## RESULT UPDATE

# HINDUSTAN UNILEVER 

Royalty spoils the show
India Equity Research| Consumer Goods

Hindustan Unilever's (HUL) Q3FY13 sales and PAT were in line with our estimates. Key positives include: (1) revival in beverages portfolio led by tea, which gained share due to innovations and inflationary scenario; (2) second quarter of recovery in oral care; and (3) recovery in personal products (PP) margins and CSD sales. Key negatives were: (1) dip in soaps \& detergents (S\&D) EBIT margin due to step up in A\&P (due to new launch of Lifebuoy and GCPL's Cinthol relaunch); (2) moderation in volume growth to $5 \%$ YoY (on base of $9.1 \% \mathrm{YoY}$ ) due to slowdown in discretionary segment of personal care and foods; and (3) increase in royalty from current $1.4 \%$ to $3.15 \%$ by March 2018 (lower than Indonesia's increase from 3.5\% to 8.0\%). The increase in royalty and tax implies that HUL will post earnings CAGR of $\sim 9.8 \%$ in FY13-15E versus ~24.9\% in FY11-13E. With the stock trading at 29.4x FY14E P/E, we downgrade to 'REDUCE' from 'HOLD'.

## Royalty hike takes the sheen away

HUL has hiked royalty payments to its parent Unilever from February 2013 from 1.4\% of turnover to $3.15 \%$ in a phased manner till 2018. This increase comes at a time when: (a) HUL reported its slowest volume growth in 12 quarters; and (b) increase in tax by 200bps in FY14E and 250bps in FY15E. However, new products from Unilever have 60bps higher gross margin and sales are growing at $6 \times \mathrm{HUL}$ and will see a step up.

## Volume growth moderates; slowdown in discretionary segment

HUL's like-to-like revenue (excluding exports business) grew 15.7\% YoY in Q3FY13. S\&D sales rose $19.8 \%$ YoY. PP sales (up $13 \% \mathrm{YoY}$ ) continued to be impacted by price hike in Fair \& Lovely sachets (from INR7 to INR8). Beverages posted a strong 18.2\% YoY growth.

## Outlook and valuations: Royalty overhang; downgrade to 'REDUCE'

We continue to like HUL's revenue growth from a medium to long term perspective. Also, palm oil correction will benefit S\&D gross margin over the medium term. However, with the stock trading at 29.4 x FY14E P/E and slowdown in earnings due to royalty and taxes, we downgrade our recommendation to 'REDUCE' from 'HOLD' and rate it 'Sector Underperformer'.

| Financials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year to March Q3FY13 | Q3FY12 | \% change | Q2FY13 | \% change | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |  |
| Total op. inc | 66,548 | 59,555 | 11.7 | 63,108 | 5.5 | 234,363 | 267,567 | 301,771 |
| EBITDA | 10,888 | 9,705 | 12.2 | 9,767 | 11.5 | 34,836 | 40,522 | 44,882 |
| Core profit | 8,786 | 7,662 | 14.7 | 8,053 | 9.1 | 26,865 | 32,242 | 35,557 |
| Dil. EPS (INR) | 4.1 | 3.5 | 14.6 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 12.4 | 14.8 | 16.4 |
| Diluted P/E (x) |  |  |  |  |  | 38.8 | 32.4 | 29.4 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) |  |  |  |  |  | 28.6 | 24.3 | 21.7 |
| ROAE (\%) |  |  |  |  |  | 83.4 | 75.0 | 64.9 |

* Quarterly nos. standalone; annual nos. consolidated

| EDELWEISS 4D RATINGS |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Absolute Rating | REDUCE |
| Rating Relative to Sector | Underperformer |
| Risk Rating Relative to Sector | Low |
| Sector Relative to Market | Underweight |
|  |  |
|  | $:$ |
| MARKET DATA (R: HLL.BO, B: | HUVR IN) |
| CMP | $:$ INR 481 |
| Target Price | $: 572$ / 369 |
| 52-week range (INR) | $: 2,162.0$ |
| Share in issue (mn) | $: 1,040$ / 19,323 |
| M cap (INR bn/USD mn) | $: 2,388.7$ |
| Avg. Daily Vol.BSE/NSE(‘OOO) |  |


| SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (\%) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current | Q2FY13 | Q1FY13 |
| Promoters * | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 |
| MF's, FI's \& BK's | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.9 |
| FII's | 21.1 | 21.1 | 20.1 |
| Others | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.6 |
| * Promoters pledged shares <br> (\% of share in issue) | $:$ | NIL |  |

PRICE PERFORMANCE (\%)

|  | Stock | Nifty | EW Consumer <br> Goods Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 month | $(8.8)$ | 3.4 | 4.9 |
| 3 months | $(14.3)$ | 5.8 | 13.5 |
| 12 months | 24.8 | 19.8 | 45.0 |

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## HUL Q3FY13 concall: Key highlights

Volume growth: HUL's domestic consumer business grew $15 \%$ YoY with a volume growth of $5 \%$ YoY (lowest growth in 12 quarters) on a base of $9.1 \%$ YoY growth in Q3FY12. Volume growth was lower due to: (1) price hike in Fair \& Lovely sachet from INR7 to INR8 (will take a few more months to pan out); (2) price hikes in Dove sachets from INR1.0 to INR1.5; (3) soft quarter for Wheel; and (4) slowdown in modern trade due to store closures.

