## Paints

Kansai Nerolac Paints (KNP) Q1FY13 sales at INR 7,235mn, a YoY growth of 11\%, was slightly lower than our expectation due to lackluster demand in decorative paints segment. EBIDTA margin at $13.39 \%$ was down by 84bps YoY but surprisingly up by 245bps QoQ on back of price hikes taken by the company. PAT at INR 449 mn was up by $3.38 \%$ YoY, in line with our expectation. Going ahead, bad monsoon and slowdown in auto industry could pose significant headwinds to demand scenario but expected improvement in margins owing to moderation in RM cost and exchange rate stabilization would aid the profitability. We maintain BUY recommendation with the target price of INR 1,050, discounting FY14E earnings at 20x.

Price hikes supported sales growth
KNP reported 11\% YoY growth in sales in Q1FY13 on the back of sluggish volume growth of $\sim 4-5 \%$, lower than our expectation. Volume growth came largely from industrial paints segment and was flattish in decorative paints segment. High proportion of price hikes in decorative paints (cumulative $\sim 25 \%$ in last two years), persistent high inflation and higher stocking by dealers in previous quarter weighed on volume growth in decorative segment. Going ahead, bad monsoon could pose a dampner on overall demand for decorative as well as industrial paints. Beside ongoing trouble in Maruti Suzuki and general slowdown in auto industry volume would continue to suppress overall demand for auto paints that account for $\sim 35 \%$ of company's sales.

## Price hikes aided QoQ margin expansion

KNP took $\sim 12 \% ~ \& ~ \sim 3 \% ~ a v e r a g e ~ p r i c e ~ h i k e s ~ i n ~ F Y 12 ~ a n d ~ ~ 5 \% ~ a n d ~$ ~4\% in Q1FY13 respectively in decorative and industrial paints segment. Consequently, gross margins improved by 336bps QoQ but remained lower by 113bps compared to the corresponding quarter in previous year. Despite moderation in international prices of key RM like TiO2 and crude derivatives, depreciation in INR vis-à-vis USD erased any possible gains. Control on other expenditure helped the company to contain YoY decline in EBIDTA margin by 84 bps to $13.39 \%$. Going ahead, we expect stabilization in exchange rate will lead to moderation in RM cost that would aid margin expansion.

Acquisition of 68\% stake in Nepal Shalimar
Company initiated process of acquiring 68\% stake in Nepal Shalimar Private Ltd. (NSPL) in Q1FY13 to capture growth in Nepal market. Company expects acquisition to be completed by Q2FY13 for a sum of $\sim$ INR 75.5 mn . Further, KNP would be giving a loan of ~INR 61.2 mn to fund the working capital requirement of NSPL. With this, company came in par with its peers having manufacturing facility in the country. Previously, KNP used to export its products to Nepal primarily in premium segment due to $35-40 \%$ import duty on paints. NSPL had a turnover of $\sim$ INR 123.4 mn in FY11 with a market share of $\sim 8 \%$.

Outlook \& Valuation
KNP had been successful in taking price hikes of $\sim 4 \%$ in industrial paints segment in Q1FY13 that bodes well for margin expansion going forward, provided exchange rate remains at current level. On the demand front, there had been some moderation owing to persistent high inflation and successive price hikes that impacted the overall consumer confidence in decorative paints segment, whereas slowdown in auto industry has had an impact on demand in industrial paints segment compared to previous year. Bad monsoon, however, could be a further dampner to overall demand scenario and therefore is key watchable. Despite slower growth, we expect profitability to be aided by margin expansion. We maintain BUY recommendation with 18 months target price of INR 1,050, discounting FY14E earnings at 20x.


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Quarterly Standalone Financials

