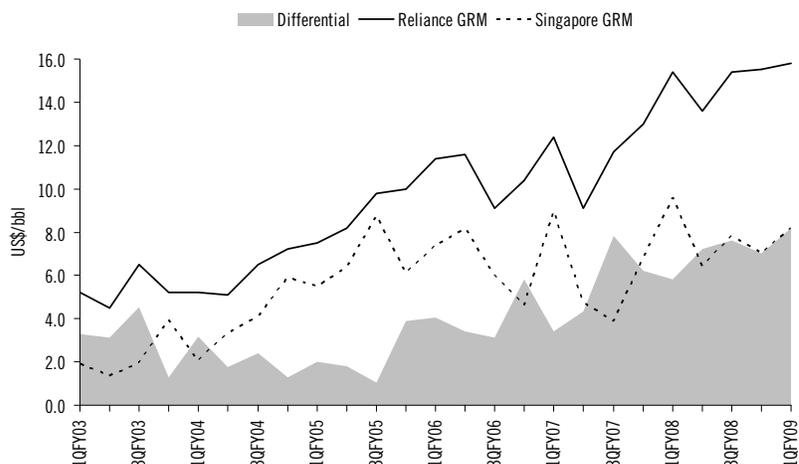
Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 4. Refining – Key Parameters

Refining	Units	Q1FY07	Q2FY07	Q3FY07	Q4FY07	Q1FY08	Q2FY08	Q3FY08	Q4FY08	Q1FY09	Comments
Singapore complex spreads	US\$/bbl	9.0	4.8	3.9	6.8	9.5	6.4	7.8	7.0	8.2	Actuals from Reuters
RIL reported GRMs	US\$/bbl	12.4	9.1	11.7	13.0	15.4	13.6	15.4	15.5	15.7	
Effective marketing discount	US\$/bbl	-1.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	0	0	0	Retail volumes minimal
RIL clean GRMs	US\$/bbl	14.2	9.6	12.2	13.2	16.0	13.8	15.4	15.5	15.7	
Differential vis-à-vis clean GRMs	US\$/bbl	5.2	4.9	8.3	6.4	6.5	7.4	7.6	8.5	7.5	Remained strong, though down qoq despite inventory gain of US\$1.7/bbl
Crude throughput	MMT	7.5	8.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.1	7.6	8.1	8.1	

Source: Reuters, Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 5. Differential Between Reported GRMs and Singapore GRMs



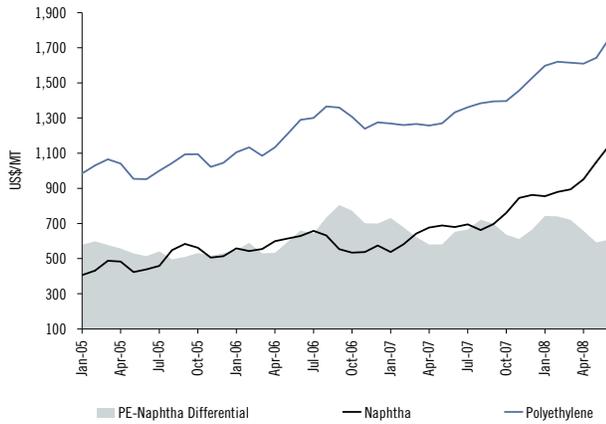
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Figure 6. RIL Operational Parameters – Petrochemicals and E&P Business