Soaps \& detergents: S\&D grew 19.8\% YoY. EBIT margin contracted 102bps YoY to $12.4 \%$ because of a significant step up in investments through A\&P. However, the category's gross margin expanded YoY. With lower commodity prices, the tendency of local players reentering the segment increases. The laundry portfolio posted a strong performance across most formats, with both Surf and Rin registering double digit volume growth. Surf growth was aided by the Easy Wash launch, and Rin growth can be attributed to bars. However, Wheel faced issues, leading to slowdown. But, HUL has taken actions to correct this. Household care portfolio registered robust growth led by Vim. Skin cleansing continued good growth momentum. Lifebuoy, Dove and Lux registered strong growth. The liquids portfolio was extended with the introduction of the Lifebuoy Colour Changing Handwash.

Personal products: Personal products grew at $13 \%$ YoY. Margin improved 142bps YoY to 28.3\%. Skin care growth was broad based; robust growth was seen particularly in creams with Ponds Age Miracle and in lotions with Vaseline and Dove. Hair care portfolio delivered strong growth led by premium formats. The initial results on TRESemmé have been positive with gains in the first three months of launch across all channels. The portfolio was extended with the launch of the Dove Elixir range of premium hair oils and a new styling range for men under Brylcreem. Oral care grew in double digits YoY (largely volume led) led by robust growth in Close Up and Pepsodent brand.

Beverages: Beverages grew $18.2 \%$ YoY with tea business delivering one of its strongest quarters with double digit growth across all brands at the premium and popular ends. Margin catapulted 203bps YoY to $17.7 \%$. In tea business, extend distribution, impactful activation and continued market development of tea bags helped deliver high growth. Tea bags is a small category, growing strong and a future growth driver. In coffee, Bru sustained growth momentum with premium offerings continuing to perform well.

Packaged foods: Packaged foods business grew 7.7\% YoY, and margin improved 115bps YoY as losses were curbed by INR34mn to INR26mn. Kissan Ketchup maintained double digit growth while growth accelerated in the Knorr soups portfolio. Actions were taken to manage the pipeline to prepare for the relaunch of Soupy Noodles with a superior mix at the end of the quarter. Kwality Walls registered moderate growth, impacted by slowdown in discretionary spending.

Water business: Pureit posted good growth despite slowdown in consumer durables market in India. The newly launched 'Marvella UV' \& 'Advanced' were received well by consumers.

Royalty: HUL hiked royalty payments to parent Unilever for the provision of technology, trade mark licence and other services. The company board approved the royalty of $3.15 \%$ of turnover effective from February 2013 from the current $1.4 \%$. HUL will increase the payment in a phased manner till March 2018. Taking this into account, the royalty for FY14 will stand at $1.9 \%$, up 50bps from the current level.


Discretionary slowdown: HUL has witnessed some slowdown in growth in discretionary categories. However, management is positive on the outlook, banking on premiumisation over the long term.

Modern trade: Growth has slowed down in modern trade due to a slowdown in pace of store expansion and net store closure.

CSD: CSD business recovered in Q3FY13; but difficult to say if it is trend reversal. However, the recovery was offset by slow growth in modern trade channels.

New products do well, focus remains on innovation: Q3FY13 has been an innovation intensive quarter. The company launched Lifebuoy Color Changing Handwash, Dove Elixir precious hair oils, Sunsilk perfect straight shampoo, Vaseline GermSafe healthy skin jelly, Brylcreem hair styling range for men and relaunched Knorr Soupy Noodles. We believe HUL's focus on keeping the consumer enthused with new and improved offerings will keep it a step ahead of competition.

Raw material scenario: Raw material scenario has been volatile over the past quarterBrent has remained stable, forex has been volatile, PFAD is softening and tea prices have been soaring.

Tax rate: Management has guided tax rate for operations in FY13 at 24.5\%; FY14 to be at $26.5 \%$. FY15 tax is likely to inch up further to full tax rate at $29-33 \%$. However, more clarity is awaited and will also depend on the direct tax code.