| Particulars (INR mn) | Q1FY13 | Q1FY12 | YoY (\%) | Q4FY12 | QoQ (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Income | 7,235 | 6,521 | $10.96 \%$ | 6,668 | $8.50 \%$ |
| COGS | 4,827 | 4,277 | $12.87 \%$ | 4,673 | $3.30 \%$ |
| Gross Profit | 2,408 | 2,244 | $7.31 \%$ | 1,995 | $20.70 \%$ |
| Gross Profit Margins \% | $33.28 \%$ | $34.41 \%$ | -113 bps | $29.92 \%$ | +336 bps |
| Employees' Cost | 293 | 254 | $15.58 \%$ | 271 | $8.12 \%$ |
| as a \% of sales | $4.05 \%$ | $3.89 \%$ | +16 bps | $4.06 \%$ | -1 bps |
| Other Expenditure | 1,146 | 1,063 | $7.86 \%$ | 994 | $15.29 \%$ |
| as a \% of sales | $15.84 \%$ | $16.29 \%$ | -46 bps | $14.91 \%$ | +93 bps |
| EBIDTA | 969 | 928 | $4.42 \%$ | 730 | $32.74 \%$ |
| EBIDTA Margins \% | $13.39 \%$ | $14.23 \%$ | -84 bps | $10.95 \%$ | +245 bps |
| Depreciation | 156 | 120 | $29.89 \%$ | 163 | $-4.29 \%$ |
| EBIT (excld. Other income) | 813 | 808 | $0.63 \%$ | 567 | $43.39 \%$ |
| Other Income | 67 | 57 | $17.75 \%$ | 82 | $-18.29 \%$ |
| EBIT | 880 | 865 | $1.76 \%$ | 649 | $35.59 \%$ |
| Interest | - | 3 | $-100.00 \%$ | - | - |
| Exceptional Item | - | - | - | - | - |
| EBT | 880 | 862 | $2.05 \%$ | 649 | $35.59 \%$ |
| Tax Expense (Total) | 247 | 250 | $-1.20 \%$ | 200 | $23.50 \%$ |
| Net Profit | 633 | 612 | $3.38 \%$ | 449 | $41.0 \%$ |
| Net Profit Margins \% | $8.75 \%$ | $9.39 \%$ | -64 bps | $6.73 \%$ | +202 bps |
| EPS | 11.75 | 11.36 | $3.38 \%$ | 8.33 | $40.98 \%$ |




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## Financials Standalone

| Income statement |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year End March (INR mn) | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| Net Sales | 21,399 | 26,006 | 30,671 | 34,999 |
| Growth (\%) | $25.33 \%$ | $21.53 \%$ | $17.94 \%$ | $14.11 \%$ |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 14,003 | 17,430 | 20,563 | 23,266 |
| Employee Cost | 916 | 1,069 | 1,227 | 1,400 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 3,563 | 4,129 | 4,864 | 5,584 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 18,482 | 22,627 | 26,654 | 30,250 |
| EBIDTA (excl. OI) | 2,917 | 3,379 | 4,017 | 4,749 |
| EBIDTA Margin (\%) | $13.63 \%$ | $12.99 \%$ | $13.10 \%$ | $13.57 \%$ |
| Depreciation/Amortization | 494 | 564 | 735 | 920 |
| EBIT | 2,423 | 2,815 | 3,282 | 3,829 |
| Interest Expense | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Other Income (OI) | 223 | 243 | 150 | 207 |
| Exceptionals | 254 | - | - | - |
| EBT | 2,891 | 3,051 | 3,427 | 4,031 |
| Tax Expenses | 832 | 892 | 1,024 | 1,200 |
| PAT | 2,060 | 2,159 | 2,403 | 2,831 |
| Adjustment to PAT | $(207)$ | - | - | - |
| APAT | 1,853 | 2,159 | 2,403 | 2,831 |
| Growth (\%) | $14.30 \%$ | $16.52 \%$ | $11.29 \%$ | $17.81 \%$ |
| APAT Margin (\%) | $8.66 \%$ | $8.30 \%$ | $7.83 \%$ | $8.09 \%$ |

