

Castrol India (CSTRL)

Energy

One-offs dampen results; downgrade to REDUCE on rich valuations. Castrol reported weaker-than-expected 4QCY09 net income at Rs808 mn (+72% yoy) versus our estimate of Rs1.1 bn. The negative variance was on account of (1) one-off expenses of Rs270 mn and (2) lower-than-expected volumes. We have downgraded Castrol to REDUCE from ADD noting the stock is trading above our revised 12-month target price of Rs640 based on 16X CY2010E EPS. We would advise investors to book profits and wait for some correction to get back in.

Company data and valuation summary Castrol India (a) Stock data 52-week range (Rs) (high,low) 724-287 Market Cap. (Rs bn) 80.9 Shareholding pattern (%) **Promoters** 71.0 FIIs 5.3 MFs 28 Price performance (%) 1M 3M 12M 24.9 109.4 Absolute 5.5 Rel. to BSE-30 12.1 27.7 15.6

Forecasts/Valuations	2010	2011E	2012E
EPS (Rs)	30.8	39.8	40.7
EPS growth (%)	44.7	29.2	2.2
P/E (X)	21.2	16.4	16.1
Sales (Rs bn)	23.3	25.0	26.1
Net profits (Rs bn)	3.8	4.9	5.0
EBITDA (Rs bn)	6.1	7.9	8.1
EV/EBITDA (X)	13.0	10.0	9.7
ROE (%)	83.8	101.1	92.4
Div. Yield (%)	3.8	4.6	4.6

Weaker-than-expected results due to one-off charges and lower volumes

Castrol reported 4QCY09 net income at Rs808 mn (-15.5% qoq, +72% yoy) versus our expected Rs1.1 bn. The weaker-than-expected performance was due to (1) one off expenditure of Rs270 mn for restructuring expenses (Rs140 mn) and impairment of assets (Rs130 mn) and (2) moderately lower sales volumes at 53,700 tons versus our expected 55,867 tons. 4QCY09 revenues increased to Rs6.1 bn (+13.5% yoy) due to moderately higher volumes (+16.7% yoy). Average realizations were moderately lower at Rs114/liter (Rs117.3/liter in 4QCY08). We highlight that qoq results comparison is not valid due to seasonality; 2Q and 4Q in a calendar year are the best quarters.

Downgrade to REDUCE given rich valuations and strong outperformance

We have downgraded Castrol stock to REDUCE from ADD noting that (1) the stock is trading above our revised 12-month target price of Rs640 based on 16X CY2010E EPS and (2) recent strong outperformance. Castrol stock has rallied 25% in the last three months versus the BSE-30 Index's 3% decline over the same period. We believe that the stock provides unfavorable risk-reward balance at current levels and would advise investors to book profits and wait for better opportunities at lower levels to get back in.

Fine-tuned earnings and target price to Rs640 (Rs625 previously)

We have fine-tuned our CY2010E and CY2011E EPS estimates to Rs39.8 and Rs40.7 from Rs40.4 and Rs41.2 to reflect (1) moderately lower volumes and (2) 4QCY09 results. We have revised our 12-month target price to Rs640 based on 16X CY2010E EPS (15X CY2010E EPS). Key upside risks stem from (1) lower-than-expected LOBS prices, (2) better-than-expected recovery in demand and (3) stronger-than-expected rupee. We also note that the stock has historically traded in a P/E band of 14-18X (see Exhibit 2). Thus, we do not rule out the stock trading at a higher multiple given strong liquidity in the market.

