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Sector: FMCG

What Happened Last Quarter

Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. (CLGT.IN)(COLG.BO)

Market Perform

(CMP: Rs.376.55, Mkt. Cap. Rs.51.21 bn, \$ 1.23 bn (May 10, '07)

Relevant Index: S&P CNX Nifty: 4066.8 (May 10, '07)

Improvement in future return ratios due to proposed reduction in share capital a positive

Stock appears fairly valued in comparison to peers, particularly in view of higher dependence on oral care segment

Last report's recommendation: Market Perform (MP: Rs.349.2, Feb. 2, '07)

Relevant Index: CNX Nifty: 4183.5 (Feb. 2, '07)

Relative performance since last rating change (Aug. 25, '06): CNX Nifty: Up 20.1%, CLGT: Up 4.6%

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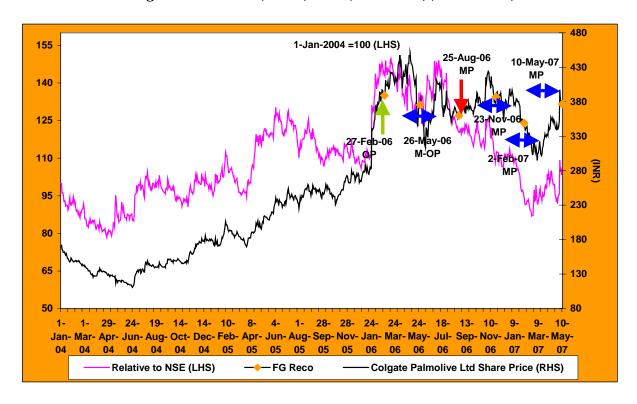
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ST: Short Term MT: Medium Term LT: Long Term

Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. (CLGT.IN)(COLG.BO)



Represents an Upgrade

Represents a Downgrade

Represents Reiteration of Existing Rating



Financial Snapshot – Standalone (YE March 31

K	ey Fina	ncials					
(YE Mar 31st) (Rs. mn)	2003	2004	2005	2006	*2007E	2008E	2009E
Net Sales	9,523	9,378	9,615	11,276	12,951	14,676	16,401
Sales Growth (Y-o-Y)		-1.5%	2.5%	17.3%	14.9%	13.3%	11.8%
Other Operating Income	163	97	49	33	199	184	205
Op. Inc.Growth (Y-o-Y)		-40.4%	-50.2%	-32.4%	505.4%	-7.1%	11.2%
Total Revenue	9,686	9,475	9,663	11,308	13,150	14,860	16,606
Revenue Growth (Y-o-Y)		-2.2%	2.0%	17.0%	16.3%	13.0%	11.8%
EBIDTA	1,468	1,562	1,723	1,976	2,237	2,712	3,143
EBIDTA Growth (Y-o-Y)		6.4%	10.3%	14.7%	13.2%	21.2%	15.9%
Net Profit (Excl. extra ordinaries)	887	1,080	1,133	1,376	1,868	2,218	2,609
Net Profit Growth (Y-o-Y)		21.8%	4.9%	21.5%	35.7%	18.8%	17.6%
Shareholders Equity	2,750	2,443	2,498	2,711	1,441	1,663	1,924
Number of Diluted shares(mn)	136	136	136	136	136	136	136
Key	Operati	ng Ratio	S				
(YE Mar 31st)	2003	2004	2005	2006	*2007E	2008E	2009E
EPS (Rs) (Diluted) (Excl.Extraordinaries)	6.52	7.94	8.33	10.12	13.73	16.31	19.19
EPS Growth (Y-o-Y)		21.8%	4.9%	21.5%	35.7%	18.8%	17.6%
CEPS (Rs.)	8.0	9.7	10.0	12.4	14.9	17.8	20.7
EBIDTA (%)	15.2%	16.5%	17.8%	17.5%	17.0%	18.3%	18.9%
NPM (%)	9.2%	11.4%	11.7%	12.2%	14.2%	14.9%	15.7%
RoE (%)	33.9%	41.6%	45.9%	52.8%	90.0%	142.9%	145.5%
RoCE (%)	33.3%	41.4%	45.6%	52.2%	88.4%	139.4%	142.4%
Book Value per share (Rs.)	20.2	18.0	18.4	19.9	10.6	12.2	14.1
Debt/Equity (x)	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
Dividend Payout (%)	69%	85%	95%	85%	102.9%	90.0%	90.0%
Va	luation	Ratios					
(YE Mar 31st)	2003	2004	2005	2006	*2007E	2008E	2009E
P/E (x)						23.1	19.6
P/BV(x)						30.8	26.6
P/CEPS (x)						21.1	18.1
EV/EBIDTA (x)						18.8	16.1
Market Cap./ Sales (x)						3.5	3.1
Dividend Yield (%)						3.3%	3.9%
D	uPont N	Model					
(YE Mar 31st)	2003	2004	2005	2006	*2007E	2008E	2009E
EBIDTA/Sales (%)	15%	16%	18%	17%	17%	18%	19%
Sales/Operating Assets (x)	7.2	14.0	25.0	20.7	43.1	95.4	67.3
EBIDTA/Operating Assets (%)	110%	231%	445%	362%	734%	1742%	1273%
Operating Assets/ Net Assets(x)	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Net Earnings/ EBIDTA (%)	60%	69%	66%	70%	83%	82%	83%
Net Assets/ Equity (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Return on Equity (%)	33.9%	41.6%	45. <u>9%</u>	52.8%	90.0%	142.9%	145.5%