Chart 1: Volume growth tapering


[^0]Chart 2: A\&P as \% of sales increased YoY


Chart 3: Gross margin decline YoY


Source: Company, Edelweiss research

Chart 4: Category-wise contribution - Sales


Chart 5: Category-wise contribution - EBIT


Chart 6: S\&D YoY revenue growth




Chart 7: S\&D margin dip YoY


Source: Company, Edelweiss research

Chart 8: PP revenue growth YoY
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Chart 10: Beverages sales growth head north


Chart 12: Packaged food sales growth slows down


Chart 9: PP margin expand YoY


Chart 11: Beverages margin surges YoY


Chart 13: Packaged food margins expand YoY


Table 1: Segmental performance

| Year to March - Revenues (INR mn) | Q3FY13 | Q3FY12 | YoY growth | Q2FY13 | QoQ growth |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Soaps and Detergents | 31,712 | 26,481 | 19.8 | 31,762 | (0.2) |
| Personal products | 20,489 | 18,134 | 13.0 | 17,445 | 17.4 |
| Beverages | 7,929 | 6,709 | 18.2 | 7,196 | 10.2 |
| Packaged food | 3,301 | 3,067 | 7.7 | 3,663 | $(9.9)$ |
| Others (includes chemicals, water etc) | 2,902 | 5,104 | $(43.1)$ | 2,884 | 0.6 |
| Segment results (Profit/(Loss) before tax and interest) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soaps and Detergents | 3,937 | 3,559 | 10.6 | 4,536 | $(13.2)$ |
| Personal products | 5,789 | 4,865 | 19.0 | 4,226 | 37.0 |
| Beverages | 1,404 | 1,052 | 33.5 | 1,031 | 36.2 |
| Packaged food | $(26)$ | $(60)$ | 55.9 | 9 | 392.2 |
| Others (includes chemicals, water etc) | $(186)$ | 359 | $(151.9)$ | 21 | $1,009.3$ |

Segment margins

| Year to March - Margin (\%) | Q3FY13 | Q3FY12 | QoQ growth <br> (bps) | Q2FY13 | Qowth <br> (bps) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Soaps and Detergents | 12.4 | 13.4 | $(102)$ | 14.3 | $(186)$ |
| Personal products | 28.3 | 26.8 | 142 | 24.2 | 403 |
| Beverages | 17.7 | 15.7 | 203 | 14.3 | 338 |
| Packaged food | $(0.8)$ | $(1.9)$ | 115 | 0.2 | (104) |
| Others (includes chemicals, water etc) | $(6.4)$ | 7.0 | $(1,346)$ | 0.7 | (713) |

Source: Company, Edelweiss research

Table 2: Royalty paid by other MNC's

| Royalty as \% of sales | FY12 | FY11 | FY10 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Colgate | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| Hindustan Unilever | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| PGHHC | NA | 5.0 | 6.2 |
| Agrotech** | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| GSKCH $^{*}$ | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Nestle* | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Royalty as \% of net profit | 31.6 | FY11 | FY10 |
| Colgate | 11.0 | 11.7 | 20.6 |
| Hindustan Unilever | NA | 34.3 | 7.3 |
| PGHHC | 3.7 | 4.4 | 32.4 |
| Agrotech** | 26.2 | 27.3 | 3.8 |
| GSKCH* | 30.9 | 30.4 | 31.0 |
| Nestle* |  |  | 30.2 |

Source: Company, Edelweiss research
**royalty paid on only 17\% of total sales

Table 3: HUL LTL numbers (ex FMCG exports)

| (INR $\mathbf{m n}$ ) | Q3FY13 | Q3FY12 | YoY growth |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales | 6,434 | 5,559 | 15.7 |
| EBITDA | 1,089 | 928 | 17.3 |
| EBIT | 1,030 | 876 | 17.5 |
| PAT | 871 | 725 | 20.1 |

