

Sanofi India

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Bloomberg Equity Shares (m)		SANL IN 23.0		Year	Net Sales	PAT	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/BV	RoE	RoCE	EV/	EV/
52-Week Range (INR)		2,430/1,980		End	(INR m)	(INR m)	(INR)	Gr. (%)	(X)	(X)	(%)	(%)	Sales	EBITDA
1,6,12 Rel. Perf. (%)		3/-3/15		12/10A	10,850	1,550	67.3	-1.5	-	-	15.5	23.6	-	-
M.Cap. (INR b)		50.7		12/11A	12,297	1,912	83.0	23.3	26.5	4.6	17.3	25.3	3.9	27.4
M.Cap. (USD b)		0.9		12/12E	14,864	1,693	73.5	-11.4	29.9	4.2	13.9	20.6	3.2	22.3
				12/13E	17,144	2,128	92.4	25.7	23.8	3.7	15.6	23.1	2.7	17.8

Sanofi India's (SANL) 2QCY12 operational performance was in line with our expectations. Key highlights:

- Net sales grew 23.5% YoY to INR3.74b v/s our estimate of INR3.7b. We believe topline growth has been led by strong growth in domestic revenue on consolidation of Universal Medicare acquisition. Exports are also likely to have grown during the quarter.
- EBITDA grew 22% YoY to INR522m v/s our estimate of INR537m. EBITDA margin contracted 10bp to 14% v/s our estimate of 14.5%.
- Adjusted PAT declined 18.5% YoY to INR405m and was lower than our estimate of INR442m due to higher amortization cost relating to the brands and technical knowhow acquired from Universal Medicare in 2011.
- SANL has, in the past, indicated that for the domestic business, the rural and OTC segments will be the key growth drivers, and that it is likely to incur extra expenditure to establish its presence in these segments. This is likely to pressurize short-term profitability.

We believe SANL will be one of the key beneficiaries of the patent regime in the long-term. The parent has a strong R&D pipeline with a total of 61 products undergoing clinical trials, of which 18 are in Phase-III or pending approvals. Some of these are likely to be launched in India. However, SANL's profitability has declined significantly in the last five years, with EBITDA margin declining from 25% in CY06 to 14.3% in CY11, mainly impacted by discontinuation of Rabipur sales in the domestic market, lower export growth and higher staff & promotional expenses. RoE has declined from 28.6% to 17.3% during the period. The stock trades at 29.9x CY12E and 23.8x CY13E EPS. We believe that the stock performance will remain muted in the short term until clarity emerges on future growth drivers. Maintain **Neutral**.

Quarterly Performance

Y/E December	(INR Million)								CY11	CY12E	Est. 2QCY12	Var. vs Est
	CY11				CY12							
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE				
Net Sales	2,763	3,028	3,127	3,379	3,225	3,741	3,901	4,008	12,297	14,864	3,705	1.0%
YoY Change (%)	9.9	11.5	13.5	17.9	16.7	23.5	24.8	18.6	13.3	20.9	22.3	
Total Expenditure	2,328	2,600	2,624	2,985	2,733	3,219	3,266	3,525	10,537	12,743	3,167	
EBITDA	435	428	503	394	492	522	636	483	1,760	2,122	537	-2.9%
Margins (%)	15.7	14.1	16.1	11.7	15.3	14.0	16.3	12.1	14.3	14.3	14.5	-50bp
Depreciation	54	54	61	142	183	186	195	200	311	764	159	
Interest	2	0	0	2	4	4	0	2	4	10	0	
Other Income	379	361	369	286	289	267	309	323	1,395	1,188	285	
PBT before EO Items	758	735	811	535	594	599	750	604	2,839	2,535	663	
Extra-Ord Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PBT after EO Items	758	735	811	535	594	599	750	604	2,839	2,535	663	-9.7%
Tax	252	238	263	-10	193	194	250	205	743	842	221	
Effective tax Rate (%)	33.2	32.4	32.4	-1.8	32.5	32.4	33.4	33.8	26.2	33.2	33.4	
Reported PAT	506	497	548	545	401	405	499	400	2,096	1,693	442	-8.3%
Adj PAT	506	497	548	545	401	405	499	400	2,096	1,693	442	-8.3%
YoY Change (%)	40.2	17.2	15.9		-20.8	-18.5	-8.9	-26.7	31.2	-19.2	-11.1	
Margins (%)	18.3	16.4	17.5	16.1	12.4	10.8	12.8	10.0	17.0	11.4	11.9	