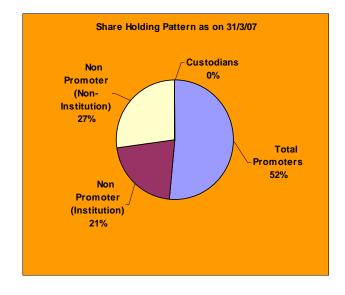
Common Sized Profit & Loss Account												
(YE Mar 31st)	2003	2004	2005	2006	*2007E	2008E	2009E					
Total Revenues	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Net Raw Material Consumed	47.8%	50.6%	49.7%	45.0%	45.2%	44.7%	44.6%					
Manufacturing Expenses	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%					
Personnel	6.8%	6.8%	7.2%	6.9%	6.9%	6.8%	6.8%					
Advertisement and sales promotion Exp.	23.2%	20.1%	18.8%	23.2%	23.3%	22.9%	22.6%					
Miscellaneous Exp	5.7%	4.7%	5.1%	5.8%	5.9%	5.6%	5.4%					
EBITDA	15.2%	16.5%	17.8%	17.5%	17.0%	18.3%	18.9%					
Depreciation and Amortization	2.0%	2.6%	2.3%	2.8%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%					
Interest	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%					
PAT	9.2%	11.4%	11.7%	12.2%	14.2%	14.9%	15.7%					

Source: Company Reports, FG estimates

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^{*} Profit & Loss a/c nos. for FY07 are actual while Balance sheet figures are FG estimate