Source: Company, Edelweiss research

Chart 14: Palm oil prices correct


Source: Company, Edelweiss research

## Other key developments

- HUL launched Lux Body Sprays recently to tap the potential of the INR10bn plus deo market growing at $25 \%$ CAGR.
- Dove Elixir: With the launch of Dove Elixir, HUL has extended Dove to premium hair oils. This shows HUL's rising interest in the premium hair oils category (INR67bn). It has small presence in hair oil via Clinic Plus in select markets. Dove Elixir is a super-premium offering in the light hair oil segment (growing at $25 \%$ CAGR) priced at INR185 for 90 ml . The $4 x$ price to that of competitors needs to be seen in context of innovative packaging (pumping action) and the strong brand equity of Dove (presence in deodorants, body wash, shampoos, conditioners, face wash and lotions). HUL had sold Nihar hair oil to Marico in 2006. Some of the competitors in the space include Dabur Almond hair oil (INR50 for 100ml), Emami's Navratna thanda oil (INR55 for 100ml), Marico's Parachute Scalp Therapie (INR125 for 100ml) and Bajaj Corp's Bajaj Almond Drops (INR50 for 100 ml ). HUL's Dove brand now has presence across hair care space with shampoo, conditioner, serum and hair oils. Hair oil consumption in India remains strong as many hair dye consumers have started using hair oils (likely hair damage in some cases with excessive use of chemicals). We expect the new offering to have a niche customer base. In order to become big it will have to be backed by heavy advertising and commensurate value proposition (as it is priced $\sim 4 \mathrm{x}$ competition). Shahrukh Khan and Katrina Kaif were roped in to endorse two new Lux soap variants.
- Unilever opened a R\&D centre in Bengaluru; formally inaugurated by CEO Paul Polman.
- HUL recently launched an ad campaign on All India Radio which asked listeners across UP and Bihar to give a missed call on a number. Those who made the call were entertained with humorous jokes that contain messages about HUL's detergent brand Wheel. Till now, around 5 mn missed calls have been received from 0.77 mn unique numbers.
- HUL has elevated Human Resource Head and Executive Director Leena Nair as its global Senior Vice-president for leadership and organisation development.
- HUL has become the only company to win the IR Global Ranking awards this year in India in 3 out of 4 categories. It is a winner in IR website, Online annual report and Financial disclosures categories.
- Importance of India is increasing for Unilever as innovations are happening in India and are getting bigger; aims to get $75 \%$ of revenue from emerging markets by 2020 , up from the current 55\%.
- Pureit, entirely developed in India, is now sold in at least 15 other countries.
- Learnings from India, such as lower price points for products in smaller packages or sachets (available at GBP1), is gaining acceptance in Europe.


## Outlook and valuations: Expensive; downgrade to ‘REDUCE’

We like HUL's strategy of investing in categories that will pay rich dividends from a 3-5 year perspective and focus on new product launches and market share gains in existing categories. We like its revenue growth from a medium to long term perspective, however increase in royalty, steep hike in tax rate (up 200bps and 250bps YoY for FY14E and FY15E respectively) and slowdown in discretionary segments remains an overhang. On these concerns we have cut our PAT for FY13E and FY14E by $3.2 \%$ \& $7.1 \%$ respectively. HUL's earnings have slowed from FY11-13E CAGR of $24.9 \%$ to FY13E-15E CAGR of $9.8 \%$. Hence, we reduce target P/E to $28 x$ ( $32 x$ earlier) for FY14E arriving at a target price of INR458. Hence, we downgrade our recommendation to 'REDUCE' from 'HOLD' and rate the stock 'Sector Underperformer' on relative return basis.

| Financial snapshot |  |  |  |  |  |  | (INR mn) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year to March | Q3FY13 | Q3FY12 | \% change | Q2FY13 | \% change | YTD13 | FY13E | FY14E |
| Net sales | 64,337 | 58,443 | 10.1 | 61,554 | 4.5 | 188,393 | 261,959 | 295,602 |
| Other operating income | 2,211 | 1,112 | 98.8 | 1,554 | 42.3 | 5,052 | 5,608 | 6,168 |
| Total operating income | 66,548 | 59,555 | 11.7 | 63,108 | 5.5 | 193,444 | 267,567 | 301,771 |
| Cost of goods sold | 34,191 | 30,799 | 11.0 | 32,695 | 4.6 | 100,563 | 139,658 | 156,369 |
| Gross profit | 32,357 | 28,756 | 12.5 | 30,414 | 6.4 | 92,881 | 127,909 | 145,402 |
| Staff costs | 3,427 | 2,741 | 25.0 | 3,305 | 3.7 | 10,061 | 13,806 | 15,722 |
| Advt. sales \& promotions | 8,222 | 6,902 | 19.1 | 7,690 | 6.9 | 24,108 | 32,376 | 36,816 |
| Other expenses | 9,821 | 9,408 | 4.4 | 9,652 | 1.8 | 28,393 | 41,205 | 47,982 |
| Total expenditure | 21,470 | 19,051 | 12.7 | 20,646 | 4.0 | 62,562 | 87,387 | 100,520 |
| EBITDA | 10,888 | 9,705 | 12.2 | 9,767 | 11.5 | 30,320 | 40,522 | 44,882 |
| Depreciation \& amortization | 593 | 568 | 4.3 | 577 | 2.8 | 1,746 | 2,657 | 2,913 |
| EBIT | 10,295 | 9,137 | 12.7 | 9,191 | 12.0 | 28,574 | 37,865 | 41,969 |
| Interest | 75 | 5 | 1,573.3 | 63 | 19.0 | 191 | 320 | 220 |
| Profit before tax | 11,557 | 9,933 | 16.3 | 10,615 | 8.9 | 33,393 | 42,727 | 48,377 |
| Provision for taxes | 2,771 | 2,271 | 22.0 | 2,561 | 8.2 | 9,288 | 10,485 | 12,820 |
| Core profit | 8,786 | 7,662 | 14.7 | 8,053 | 9.1 | 24,105 | 32,242 | 35,557 |
| Exceptionals | (73) | (124) | NA | 16 | NA | 5,990 | 4,697 |  |
| Net profit | 8,714 | 7,538 | 15.6 | 8,069 | 8.0 | 30,095 | 36,789 | 35,388 |
| EPS (INR) | 4.1 | 3.5 |  | 3.7 |  | 13.9 | 14.8 | 16.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As \% of net revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other operational income | 3.4 | 1.9 |  | 2.5 |  | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| COGS | 53.1 | 52.7 |  | 53.1 |  | 53.4 | 53.3 | 52.9 |
| Employee cost | 5.3 | 4.7 |  | 5.4 |  | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Adv. \& sales promotions | 12.8 | 11.8 |  | 12.5 |  | 12.8 | 12.4 | 12.5 |
| Other expenditure | 15.3 | 16.1 |  | 15.7 |  | 15.1 | 15.7 | 16.2 |
| EBITDA | 16.9 | 16.6 |  | 15.9 |  | 16.1 | 15.5 | 15.2 |
| PBT | 18.0 | 17.0 |  | 17.2 |  | 17.7 | 16.3 | 16.4 |
| Reported net profit | 13.7 | 13.1 |  | 13.1 |  | 12.8 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Tax rate | 24.0 | 22.9 |  | 24.1 |  | 27.8 | 24.5 | 26.5 |