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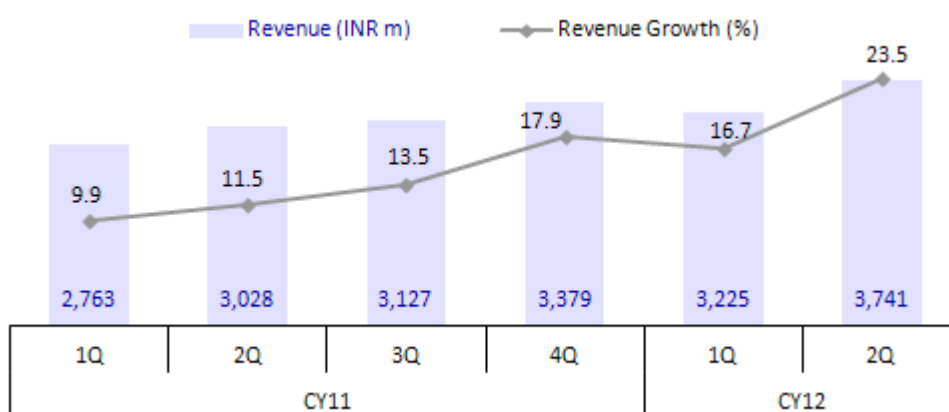
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Revenue growth is likely to have led by domestic business

SANL's 2QCY12 operational performance was in line with our estimates with 23.5% YoY growth in net sales to INR3.74b (v/s est INR3.7b) and 22% YoY growth in EBITDA to INR522m (v/s est INR537m). EBITDA margins contracted 10bp to 14% (v/s est 14.5%). Adj PAT declined 18.5% YoY to INR405m and was lower than our estimate of INR442m

The company has stopped giving revenue break-up between domestic formulation and export revenues. We believe topline growth is led by strong growth in domestic formulation revenues on the back of consolidation of Universal Medicare acquisition. Export revenues have likely grown this quarter.

Revenue trend

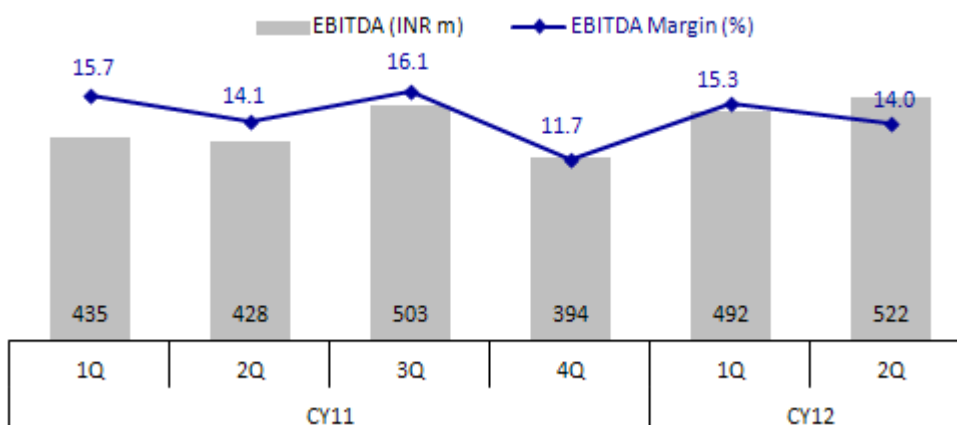


Source: Company, MOSL

EBITDA was in-line with estimates

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EBITDA and margin trend



Source: Company, MOSL

The company has, in the past, indicated that for the domestic business, rural and OTC segment will be key growth drivers in the future, and that the company is likely to incur some extra expenditure for establishing its presence in these segments. This is likely to pressurize short-term profitability.