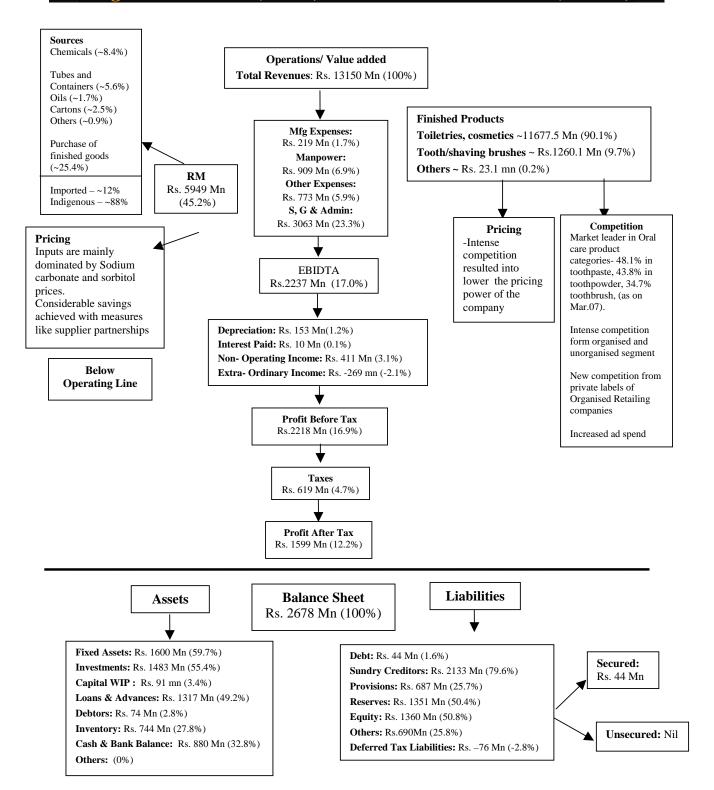




Industry:	FMCG Sector						
52 Week Hi:Low:	Rs.441/276						
CMP:	Rs.376.55						
Avg. Daily Vol (20 days):	0.25mn						
Avg. Daily Val (20 days):	Rs.94.36mn						
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CPIL:	down 11.3%						
Nifty:	up 8.3%						



Colgate-Palmolive (India)'s Business in Pictures...(FY07*)



(*Profit & Loss a/c nos. pertain to FY07 while Balance sheet nos. pertain to FY06)



What Happened Last Quarter...

Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd.'s (CPIL) (CLGT.IN) (COLG.BO) Q4 FY07 results came in line with our expectations. Net revenues stood at Rs.3.43 bn (as against our estimate of Rs.3.39 bn), up 13.6% Y-o-Y, while the net profit was Rs.498 mn (as against our estimate of Rs.486 mn). For FY07, net revenues grew by 15.2% Y-o-Y to Rs.12.95 bn and the net profit (excluding one-time items) was up 35.7% Y-o-Y to Rs.1.87 bn.

The impressive growth in net revenues continued in Q4 FY07 on the back of a volume growth of 8% Y-o-Y in toothpaste, 20% Y-o-Y in toothbrush and surprisingly, a growth of 9% Y-o-Y in toothpowder. For FY07, CPIL's toothpaste, toothbrush volumes recorded a good volume growth of 9% Y-o-Y and 22% Y-o-Y respectively, while toothpowder performed sluggishly and grew by 5% Y-o-Y, mainly due to a shift from toothpowder to toothpaste among consumers.

Despite a rise of 40bps Y-o-Y to 44.8% in the raw material to sales ratio, the EBIDTA margin (excluding one-time items) improved by 350 bps Y-o-Y to 19.7% in Q4 FY07, mainly due to increasing excise benefits as a result of higher output from plant located in excise free zone, as well as a decline in the advertisement and sales promotion to sales ratio by 90bps Y-o-Y to 18.6% and decline of 190bps Y-o-Y in other expenses to sales ratio to 13.6% in Q4 FY07.

We expect the A&P to sales ratio to remain in the range of 14.5-15%, unless the company launches new products. We further believe that CPIL will generate more excise and tax savings, as its toothpaste production at the Baddi plant has been ramped up and the company planning to increase the plant capacity to 40,000 TPA from the current 24,000 TPA.

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declared a dividend of 95% of the face value of the share (before reduction) for FY07.

Valuation

We believe that the rising income levels and low per capita consumption of oral care products in India, in comparison to countries such as China and Brazil, will help the company maintain its sales growth in the double-digits. In view of increasing excise benefits from the Baddi plant, we are making an upward revision to our net revenue estimate to Rs.14.68 bn (as against our earlier estimate of Rs.14.47 bn). However, we are maintaining our EPS estimate (excl. extraordinaries/one-time items) at Rs.16.31, owing to an expected decline in other income, as a result of sale of investments to



facilitate the proposed reduction in share capital, which is to be repaid in the form of dividend to the shareholders.

Although the improvement in future return ratios, as a result of the proposed reduction in share capital, is positive for CPIL, the stock appears fairly valued in comparison to that of its peers, especially considering the company's higher dependence on the oral care segment. We, therefore, reiterate our rating of Market Perform on CPIL

CPIL currently trades at a P/E of 23.1x and 19.6x our FY08 and FY09 earnings estimate respectively. Although the improvement in future return ratios, as a result of the proposed reduction in share capital, is positive for CPIL, the stock appears fairly valued in comparison to that of its peers, especially considering the company's higher dependence on the oral care segment. We, therefore, reiterate our rating of Market Perform on CPIL.