* Quarterly nos. standalone; annual nos. consolidated

Note: Other operating income includes income from outsourcing which are largely EBITDA neutral; all ratios are computed as \% of net sales

## Change in Estimates

|  | FY13E |  |  | FY14E |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New | Old | \% change | New | Old | \% change | Comments |
| Net Revenue | 261,959 | 264,653 | (1.0) | 295,602 | 302,210 | $(2.2)$ | Slight volume slowdown in discretionary PP and foods |
| EBITDA | 40,522 | 41,461 | (2.3) | 44,882 | 48,118 | (6.7) | Reduction in palm oil prices to benefit gross margins but high A\&P and 0.5 bps YoY increase in royalty expenses to take margin hit |
| EBITDA Margin | 15.5 | 15.7 |  | 15.2 | 15.9 |  |  |
| Core profit | 32,242 | 33,295 | (3.2) | 35,557 | 38,288 | (7.1) | Margin pressure coupled with sharp increase in tax rate (up 200bps YoY) |
| PAT Margin | 12.3 | 12.5 |  | 12.0 | 12.6 |  |  |
| Capex | 4,724 | 4,724 | 0.0 | 4,750 | 4,750 | 0.0 |  |

## Company Description

HUL, the largest FMCG Company in India, was formed by merging three subsidiaries of Unilever in 1956. At present, Unilever Plc holds a $52.5 \%$ stake in the company. HUL's portfolio of products covers a wide spectrum including soaps, detergents, skin creams, shampoos, toothpastes, tea, coffee, packaged foods and branded atta.

Powerful brands and an envious distribution network are HUL's primary strengths. The company operates through segments-soaps \& detergents, personal products, beverages, foods, exports, and other operations.

## Investment Theme

HUL is a play on consumption growth in India. The company has displayed its ability to effect price hikes and avoid impact of inflation in vegetable oils, which, combined with improved outlook for fabric wash and strong growth in processed foods and beverages, boosts our positive outlook on the stock. The recent moves by the company to dispose of its non-core assets including few properties give it a near term upside. We believe the price war in shampoos with rival P\&G has weakened (just like in S\&D). We like its revenue growth from a medium to long term perspective, however increase in royalty, steep hike in tax rate (up 200bps and 250bps YoY for FY14E and FY15E respectively) and slowdown in discretionary segments remains an overhang.

## Key Risks

Further correction in palm oil prices may lead to gross margin expansion.

Also, upside risk arise from the company's continuous efforts through innovations to deal with the discretionary slowdown.

## Financial Statements

| Key Assumptions |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year to March |  |  |  |  |
| Macro | 6.5 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| GDP(Y-o-Y \%) | 8.8 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Inflation (Avg) | 8.5 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.0 |
| Repo rate (exit rate) | 47.9 | 54.5 | 54.0 | 52.0 |
| USD/INR (Avg) |  |  |  |  |
| Company |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue growth (Y-o-Y \%) | 9.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| Volume gr. (overall) | 8.0 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 8.0 |
| Pricing gr. (overall) | 9.2 | 14.5 | 14.0 | 14.0 |
| Growth in Soaps | 29.2 | 19.5 | 17.0 | 18.0 |
| Growth in Detergents | 19.7 | 15.0 | 15.5 | 16.5 |
| Growth in PP | 11.5 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 |
| Growth in beverages | 15.4 | 14.0 | 14.5 | 15.5 |
| Growth in packaged foods |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA margin assumptions | 11.2 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.9 |
| Oils, fats and resins as \% of COGS | 29.1 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 30.1 |
| Chemicals and perfumes as \% of COGS | 7.4 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Tea and Green leaf as \% of COGS | 15.2 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 16.2 |
| Selling and distribution costs | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Employee cost as \% of sales | 11.7 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.5 |
| A\&P as \% of sales | 15.2 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 14.9 |
| EBITDA margin (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| Financial assumptions | 23.4 | 24.5 | 26.5 | 29.0 |
| Tax rate (\%) | 2,070 | 4,724 | 4,750 | 4,500 |
| Capex (INR mn) | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Debtor days | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 |
| Inventory days | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| Payable days | $(50)$ | $(50)$ | $(50)$ |  |
| Cash conversion cycle (days) | 6.9 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| Depreciation as \% of gross block |  |  |  |  |
| Yield on cash |  |  |  |  |