Key Ratios

| Year End March | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Per Share Data (INR) |  |  |  |  |
| Reported EPS | 38.22 | 40.06 | 44.59 | 52.53 |
| Adj. EPS | 34.38 | 40.06 | 44.59 | 52.53 |
| Growth (\%) | $14.30 \%$ | $16.52 \%$ | $11.29 \%$ | $17.81 \%$ |
| DPS | 10.00 | 11.00 | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| BVPS | 170.00 | 197.28 | 232.65 | 275.00 |
| Return Ratios (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| RoACE | $20.00 \%$ | $20.31 \%$ | $19.65 \%$ | $19.82 \%$ |
| RoANW | $21.94 \%$ | $21.82 \%$ | $20.74 \%$ | $20.69 \%$ |
| RoIC | $23.98 \%$ | $23.57 \%$ | $22.60 \%$ | $22.58 \%$ |
| Liquidity Ratios |  |  |  |  |
| Net Debt/Equity | $(0.36)$ | $(0.16)$ | $(0.11)$ | $10.23)$ |
| Interest Coverage Ratio | 288.44 | 433.09 | 567.32 | 709.93 |
| Current Ratio | 1.49 | 1.64 | 1.56 | 1.55 |
| Efficiency Ratios |  |  |  |  |
| Asset Turnover Ratio | 1.56 | 1.64 | 1.67 | 1.64 |
| Inventory Days | 78 | 85 | 84 | 82 |
| Debtor Days | 42 | 43 | 45 | 45 |
| Payable Days | 84 | 82 | 84 | 86 |
| Valuation Ratios | 25.25 | 22.46 | 20.18 | 17.13 |
| P/E (x) | 5.11 | 4.56 | 3.87 | 3.27 |
| P/BV (x) | $1.15 \%$ | $1.22 \%$ | $1.33 \%$ | $1.56 \%$ |
| Dividend Yield (\%) | 1.91 | 1.63 | 1.38 | 1.21 |
| EV/Net Sales (x) | 16.33 | 14.56 | 12.23 | 10.34 |
| EV/EBIDTA (x) |  |  |  |  |

Balance Sheet

| Year End March (INR mn) | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sources of Funds |  |  |  |  |
| Share Capital | 539 | 539 | 539 | 539 |
| Reserves and Surplus | 8,623 | 10,093 | 11,999 | 14,281 |
| Total Networth | 9,162 | 10,632 | 12,538 | 14,820 |
| Total Debt | 825 | 690 | 640 | 600 |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 9 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 1 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 4 2 0}$ |


| Application of Funds |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Block | 2,782 | 4,078 | 6,527 | 7,572 |
| CWIP | 1,036 | 1,684 | 1,560 | 258 |
| Investments | 3,718 | 1,835 | 1,320 | 3,344 |
| Current Assets | 7,043 | 9,282 | 10,305 | 11,714 |
| Current Liabilities | 4,727 | 5,659 | 6,621 | $\mathbf{7 , 5 4 6}$ |
| Net Current Assets | $\mathbf{2 , 3 1 6}$ | 3,623 | 3,685 | 4,168 |
| Deferred Tax Asset (Net) | 134 | 102 | 86 | 78 |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 9 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 1 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 4 2 0}$ |

Cash Flow

| Year End March (INR mn) | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| EBT | 2,891 | 3,051 | 3,427 | 4,031 |
| Less: Other Income/Exceptionals | 477 | 243 | 150 | 207 |
| Add: Depreciation | 494 | 564 | 735 | 920 |
| Add: Interest Paid | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Taxes Paid | $(796)$ | $(892)$ | $(1,024)$ | $(1,200)$ |
| Change in Working Capital | $(822)$ | $(712)$ | $(38)$ | $(384)$ |
| Others | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Cash Flows from Operations (a) | $\mathbf{1 , 3 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 7 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 9 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 1 7 0}$ |
| Capital Expenditure | $(1,268)$ | $(2,508)$ | $(3,000)$ | $(605)$ |
| Asset Sales | 1 | - | - | - |
| Change in Investment | 297 | 1,392 | 515 | $(2,024)$ |
| Others | 405 | 302 | 353 | 328 |
| Cash Flows from Investments (b) | $\mathbf{( 5 6 5 )}$ | $(814)$ | $(\mathbf{2 , 1 3 2 )}$ | $(2,301)$ |
| Change in Equity | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Raised/(Repaid) | $(275)$ | $(135)$ | $(50)$ | $(40)$ |
| Dividend paid (including tax) | $\mathbf{( 4 7 1 )}$ | $(631)$ | $(694)$ | $(757)$ |
| Interest Paid | $(8)$ | $(7)$ | $(6)$ | $(5)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing (c) | $\mathbf{( 7 5 5 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 7 7 2 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 7 4 9 )}$ | $(802)$ |
| Net Change in Cash (a+b+c) | $\mathbf{( 1 4 )}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 6}$ |
| Opening Cash | 411 | 397 | 592 | 669 |
| Closing Cash | 397 | 592 | 669 | 735 |

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