Comparative Valuation – Indian Companies

Company	Year	P/E	(x)	P/S	(x)	P/BV(x)	EV/SA	LES(x)	EV/EBI	DTA(x)	EBIDTA	ROE	ROCE	Annual	Annual
Name											Margin			EPS	Sales
														Growth	Growth
	End	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	LFY	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	(09/08)	(09/08)
Hind Lever	Dec	23.4	20.1	3.1	2.7	15.4	3.0	2.7	18.8	16.2	16.1%	61.2%	59.8%	16.3%	11.7%
Marico	Mar	24.1	20.3	1.9	1.7	17.4	1.9	1.6	13.6	11.6	14.0%	60.3%	32.0%	18.5%	12.0%
ITC Ltd.	Mar	20.7	17.7	4.4	3.8	6.0	4.2	3.6	13.3	11.3	31.4%	26.9%	26.7%	16.9%	16.4%
Colgate-Palmolive/India	Mar	23.1	19.6	3.5	3.1	31.8	3.5	3.1	18.8	16.1	18.5%	142.9%	139.4%	17.6%	11.8%
Dabur	Mar	24.0	20.6	3.2	2.9	13.5	3.2	2.9	18.5	15.8	17.5%	49.2%	43.5%	16.8%	12.7%

Comparative Valuation - Global Companies

Company	Year	P	E	P	/S	P/BV	EV/S	ALES	EV/EF	BIDTA	EBIDTA	ROE	ROCE	Annual	Annual	
Name														EPS	Sales	
														Growth	Growth	
	End	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	LFY	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	(09/08)	(09/08)	
Colgate-Palmolive/India	Mar	23.1	19.6	3.5	3.1	31.8	3.5	3.1	18.8	16.1	18.5%	142.9%	139.4%	17.6%	11.8%	
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	June	20.6	18.0	2.7	2.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	12.4	11.4	24.8%	51.9%	34.3%	14.0%	5.6%	
AVON PRODUCT	Dec.	24.0	20.2	2.1	2.0	20.4	2.1	2.0	13.5	11.9	15.4%	85.4%	51.2%	18.5%	5.4%	
COLGATE/ PALMOLIVE	Dec.	20.8	18.8	2.7	2.6	24.2	2.9	2.8	12.1	11.4	24.2%	94.1%	40.0%	10.7%	5.3%	

Source- FG estimates for HLL, Colgate-Palmolive (India), Marico, ITC and Dabur consensus estimates for global companies

LFY: Last Financial Year

FY08= CY07 for HLL, Avon Product



Quarterly Result Analysis (Standalone)

	Q4	Q4		Q3	Seq.			
YE Mar.,31st (Rs.mn)	FY07	FY06	Y-o-Y %	FY07	Q-o-Q %	FY07	FY06	Y-o-Y %
Net Sales	3,433	3,021	13.6%	3,223	6.5%	12,951	11,242	15.2%
Add: Other Operating income	174	115	50.6%	166	4.3%	610	355	71.8%
Total Revenue	3,606	3,136	15.0%	3,389	6.4%	13,561	11,597	16.9%
Less: Total Expenditure								
Net Raw Material consumed	593	629	-5.8%	585	1.4%	2,337	2,112	10.7%
Purchase of Finished Goods	946	711	33.0%	892	6.1%	3,427	2,942	16.5%
Advertisement and sales promotionExp.	639	596	7.2%	452	41.3%	2,075	1,978	4.9%
Personnel	251	225	11.3%	302	-17.0%	1,119	915	22.3%
Other Expenditure	468	467	0.1%	448	4.5%	1,955	1.452	34.7%
Total Expenditure	2,897	2,629	10.2%	2,679	8.2%	10,913	9,398	16.1%
EBIDTA	709	507	40.0%	711	-0.3%	2,649	2,199	20.5%
Less: Depreciation	37	37	-2.4%	44	-16.3%	153	314	-51.4%
EBIT	672	469	43.3%	667	0.8%	2,496	1,885	32.4%
Less: Interest	2.5	1.8	38.9%	2.9	-13.8%	9.8	5.9	66.1%
Profit Before Extraordinary items								
and Tax	670	467	43.4%	664	0.8%	2,486	1,879	32.3%
Less: Extraordinary Expense (net)	-5	0		0		268	0	
Profit Before Tax	675	467	44.5%	664	1.6%	2,218	1,879	18.0%
Less: Total Tax	172	97	76.7%	161	6.8%	619	503	23.1%
Profit After Tax	503	370	36.0%	503	0.0%	1,599	1,376	16.2%
Proforma Net Profit	498	370	34.6%	503	-1.1%	1,868	1,376	35.7%
Shares Outstanding (mn)	136	136	0.0%	136	0.0%	181	181	0.0%
Reported EPS (Rs.)	3.70	2.72	36.0%	3.70	0.0%	8.82	7.59	16.2%
Proforma EPS (Rs.)	3.66	2.72	34.6%	3.70	-1.1%	10.30	7.59	35.7%
RM/Net Sales	17.3%	20.8%		18.1%		18.0%	18.8%	
Purchase of Finished Goods	27.6%	23.5%		27.7%		26.5%	26.2%	
Advertisement and sales								
promotionExp./Net Sales	18.6%	19.7%		14.0%		16.0%	17.6%	
Personnel/Net Sales	7.3%	7.5%		9.4%		8.6%	8.1%	
Other Expenditure/Net sales	13.6%	15.5%		13.9%		15.1%	12.9%	
EBIDTA Margin	19.7%	16.2%		21.0%		19.5%	19.0%	
Proforma NPM	14.5%	12.3%		15.6%		14.4%	12.2%	
Effective Tax Rate	25.6%	20.8%		24.2%		24.9%	26.8%	