Production		Q1FY07	Q2FY07	Q3FY07	Q4FY07*	Q1FY08*	Q2FY08*	Q3FY08*	Q4FY08*	Q1FY09*	%YoY	%QoQ
Panna-Mukta												
- Crude	Tonnes	381,997	422,516	485,275	476,686	462,136	479,864	474,500	493,500	321,600	-30.4%	-34.8%
- Gas	mmscm	347	360	476	479	482	532	486	530	353	-26.8%	-33.4%
Tapti	mmscm											
- Gas	mmscm	522	420	629	657	576	672	1,052	1,065	1,133	96.7%	6.4%
Polyester (PFY, PSF, PET)	Tonnes	361,000	364,000	389,000	368,000	389,000	387,000	392,000	404,000	410,000	5.4%	1.5%
Fiber intermediates (PX, PTA, MEG)	Tonnes	886,000	1,057,000	1,007,000	1,184,000	1,152,000	1,214,000	1,114,000	1,234,000	1,184,000	2.8%	-4.1%
Polymers (PE, PP, PVC)	Tonnes	469,000	563,000	567,000	801,000	833,000	829,000	852,000	860,000	831,000	-0.2%	-3.4%
Ethylene	Tonnes	162,000	227,000	227,000	224,900	449,020	481,980	488,000	472,000	458,000	2.0%	-3.0%
Propylene	Tonnes	77,000	110,000	110,000	109,400	181,000	187,000	192,000	188,000	181,000	0.0%	-3.7%
Industry demand												
Polyester (PFY, PSF, PET)	'000	512	454	509	565	543	616	581	646	614	13.0%	-5.0%
	Tonnes											
Polymers (PE, PP, PVC)	'000	977	1030	1081	1280	1114	1214	1254	1441	1147	3.0%	-20.4%
	Tonnes											

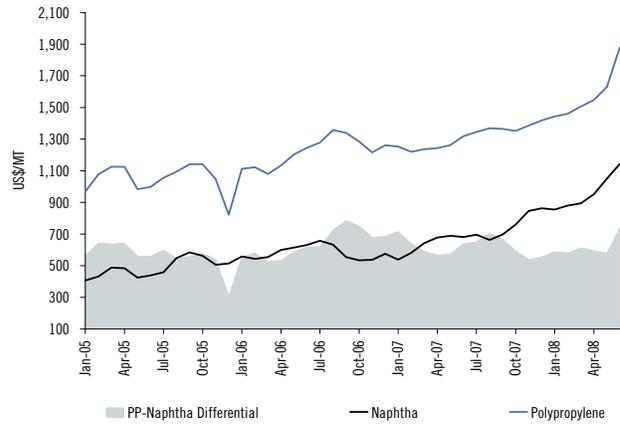
Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research. *Using post-IPCL merger figures for petrochemicals.

Figure 7. PE-Naphtha Differential



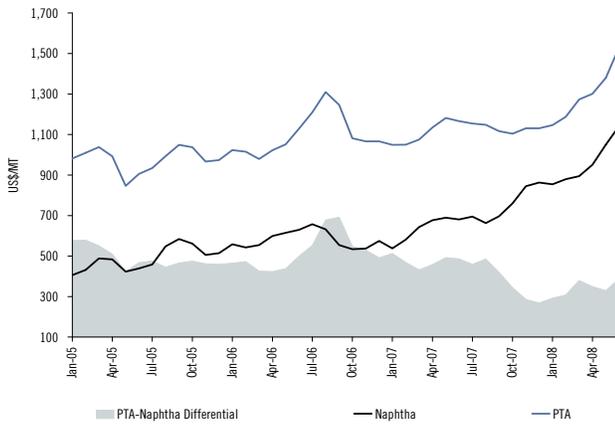
Source: Reuters

Figure 8. PP-Naphtha Differential



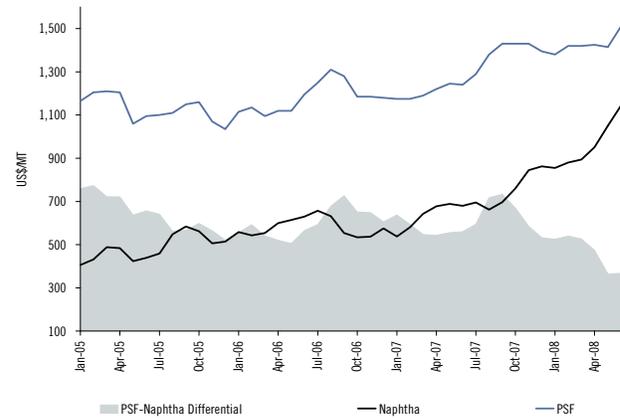
Source: Reuters

Figure 9. PTA-Naphtha Differential



Source: Reuters

Figure 10. PSF-Naphtha Differential



Source: Reuters

Reliance Industries

Company description

Reliance Industries is a conglomerate with interest in upstream oil & gas (E&P), refining, and petrochemicals. It is building a super-size refinery project through its 75% subsidiary (RPL) and is now undertaking development of a large gas find in KG basin. RIL is foraying into organized retailing and has plans to undertake SEZ projects over the medium to long term.