| Income statement |  |  |  | (INR mn) |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |  |
| Net revenue | 229,877 | 261,959 | 295,602 | 338,342 |  |
| Other Operating Income | 4,486 | 5,608 | 6,168 | 6,847 |  |
| Total operating income | 234,363 | 267,567 | 301,771 | 345,189 |  |
| Materials costs | 125,017 | 139,658 | 156,369 | 178,538 |  |
| Gross profit | 109,347 | 127,909 | 145,402 | 166,651 |  |
| Employee costs | 12,009 | 13,806 | 15,722 | 17,950 |  |
| Other Expenses | 35,532 | 41,205 | 47,982 | 55,921 |  |
| Advertisement \& sales costs | 26,970 | 32,376 | 36,816 | 42,458 |  |
| EBITDA | 34,836 | 40,522 | 44,882 | 50,323 |  |
| Depreciation \& Amortization | 2,335 | 2,657 | 2,913 | 3,189 |  |
| EBIT | 32,500 | 37,865 | 41,969 | 47,133 |  |
| Other income | 2,596 | 5,182 | 6,628 | 7,818 |  |
| Interest expenses | 17 | 320 | 220 | 200 |  |
| Profit before tax | 35,080 | 42,727 | 48,377 | 54,751 |  |
| Provision for tax | 8,215 | 10,485 | 12,820 | 15,878 |  |
| Net profit | 26,865 | 32,242 | 35,557 | 38,873 |  |
| Exceptional | 1,137 | 4,697 | - | - |  |
| Minority interest | $195)$ | $(149)$ | $(169)$ | $(193)$ |  |
| Profit after minority interest | 27,907 | 36,789 | 35,388 | 38,680 |  |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 12.4 | 14.8 | 16.4 | 17.9 |  |
| Dividend per share (INR) | 7.5 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 10.4 |  |
| Dividend payout (\%) | 58.1 | 58.1 | 58.1 | 58.1 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common size metrics | 12.3 | 12.0 | 11.4 |  |  |
| Year to March | 54.4 | 53.3 | 52.9 | 52.8 |  |
| Materials costs | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |  |
| Employee expenses | 11.7 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.5 |  |
| Advertising \& sales costs | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |  |
| Interest expenditure | 15.5 | 15.2 | 14.9 |  |  |
| FBITDA margins |  |  |  |  |  |

Growth ratios (\%)

| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenues | 17.0 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 14.5 |
| EBITDA | 28.5 | 16.3 | 10.8 | 12.1 |
| Net profit | 28.8 | 20.0 | 10.3 | 9.3 |
| EPS | 30.3 | 19.9 | 10.3 | 9.3 |


| Balance sheet |  |  |  | (INR mn) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| As on 31st March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| Equity capital | 2,162 | 2,162 | 2,162 | 2,162 |
| Reserves \& surplus | 34,649 | 46,603 | 58,102 | 70,670 |
| Shareholders funds | 36,811 | 48,765 | 60,263 | 72,831 |
| Minority interest (BS) | 183 | 332 | 501 | 694 |
| Deferred tax liability | $(2,099)$ | $(2,099)$ | $(2,099)$ | $(2,099)$ |
| Sources of funds | 34,895 | 46,998 | 58,665 | 71,426 |
| Tangible assets | 22,329 | 24,172 | 25,759 | 27,069 |
| Intangible assets | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| CWIP (incl. intangible) | 2,276 | 2,500 | 2,750 | 2,750 |
| Total net fixed assets | 24,905 | 26,971 | 28,808 | 30,119 |
| Non current investments | 703 | 703 | 703 | 703 |
| Current Investments | 22,519 | 22,519 | 22,519 | 22,519 |
| Cash and equivalents | 19,964 | 30,882 | 42,477 | 56,149 |
| Inventories | 26,674 | 30,993 | 34,701 | 39,621 |
| Sundry debtors | 8,567 | 10,409 | 11,575 | 13,240 |
| Loans and advances | 8,269 | 8,269 | 8,269 | 8,269 |
| Other current assets | 372 | 372 | 372 | 372 |
| Total current assets (ex cash) | 43,883 | 50,043 | 54,917 | 61,502 |
| Current liabilities \& provisions | 77,079 | 84,120 | 90,759 | 99,566 |
| Net current assets (ex cash) | $(33,196)$ | $(34,077)$ | $(35,842)$ | $(38,064)$ |
| Uses of funds | $\mathbf{3 4 , 8 9 5}$ | 46,998 | 58,665 | 71,426 |
| Book value per share (INR) | 16.1 | 21.7 | 27.1 | 33.0 |