Domestic formulations - new product introductions hold the key

In the past few quarters, SANL's domestic formulation revenue growth has lagged the average industry growth. Taking a longer term view, we believe SANL is well placed to benefit from the introduction of product patents, given its strengths in marketing, a supportive parent and a healthy product pipeline (of NCEs). SANL's history of launching patented products in India, a well mapped portfolio vis-à-vis the parent, and ability to build them into big brands make it one of the potential beneficiaries of the product patent regime in India. Further, the company is planning to strengthen its portfolio in diabetes segment. The parent (Sanofi-Aventis) currently has 61 projects in research and development, including about 36 in late stage (Phase II & III) development and registration. About 20% of the product development pipeline consists of vaccines. The table below gives details on the parent's R&D pipeline.

SANL - Parent's NCE Pipeline

Therapeutic area	No of projects				
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Registration	Total
Metabolic Disorders	2	1	0	2	5
Oncology	6	4	3	2	15
Genetic Diseases	1	0	1	0	2
Thrombosis	1	0	1	0	2
Central Nervous System	2	0	1	1	4
Internal Medicine	3	5	1	0	9
Ophthalmology	3	2	0	0	5
Aging	3	3	0	0	6
Vaccines	4	3	5	1	13
Total	25	18	12	6	61

Source: Company, MOSL

Rural initiatives and entry into OTC segment- long term positive but may pressurize profitability in short-term

AVEN is one of the few MNCs which is focusing on rural India. Given the increasing disposable income, various government initiatives to improve rural healthcare infrastructure, and low competition, AVEN may benefit from its early entry into this segment. Management feels that it has made strong progress with project Prayas and will continue to invest resources on the project. Prayas is present in 14 states of India. The project has engaged more than 10,000 doctors and conducted over 2,000 workshops. However, we believe that this will not contribute significantly to revenues in the short-to-medium term. Rather it is a long-term positive. In fact, in the short-term, this initiative is likely to pressurize AVEN's profitability given the investments required in establishing a presence in this segment as well as the relatively lower profitability of this market. Rural division generated revenues of INR185mn in CY10. The management expects the rural division to break even in the next 3 years. On the back of the success in project 'Prayas', Aventis has launched other initiatives like 'I am a Champ', 'Saath 7' and 'Together for More'. Further, company's entry into OTC segment is also likely to keep margins under pressure as it requires higher advertising spend.

Cutting earnings estimates by 5%

Based on 2QCY12 results and taking into account the full impact of amortization of brands acquired from Universal Medicare, we are downgrading our EPS estimates for CY12 and CY13 by 5.2% each to INR73.5 (down 11.4% YoY) and INR92.4 (up 25.7%).

Revised Forecast (INR m)

	CY12			CY13		
	Rev	Old	Chg (%)	Rev	Old	Chg (%)
Net Sales	14,864	14,774	0.6	17,144	17,038	0.6
Net Profit	1,693	1,786	-5.2	2,128	2,245	-5.2
EPS (INR)	73.5	77.6	-5.2	92.4	97.5	-5.2

Source: CMOSL

Valuation and view

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Sanofi India (SANL): an investment profile

Company description

SANL (60% subsidiary of Sanofi Aventis, France) is the fifth largest MNC and among the top 15 formulations players in India. The company has built a very strong franchise in chronic therapy areas like anti-diabetes, oncology and CVS, in the process realigning its domestic portfolio with that of its parent.

Key investment arguments

- SANL is well placed to benefit from the introduction of product patents, given its strengths in marketing, a supportive parent and a healthy NCE product pipeline of parent company
- SANL's history of launching patented products in India, a well mapped portfolio vis-à-vis the parent and ability to build them into big brands make it one of the potential beneficiaries of the product patent regime in India

Key investment risks

- Biggest risk to SANL could be the implementation of the new pharmaceutical policy in the current form. The new policy proposes to significantly increase the span of control by bringing in total 348 drugs under price control.
- Possible pre-grant and post-grant patent challenges by domestic generic companies could hamper the plans and prospects of launch of patented product.