Investment strategy

We rate RIL Buy/Low Risk with a target price of Rs2,850. We expect regional refining margins to remain robust due to project delays in the Middle East, with RIL enjoying an enhanced premium for its superior complexity. E&P business has delivered positive surprise and looks set to become more meaningful in the next 3-4 years as KG D6 field commences production and new discoveries are brought on stream. Upgrade of reserves in KG basin adds to the value, although the NAV of the gas find depends on development capex and the demand profile from anchor customers. Given the track record of exploratory success and the evolving portfolio (much beyond KG D6), RIL's E&P business needs to be valued as a going concern rather than a combination of assets. We have therefore valued E&P business (Rs994/share) on more traditional EV/FCF multiple rather than the consensus NAV approach. Robust demand and delay in capacity additions is likely to push the downturn in petrochemicals cycle into FY10; this should be offset by diversity of products to some extent. Factors such as diversity of revenues, integration across product chains, and volume growth should help RIL tide over downturns in product cycles.

Valuation

Our target price of Rs2,850 is based on a sum-of-the-parts value: 1) we value RIL's core petrochem and downstream oil business on an EV/EBITDA of 6.5x mid-FY10E, in line with regional chemicals and refining peers. The decrease in EV/EBITDA multiple from 7.5x earlier is to capture the impact of a possible global slowdown; 2) We value total E&P assets including oil & gas prospects and other blocks at Rs994/share based on 12x steady state (FY11E) FCF. This is lower than EV/FCF multiple of 15x used earlier as we attempt to be more conservative on valuations; 3) We value investment in RPL at 6.5x EV/EBITDA (in line with RIL); 4) We value organized retail business at Rs131/share, based on EV/sales of 1x; and 5) We value treasury stock at target price.

Risks

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programme for the new blocks (D9, D3, MN-D4); and the organized retail business would call for significant investment in non-core areas.

Appendix A-1

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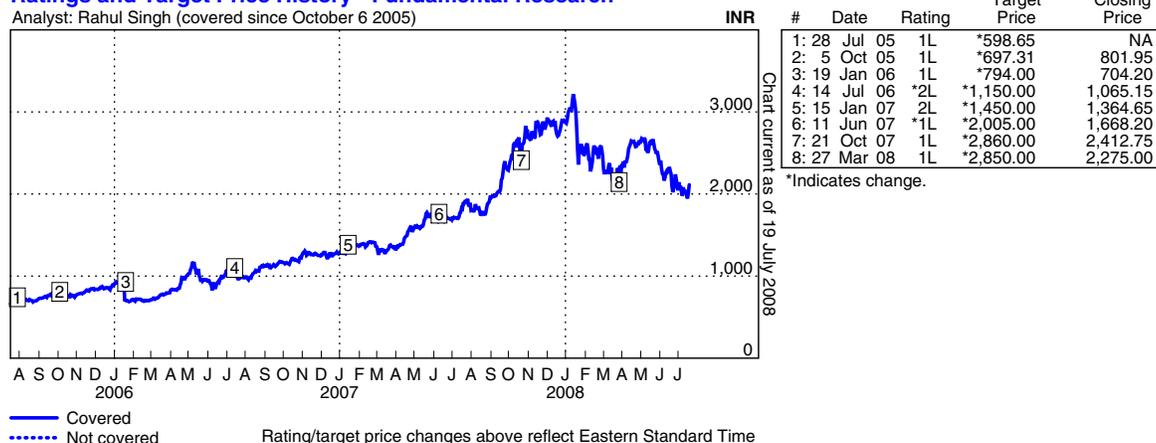
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