Source: Company Reports

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• CPIL recorded a growth of 13.6% Y-o-Y in net sales to Rs.3.43 bn in Q4 FY07, driven by a good volume growth in toothpaste (up 8% Y-o-Y), toothpowder (up 9% Y-o-Y) and toothbrush (up 20% Y-o-Y) in the quarter. While net sales for FY07 grew by 15.2% Y-o-Y to Rs.12.95 bn, on the back of a healthy volume growth in toothpaste (up 9% Y-o-Y), toothbrush (up 22% Y-o-Y), toothpowder reported a sluggish volume growth and was up 5% Y-o-Y in FY07.



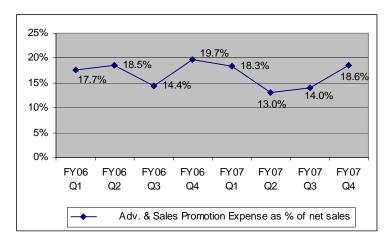
- Although the raw material to sales ratio increased by 40bps to 44.8%, the EBIDTA margin improved by 350bps Y-o-Y to 19.7%, on account of a decline in the advertisement and sales promotion to sales ratio by 90bps Y-o-Y to 18.6%, as well as a decline in other expenses to sales ratio by 190bps to 13.6% in Q4 FY07. The increased output from the company's plant located in Baddi, where it enjoys excise duty exemption, also contributed towards the margin expansion.
- After providing for interest of Rs.2.5 mn (as against Rs.1.8 mn in Q4 FY06) and depreciation of Rs.37 mn, the PAT (excl. extraordinaries/one time items) stood at Rs.498 mn, up 34.6% Y-o-Y in Q4 FY07.

Advertising expenditure to depend upon new launches

Advertisement and sales promotion expenses

		FY	06		FY07				
(Rs.mn)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Adv. & Sales Promotion Expense	456	516	410	596	567	417	452	639	
% Y-o-Y	17.2%	46.3%	36.1%	83.2%	24.3%	-19.2%	10.3%	7.2%	

Source: Company reports



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Until Q1 FY07, CPIL had been incurring heavy advertisement and sales promotion expenditure, which was essential for backing its new product launches, 'Colgate Maxfresh Gel', 'Colgate Active Salt' and 'Colgate Advanced Whitening' in the toothpaste category, as well as the re-launch of 'Colgate Toothpowder' in the toothpowder segment. However, from Q2 FY07 onwards, CPIL's advertising expenditure as a percentage of net sales has been declining and was down 90bps Y-o-Y to 18.6% in the quarter, marking the highest level in FY07, as the company launched a new variant of 'Colgate Maxfresh', 'Colgate Maxfresh Citrus Blast' in Q4 FY07. We believe that the company's advertisement and promotional expenses, as a percentage of sales, is expected to remain in the range of 14.5-15% in FY08, unless the company launches any new products.