Comparative valuations

		Aventis	GSK
P/E (x)	CY12E	29.9	26.7
	CY13E	23.8	22.8
P/BV (x)	CY12E	4.2	8.9
	CY13E	3.7	7.9
EV/Sales (x)	CY12E	3.2	6.2
	CY13E	2.7	5.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	CY12E	22.3	19.5
	CY13E	17.8	16.1

Shareholding pattern (%)

	Mar-12	Dec-11	Mar-11
Promoter	60.4	60.4	60.4
Domestic Inst	15.8	17.8	18.3
Foreign	12.4	10.5	10.0
Others	11.5	11.3	11.3

Recent developments

- In November 2011, the company acquired Universal Medicare Pvt. Ltd in India for the total consideration of INR5.6b

Valuation and view

- SANL will be one of the key beneficiaries of the patent regime in the long-term. In the long-term, focus on growing strategic brands and strong support from the parent will augur well for the company. We believe that it is very well positioned to take advantage of the patent regime in the long-term.
- The stock is currently valued at 29.9x CY12E and 23.8x CY13E earnings. We maintain Neutral.

Sector view

- The domestic market is expected to witness 14-15% growth, with gradual increase in the low penetration levels - companies with strong brands and marketing muscle to benefit.
- IPR regime unlikely to lead to any major change in the near term; MNCs and large Indian players to gain over the longer term.
- Among MNCs, we are bullish on companies whose domestic portfolio is well aligned with its parent and where risk of conflict with 100% subsidiaries is limited.

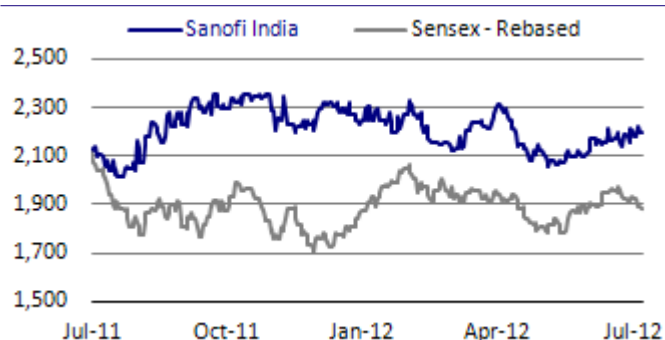
EPS: MOSL forecast v/s consensus (INR)

	MOSL Forecast	Consensus Forecast	Variation (%)
CY12	73.5	99.7	-26.3
CY13	92.4	100.5	-8.1

Target Price and Recommendation

Current Price (INR)	Target Price (INR)	Upside (%)	Reco.
2,200	1,848	-16	Neutral

Stock performance (1 year)



Financials and Valuation

Income Statement		(INR Million)				
Y/E December	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	
Exports	2,290	2,141	2,273	2,500	2,925	
Net Domestic Sales	7,454	8,709	10,024	12,364	14,218	
Net Sales	9,744	10,850	12,297	14,864	17,144	
Change (%)	-0.9	11.3	13.3	20.9	15.3	
Materials Consumed	4,820	5,390	6,194	7,313	8,400	
Personnel Expenses	1,440	1,633	1,764	1,941	2,135	
Other Expenses	2,007	2,396	2,579	3,489	4,056	
Total Expenditure	8,267	9,418	10,537	12,743	14,591	
EBITDA	1,478	1,431	1,761	2,122	2,552	
Change (%)	-20.4	-3.1	23.0	20.5	20.3	
Margin (%)	15.2	13.2	14.3	14.3	14.9	
Depreciation	173	197	311	764	800	
EBIT	1,304	1,234	1,449	1,357	1,752	
Int. and Finance Charge	1	29	4	10	0	
Other Income - Rec.	1,111	1,135	1,395	1,188	1,435	
PBT & EO Items	2,415	2,340	2,840	2,535	3,186	
Change (%)	-7.0	-3.1	21.4	-10.7	25.7	
Extra Ordinary Income/(0	757	0	0	0	
PBT after EO Items	2,415	3,097	2,840	2,535	3,186	
Tax	840	790	928	842	1,058	
Tax Rate (%)	34.8	25.5	32.7	33.2	33.2	
Reported PAT	1,574	2,308	1,912	1,693	2,128	
PAT Adj for EO Items	1,574	1,550	1,912	1,693	2,128	
Change (%)	-5.3	-1.5	23.3	-11.4	25.7	
Margin (%)	16.2	14.3	15.5	11.4	12.4	