| Free cash flow |  |  |  | (INR mn) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| Net profit | 27,907 | 36,789 | 35,388 | 38,680 |
| Add : Non cash charge | 140 | $(1,570)$ | 3,301 | 3,583 |
| Depreciation | 2,335 | 2,657 | 2,913 | 3,189 |
| Others | $(2,195)$ | $(4,227)$ | 389 | 393 |
| Gross cash flow | 28,047 | 35,219 | 38,690 | 42,263 |
| Less: Changes in WC | $(797)$ | $(881)$ | $(1,765)$ | $(2,222)$ |
| Operating cash flow | 28,844 | 36,100 | 40,455 | 44,485 |
| Less: Capex | 2,070 | 4,724 | 4,750 | 4,500 |
| Free cash flow | $\mathbf{2 6 , 7 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 , 3 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 7 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 , 9 8 5}$ |

Cash flow metrics

| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operating cash flow | 28,844 | 36,100 | 40,455 | 44,485 |
| Investing cash flow | $(5,134)$ | $(4,724)$ | $(4,750)$ | $(4,500)$ |
| Financing cash flow | $(8,442)$ | $(20,459)$ | $(24,110)$ | $(26,312)$ |
| Net cash flow | 15,267 | 10,918 | 11,595 | 13,673 |
| Capex | $(2,070)$ | $(4,724)$ | $(4,750)$ | $(4,500)$ |
| Dividends paid | $(18,839)$ | $(24,835)$ | $(23,890)$ | $(26,112)$ |
| Share issuance/(buyback) | 2 | - | - | - |

Profitability \& efficiency ratios

| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ROAE (\%) | 83.4 | 75.0 | 64.9 | 58.1 |
| ROACE (\%) | 257.8 | 213.6 | 141.7 | 112.7 |
| Inventory day | 81 | 81 | 81 | 81 |
| Debtors days | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Payable days | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
| Cash conversion cycle (days) | $(50)$ | $(50)$ | $(50)$ | $(50)$ |
| Current ratio | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 |

Operating ratios

| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total asset turnover | 7.6 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Fixed asset turnover | 9.2 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.5 |
| Equity turnover | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.1 |

Valuation parameters

| Year to March | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E | FY15E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Diluted EPS (INR) | 12.4 | 14.8 | 16.4 | 17.9 |
| Y-O-Y growth (\%) | 30.3 | 19.9 | 10.3 | 9.3 |
| CEPS (INR) | 13.5 | 16.1 | 17.8 | 19.5 |
| Diluted PE (x) | 38.8 | 32.4 | 29.4 | 26.9 |
| Price/BV (x) | 29.8 | 22.1 | 17.7 | 14.6 |
| EV/Sales (x) | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 28.6 | 24.3 | 21.7 | 19.1 |
| Dividend yield (\%) | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 |


| Name | Market cap | Diluted PE (X) |  | EV/EBITDA (X) |  | ROAE (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (USD mn) | FY13E | FY14E | FY13E | FY14E | FY13E | FY14E |
| Hindustan Unilever | 19,323 | 32.4 | 29.4 | 24.3 | 21.7 | 75.0 | 64.9 |
| Asian Paints | 7,897 | 36.2 | 29.5 | 23.2 | 19.1 | 38.8 | 39.9 |
| Colgate | 3,764 | 36.7 | 31.9 | 27.5 | 23.2 | 117.1 | 116.7 |
| Dabur | 4,219 | 29.9 | 25.1 | 21.1 | 17.7 | 40.7 | 38.4 |
| Emami | 1,638 | 28.0 | 23.2 | 24.2 | 19.5 | 41.8 | 44.2 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare | 2,967 | 36.8 | 30.9 | 24.9 | 21.2 | 35.5 | 35.0 |
| Godrej Consumer | 4,470 | 33.7 | 27.8 | 23.4 | 19.4 | 21.5 | 22.5 |
| ITC | 42,496 | 30.0 | 25.7 | 19.5 | 16.6 | 36.8 | 38.6 |
| Marico | 2,695 | 34.9 | 29.1 | 22.6 | 18.6 | 30.2 | 28.5 |
| Nestle Ltd | 8,455 | 42.3 | 34.2 | 26.0 | 20.8 | 71.5 | 66.4 |
| AVERAGE |  | 33.2 | 28.0 | 22.9 | 19.2 | 53.9 | 52.6 |