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Price (Rs): 655

Target price (Rs): 640

BSE-30: 16,328

QUICK NUMBERS

- Volumes decline by 4.3% in CY2009
- CY2009 realizations at Rs113.2/liter (+10% yoy)
- Castrol stock has outperformed
 Sensex by 28% in past three months

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Kotak Institutional Equities Research kotak.research@kotak.com Mumbai: +91-22-6634-1100 Interim results of Castrol, calendar year-ends (Rs mn)

						(% chg.)			yoy		
	4QCY09	4QCY09E	4QCY08	3QCY09	4QCY09E	4QCY08	3QCY09	2009	2008	(% chg.)	2010E
Net sales	6,124	6,361	5,396	5,667	(3.7)	13.5	8.1	23,280	22,120	5.2	25,046
Raw materials	2,996	3,141	3,559	2,694	(4.6)	(15.8)	11.2	11,237	13,132	(14.4)	11,723
Employees	250	308	220	300	(18.9)	13.6	(16.7)	1,122	973	15.3	1,262
Others	1,599	1,182	873	1,235	35.2	83.2	29.5	5,069	3,955	28.2	4,538
Advertisement	462		210	400		120.0	15.5	1,495	977	53.0	
CIF costs	175		135	184		29.6	(4.9)	703	700	0.4	_
Other exp	962		528	651		82.2	47.8	2,871	2,278	26.0	_
Total expenditure	4,845	4,632	4,652	4,229	4.6	4.1	14.6	17,428	18,060	(3.5)	17,524
EBITDA	1,279	1,729	744	1,438	(26.0)	71.9	(11.1)	5,852	4,060	44.1	7,522
EBITDA margin (%)	20.9	27.2	13.8	25.4				25.1	18.4		30.0
Other income	31	93	74	71	(66.7)	(58.1)	(56.3)	263	355	(25.9)	375
Interest	14	11	10	6	30.8	40.0	133.3	35	37	(5.4)	51
Depreciation	68	64	66	71	6.6	3.0	(4.2)	272	257	5.8	272
Pre-tax profits	1,228	1,747	742	1,432	(29.7)	65.5	(14.2)	5,808	4,121	40.9	7,574
Extraordinaries			_	_				_	(17)		
Tax	420	696	272	476	(39.7)	54.4	(11.8)	1,997	1,482	34.8	2,706
Deferred tax	1 -1	(48)		_				_			(57)
Net income	808	1,099	470	956	(26.5)	71.9	(15.5)	3,811	2,622	45.3	4,924
Adjusted net income	808	1,099	470	956	(26.5)	71.9	(15.5)	3,811	2,633	44.7	4,924
Effective tax rate (%)	34.2	37.1	36.7	33.2				34.4	36.0		35.0
Other details											
Other details	53.7	55.9	46.0	50.7	(2.0)	16.7	5.9	205.6	214.8	(4.3)	
Sales volumes ('000 tons)	114.0				(3.9)		2.0			10.0	
Gross realization (Rs/lt)	114.0	113.9	117.3	111.8	0.2	(2.8)	2.0	113.2	103.0	10.0	
Segment details											
Revenues											
Automotive	5,276		4,589	4,881		15.0	8.1	20,083	18,679	7.5	
Non-automotive	819		770	842		6.4	(2.7)	3,099	3,378	(8.3)	
Total	6,095		5,359	5,723		13.7	6.5	23,182	22,057	5.1	
EBIT											
Automotive	975		573	1,116		70.2	(12.6)	4,780	3,258	46.7	
Non-automotive	214		128	276		67.2	(22.5)	875	675	29.6	
Total	1,189		701	1,392		69.6	(14.6)	5,655	3,933	43.8	
EBIT margin (%)											
Automotive	18.5		12.5	22.9				23.8	17.4		
Non-automotive	26.1		16.6	32.8				28.2	20.0		
Total	19.5		13.1	24.3				24.4	17.8		
Capital employed											
Automotive	843		2,388	1,304		(64.7)	(35.4)	843	2,388	(64.7)	
Non-automotive	695		1,076	799		(35.4)	(13.0)	695	1,076	(35.4)	
Unallocable assets less liabilities	3,412		1,292	4,209		164.1	(18.9)	3,412	1,292	164.1	
Total	4,950		4,756	6,312		4.1	(21.6)	4,950	4,756	4.1	

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

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12-month forward P/E for Castrol India



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

Automotive division volumes remain strong; margins strong

Castrol's 4QCY09 automotive lubes segment's revenues increased 15% yoy to Rs5.3 bn led by increase in volumes. EBIT grew strongly by 70.2% yoy to Rs975 mn. We do not look at qoq comparison since automobile lubes sale is seasonal—2Q and 4Q in a calendar year are the best quarters. The automotive segment's EBIT margin was higher at 18.5% in 4QCY09 compared 12.5% in 4QCY08.