Balance Sheet		(INR Million)				
Y/E December	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	
Equity Share Capital	230	230	230	230	230	
Reserves	8,951	9,783	10,816	11,934	13,371	
Revaluation Reserves	136	128	120	111	103	
Net Worth	9,318	10,142	11,166	12,275	13,704	
Deferred Tax Liabilities	-146	-99	85	85	85	
Capital Employed	9,172	10,043	11,251	12,360	13,789	
Gross Block	3,346	3,755	4,355	4,555	4,755	
Less: Accum. Deprn.	1,897	2,044	2,309	3,074	3,874	
Net Fixed Assets	1,449	1,710	2,046	1,481	881	
Capital WIP	271	133	302	302	302	
Investments	52	4	4	4	4	
Goodwill			5,324	5,324	5,324	
Curr. Assets	10,135	12,138	7,350	9,728	12,413	
Inventory	2,311	2,413	2,543	3,014	3,476	
Account Receivables	527	604	730	1,018	1,174	
Cash and Bank Balance	5,860	6,554	2,342	3,457	5,180	
Others	1,437	2,567	1,735	2,240	2,583	
Curr. Liability & Prov.	2,735	3,943	3,775	4,480	5,167	
Account Payables	1,582	1,737	2,195	2,443	2,818	
Other Liabilities						
Provisions	1,154	2,206	1,579	2,036	2,348	
Net Current Assets	7,400	8,196	3,575	5,249	7,247	
Appl. of Funds	9,172	10,043	11,251	12,360	13,789	

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Ratios						
Y/E December	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	
Basic (INR)						
EPS	68.4	67.3	83.0	73.5	92.4	
Cash EPS	75.9	75.9	96.5	106.7	127.2	
BV/Share	398.7	434.8	479.7	528.2	590.6	
DPS	20.0	55.0	33.0	25.0	30.0	
Payout (%)	34.2	63.9	46.0	34.0	32.5	
Valuation (x)						
P/E			26.5	29.9	23.8	
Cash P/E			22.8	20.6	17.3	
P/BV			4.6	4.2	3.7	
EV/Sales			3.9	3.2	2.7	
EV/EBITDA			27.4	22.3	17.8	
Dividend Yield (%)			1.5	1.1	1.4	
Return Ratios (%)						
RoE	17.1	15.5	17.3	13.9	15.6	
RoCE	26.3	23.6	25.3	20.6	23.1	
Working Capital Ratios						
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	6.8	6.9	6.5	8.4	14.5	
Debtor (Days)	20	20	22	25	25	
Inventory (Days)	87	81	75	74	74	
Working Capital (Days)	58	55	37	44	44	
Leverage Ratio (x)						
Debt/Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Cash Flow Statement		(INR Million)				
Y/E December	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	
OP/(Loss) before Tax	1,478	1,431	1,761	2,122	2,552	
Interest/Dividends Recd	1,111	1,135	1,395	1,188	1,435	
Direct Taxes Paid	-833	-743	-745	-842	-1,058	
(Inc)/Dec in WC	81	-102	410	-559	-275	
CF from Operations	1,837	1,722	2,820	1,909	2,654	
EO Items	0	757	0	0	0	
CF from Ope (EO items)	1,837	2,479	2,820	1,909	2,654	
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-411	-329	-6,148	-208	-208	
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CF from Investments	-411	-281	-6,148	-208	-208	
Interest Paid	-1	-29	-4	-10	0	
Dividend Paid	-539	-1,476	-879	-576	-691	
CF from Fin. Activity	-540	-1,504	-883	-586	-691	
Inc/Dec of Cash	886	694	-4,211	1,115	1,755	
Add: Beginning Balance	4,974	5,860	6,554	2,342	3,457	
Closing Balance	5,860	6,554	2,342	3,457	5,179	

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