Source: Edelweiss research

## Additional Data

| Mr. Harish Manwani | Chairman | Mr. Nitin Paranjpe | Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mr. Sridhar Ramamurthy | Executive Director, Finance \& IT and Chief Financial | Officer Mr. Pradeep Banerjee | Executive Director, Supply Chain |
| Mr. A. Narayan | Independent Director | Mr. S. Ramadorai | Independent Director |
| Mr. R. A. Mashelkar | Independent Director | Mr. O. P. Bhatt | Independent Director |
| Auditors - M/s. Lovelock \& Lewes |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | *as per last annual report |
| Holding - Top10 |  |  |  |
|  | Perc. Holding |  | Perc. Holding |
| Unilever plc | 36.76 | Brooke bond group It | 4.94 |
| Unilever overseas ho | 4.05 | Life insurance corp | 3.88 |
| Aberdeen | 3.12 | Unilever uk \& cn hol | 2.78 |
| Brooke bond south in | 2.44 | Vanguard group inc | 1.73 |
| Brooke bond assam es | 1.52 | Oppenheimerfunds inc | 1.29 |

## Bulk Deals

| Data | Acquired / Seller | $\mathrm{B} / \mathrm{S}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No Data Available |  | Price Traded |
|  |  | *in last one year |

## Insider Trades

| Reporting Data | Acquired / Seller | B/S | Qty Traded |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 24 May 2012 | Life Insurance Corporation of India | Sell | 44984788.00 |
| 30 Aug 2012 | Mr. Pradeep Banerjee | Sell | 15000.00 |
|  |  | *in last one year |  |


| Company | Absolute reco | Relative reco | Relative risk | Company | Absolute reco | Relative reco | Relative <br> Risk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asian Paints | BUY | SP | M | Colgate | HOLD | SP | M |
| Dabur | BUY | SO | M | Emami | BUY | SP | H |
| GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare | BUY | SP | M | Godrej Consumer | BUY | So | H |
| Hindustan Unilever | REDUCE | SU | L | ITC | BUY | So | L |
| Marico | BUY | so | M | Nestle Ltd | HOLD | SP | L |
| United Spirits | BUY | SO | H |  |  |  |  |


|  | ABSOLUTE RATING |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ratings | Expected absolute returns over $\mathbf{1 2}$ months |
| Buy | More than $15 \%$ |
| Hold | Between $15 \%$ and $-5 \%$ |
| Reduce | Less than $-5 \%$ |

## RELATIVE RETURNS RATING

| Ratings | Criteria |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sector Outperformer (SO) | Stock return $>1.25 \times$ Sector return |
| Sector Performer (SP) | Stock return $>0.75 \times$ Sector return |
|  | Stock return $<1.25 \times$ Sector return |
| Sector Underperformer (SU) | Stock return $<0.75 \times$ Sector return |

Sector return is market cap weighted average return for the coverage universe within the sector

## RELATIVE RISK RATING

| Ratings | Criteria |
| :--- | :--- |
| Low $(\mathrm{L})$ | Bottom $1 / 3$ rd percentile in the sector |
| Medium $(M)$ | Middle $1 / 3$ rd percentile in the sector |
| High $(H)$ | Top $1 / 3$ rd percentile in the sector |

Risk ratings are based on Edelweiss risk model

| SECTOR RATING |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ratings | Criteria |
| Overweight (OW) | Sector return $>1.25 \times$ Nifty return |
| Equalweight (EW) | Sector return $>0.75 \times$ Nifty return |
|  | Sector return $<1.25 \times$ Nifty return |
| Underweight (UW) | Sector return $<0.75 \times$ Nifty return |

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Asian Paints, Colgate, Dabur, Godrej Consumer , Emami, Hindustan Unilever, ITC, Marico, Nestle Ltd, GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, United Spirits

## Recent Research

| Date | Company | Title Pri | Price (INR) | Recos |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21-Jan-13 | Asian Paints | Festivals add glitter, margins improve; <br> Result Update | 4,288 | Buy |
| 18-Jan-13 | ITC | Cigarettes, FMCG on the roll; Result Update | 285 | Buy |
| 12-Dec-12 | Godrej Consumer Products | Ringing in the new; Visit Note | 716 | Buy |


| Distribution of Ratings / Market Cap <br> Edelweiss Research Coverage Universe |  |  |  |  |  | Rating Interpretation |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Buy | Hold | Reduce | Total | Rating | Expected to |
| Rating Distributio <br> * - stocks under r |  | 118 | 46 | 17 | 181 | Buy | appreciate more than $15 \%$ over a 12 -month period |
|  | > 50bn | B | en 10bn | 50 bn | < 10bn | Hold | appreciate up to $15 \%$ over a 12-month period |
| Market Cap (INR) | 117 |  | 57 |  | 7 | Reduce | depreciate more than 5\% over a 12-month period |

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