Benefits to continue on back of higher production from tax free zones

In FY06, CPIL commenced production at its new plant in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, which has a capacity of 24,000 tpa and provides significant excise and income tax benefits. The company is planning to ramp-up the Baddi unit's capacity to 40,000 tpa in order to meet the growing demand and we expect it to continue benefiting from the tax sops on higher production from tax free zones. CPIL increased the output by 62% Y-o-Y in FY07, which resulted in a good amount of savings through excise and tax benefits. The company may reinvest the savings generated towards building strong brands.

Rewarding investors with a proposal to return excess capital

CPIL's treasury portfolio to capital employed ratio is over 100%, as its investments in bonds/govt. securities and inter-corporate deposit resulted in a higher income from non-operating activities. Considering the 'Treasury business' is a non-core activity, the company has decided to reduce its share capital (without reducing the total number of shares) to the extent of Rs.1224 mn by reducing the face value of the share from Rs.10 to Rs.1 and thereby, distributing Rs.9 as 'deemed dividend' to shareholders, which is subject to the approval of shareholders and the High Court. The company has declared a dividend of 95% of the face value of the share (before reduction) for FY07.

Implications of reduction in share capital

- ➤ Reduction in excess cash invested in low yielding investments, thereby increasing investor value
- > Significant increase in return ratios
- > Reduction in interest income in the future



Earnings Model - CPIL (Standalone)

	FY07-	FY07-	FY07-	FY07-		FY08-	FY08-	FY08-	FY08-	
(YE Mar 31st) (Rs. mn)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY-07	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY-08
Net Sales	3,096	3,200	3,223	3,433	12,951	3,508	3,632	3,669	3,867	14,676
Other Operating Income	148	122	166	174	610	149	123	143	151	566
Total Revenue	3,244	3,323	3,389	3,606	13,561	3,657	3,756	3,812	4,018	15,242
Net Raw Materials	623	537	585	593	2,337	677	636	638	688	2,639
Purchase of Finished Goods	733	856	892	946	3,427	824	926	992	1,004	3,746
Personnel	268	298	302	251	1,119	298	334	345	290	1,267
Advertisement and sales promotion Exp.	567	417	452	639	2,075	621	499	512	630	2,262
Other Exp	504	535	448	468	1,955	544	576	508	605	2,233
Total Cost	2,695	2,642	2,679	2,897	10,913	2,964	2,971	2,996	3,217	12,148
EBIDTA	549	681	711	709	2,649	693	785	816	800	3,094
Less: Depreciation	37	36	44	37	153	50	51	51	52	204
ЕВІТ	512	645	667	672	2,496	643	734	765	748	2,890
Less: Interest	2	2	3	3	10	2	2	2	2	8
Extraordinary Expenses	0	274	0	-5	268	0	0	0	0	0
РВТ	509	369	664	675	2,218	641	732	763	746	2,882
Less: Total Tax	149	137	161	172	619	183	176	160	146	664
Profit After Tax	361	232	503	503	1,599	458	556	603	601	2,218
Proforma PAT	361	505	503	498	1,868	458	556	603	601	2,218
Earnings Per Share (In Rs.)										
Diluted	2.65	1.70	3.70	3.70	11.76	3.37	4.09	4.43	4.42	16.31
Diluted (Excl. extraordinaries)	2.65	3.72	3.70	3.66	13.73	3.37	4.09	4.43	4.42	16.31
Weighted average Shares Outstanding (mn)	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0
EBIDTA Margin (%)	16.9%	20.5%	21.0%	19.7%	19.5%	18.9%	20.9%	21.4%	19.9%	20.3%
EBIT (%)	15.8%	19.4%	19.7%	18.6%	18.4%	17.6%	19.5%	20.1%	18.6%	19.0%
PBT Margin (%)	15.7%	11.1%	19.6%	18.7%	16.4%	17.5%	19.5%	20.0%	18.6%	18.9%
NPM (%)	11.1%	7.0%	14.9%	14.0%	11.8%	12.5%	14.8%	15.8%	15.0%	14.6%
Effective Tax Rate (%)	29.2%	21.4%	24.2%	25.6%	24.9%	28.5%	24.0%	21.0%	19.5%	23.0%

Source: Company Reports, FG Estimates

Note – *Due to difference in classification of income and expenses in quarterly and annual results some of the items in the earnings model may not match with the annual nos.*



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- Change in demand pattern of consumers



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