Castrol's CY2009 automotive lubes segment's revenues increased 7.5% yoy to Rs20.1 bn led by higher realizations. EBIT margin increased sharply to 23.8% from 17.8% in CY2008.

Industrial segment maintains its strong performance

Castrol's industrial lubes segment reported a 6.4% yoy growth in revenues to Rs819 mn and an impressive 67.2% yoy increase in EBIT to Rs214 mn. However, industrial segment's EBIT margin improved yoy to 26.1% in 4QCY09 compared to 16.6% in 4QCY08.

Castrol's CY2009 industrial lubes segment revenues declined 8.3% yoy to Rs3.1 bn led by lower volumes. EBIT margin increased sharply to 28.2% from 20% in CY2008.

Final dividend announced; good dividend yield

Castrol announced a final dividend of Rs15, thus taking the total dividend to Rs25 for CY2009 compared to Rs15 for CY2008. Castrol stock offers a decent dividend yield of 4.6% at current levels. We model Rs30 and Rs30 dividend for CY2010E and CY2011E, respectively.

Key assumptions

Exhibit 3 gives our key assumptions for our earnings. We discuss the same in detail below.

Castrol: Key assumptions, December year-ends, 2004-2011E

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009E	2010E	2011E
Volume (Kilo litres)								
Industrial grades	50,306	50,788	50,585	43,773	31,928	28,416	28,984	29,854
Automotive grades	173,277	174,936	174,236	175,093	180,927	175,499	179,009	180,799
Traded items	621	747	1,055	1,114	1,723	1,723	1,723	1,723
Total	224,204	226,471	225,875	219,980	214,578	205,638	209,716	212,376
Growth (%)	5.8	1.0	(0.3)	(2.6)	(2.5)	(4.2)	2.0	1.3
Raw material prices (US\$/t	ton)							
LOBS prices	423	520	815	786	1,041	825	875	925
Macro assumptions								
INR/US\$	45.3	44.1	45.3	41.3	43.6	48.4	46.0	46.0
Realization (Rs/lt)								
Gross realization	58.2	63.2	77.6	85.8	102.8	113.2	119.4	122.9
Raw material cost	34.6	39.1	53.3	48.5	63.2	54.6	54.8	56.8
Net realization	23.6	24.1	24.2	37.3	39.6	58.6	64.7	66.1

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

- ▶ Volumes. We currently model a 2% yoy increase in sales volumes in CY2010E. We do not rule upside risk to our assumption given the low base effect of CY2009 where volumes declined by 4.6%. We model a 1.3% yoy increase in sales volumes in CY2011E.
- ▶ Lubes prices. We model lube realizations to increase by 7% in CY2010E to reflect the price hikes taken by Castrol in January 2010. The company has not effected any price changes since then.
- ▶ LOBS prices. We model LOBS prices at US\$875/ton (+US\$50/ton) to reflect higher crude prices yoy. We model yoy increase of US\$50/ton in LOBS prices in CY2011E to reflect higher yoy crude price assumption.
- ▶ Exchange rate assumption. We maintain our exchange rate assumption for CY2010E and CY2011E at Rs46/US\$.

Castrol has high leverage to exchange rate and raw material prices Sensitivity of Castrol's earnings to key variables

		CY2010E		CY2011E				
	Downside	Base case	Upside	Downside	Base case	Upside		
Exchange rate								
Rupee dollar	47.0	46.0	45.0	47.0	46.0	45.0		
Net profits (Rs mn)	4,816	4,924	5,032	4,917	5,033	5,149		
EPS (Rs)	39.0	39.8	40.7	39.8	40.7	41.6		
% upside/(downside)	(2.2)		2.2	(2.3)		2.3		
Raw material price								
Raw material price (US\$/ton)	900	875	850	950	925	900		
Net profits (Rs mn)	4,782	4,924	5,066	4,889	5,033	5,177		
EPS (Rs)	38.7	39.8	41.0	39.5	40.7	41.9		
% upside/(downside)	(2.9)		2.9	(2.9)		2.9		

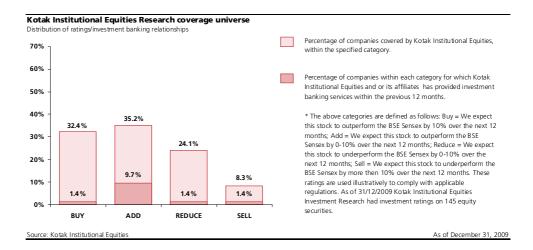
Source: Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

Castrol: Profit model, balance sheet, cash model, December year-ends, 2004-2011E (Rs mn)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009E	2010E	2011E
Profit model (Rs mn)								
Net sales	13,051	14,304	17,524	18,883	22,057	23,280	25,046	26,108
EBITDA	2,082	2,117	2,200	3,296	3,997	5,852	7,522	7,640
Other income	221	201	344	348	418	263	375	425
Interest	(29)	(30)	(41)	(38)	(37)	(35)	(51)	(51)
Depreciation	(249)	(189)	(180)	(208)	(257)	(272)	(272)	(276)
Pretax profits	2,026	2,098	2,322	3,398	4,122	5,809	7,574	7,738
Tax	(687)	(694)	(889)	(1,455)	(1,568)	(2,075)	(2,706)	(2,766)
Deferred taxation	9	56	57	236	86	78	57	61
Net profits	1,275	1,468	1,545	2,184	2,624	3,811	4,924	5,033
Earnings per share (Rs)	10.7	11.8	12.2	17.6	21.3	30.8	39.8	40.7
Balance sheet (Rs mn)								
Total equity	3,601	3,901	4,177	4,302	4,756	4,951	5,535	6,228
Deferred taxation liability	174	119	61	(182)	(268)	(346)	(403)	(464)
	37	28	28	28	28	19	16	13
Total borrowings Currrent liabilities								
	2,830	3,238	3,619	5,116	4,690	3,915	3,975	4,107
Total liabilities and equity	6,642	7,285	7,885	9,264	9,205	8,539	9,123	9,885
Cash	297	399	892	3,179	2,556	1,478	1,949	2,580
Current assets	3,558	4,422	5,271	4,546	5,199	5,733	5,968	6,226
Total fixed assets	1,498	1,383	1,297	1,333	1,445	1,323	1,200	1,074
Investments	1,289	1,081	425	206	5	5	5	5
Total assets	6,642	7,285	7,885	9,264	9,205	8,539	9,123	9,885
Free cash flow (Rs mn)								
Operating cash flow, excl. working capital	1,576	1,544	1,403	2,046	2,772	3,742	4,765	4,823
Working capital	24	(465)	(506)	1,484	(1,193)	(1,308)	(176)	(125)
Capital expenditure	(57)	(89)	63	(243)	(371)	(150)	(150)	(150)
Free cash flow	1,542	991	960	3,287	1,208	2,284	4,439	4,548
Investments	(402)	258	687	224	201		_	
Other income	37	25	9	151	210	263	375	425
Ratios (%)								
Debt/equity	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Net debt/equity	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
RoAE	34.3	37.7	37.4	52.3	61.0	83.8	101.1	92.4
RoACE	35.7	37.7	37.0	52.4	61.4	83.9	101.5	92.7

Source: Company, Kotak Institutional Equities estimates

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