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Reliance Industries (RELI.BO)

## Whither Growth?

- Downgrade to Neutral We believe the stock is factoring in a sustained pick-up in refining, while the E&P 'mispricing' too seems to have been largely corrected for now. While the buy-back provides support (bought back ~\$500m or ~1/3<sup>rd</sup> of max. planned), valns at 1.3x P/B, 11.2x P/E are not compelling enough. Strong earnings momentum will be contingent on refining upsides (improvement in global macro/ supply outages) or a pick-up in petchem demand (still elusive). Without margin surprises, volume-led growth from new projects will only kick in from FY16E, keeping the near-term earnings outlook subdued. We could get more +ve at below Rs750 and prefer Cairn (operational momentum, improved comfort on use of cash).
- E&P value gap now bridged As highlighted in our <u>Aug 1 note</u>, the stock, before the recent run up, was pricing in just ~2-3 tcf of reserves, despite emerging clarity from partners which indicated a range of ~5-7 tcf. We view the stock as having now largely made up for this 'mispricing' (our TP assumes 7.3 tcf); further upside will be more back-ended as trickling in of gov't approvals will more likely ensure a near-term bottom rather than a meaningful uptick in prodn vols in the foreseeable future.
- Refining to stay range-bound We expect Asian margins to be range-bound (mid-cycle level) in CY13, with the next round of major supply arriving in CY14-15. In CY13, expected global net capacity adds of 1.3-m b/d look to outpace demand of 0.9-m b/d, suggesting more closures needed for a balanced mkt. Our FY13/14E GRMs of \$8.5/8.7 assume steady recovery from \$7.2 in 2HFY12.
- Meaningful contribution from new projects, but from FY16E RIL's two major upcoming projects refinery off-gas cracker (ROGC) and petcoke gasification are still c3 yrs away from completion. Our initial understanding of these projects indicates potential incremental EBITDA contribution of ~\$2.2-2.6bn (on an investment of c\$8bn). This could imply consol core EBITDA increasing ~50-60% over the next 3-5 yrs. Notwithstanding RIL's excellent project execution track record, equity returns will tend to be more back-ended, as often happens with projects of this scale, and a range-bound stock performance is more likely on a 12-mth view.

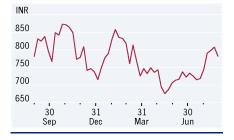
Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield	
31 Mar	(RsM)	(Rs)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	
2011A	192,940	64.53	30.0	12.1	1.5	13.2	1.0	
2012A	197,240	66.21	2.6	11.8	1.4	12.2	1.1	
2013E	206,450	70.16	6.0	11.2	1.3	11.7	1.1	
2014E	213,192	72.45	3.3	10.8	1.1	11.0	1.2	
2015E	220,413	74.90	3.4	10.5	1.0	10.4	1.3	

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- Rating Change
- Target Price Change
- Estimate Change

Neutral	2
from Buy	
Price (30 Aug 12)	Rs783.80
Target price	Rs847.00
from Rs818.00	
Expected share price return	8.1%
Expected dividend yield	1.1%
Expected total return	9.2%
Market Cap	Rs2,537,007M
	US\$45,544M

#### Price Performance (RIC: RELI.BO, BB: RIL IN)



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RELI.BO: Fiscal year end	31-Mar					Price: Rs783.80; TP: R	s847.00; Mark	et Cap: Rs	2,537,007m	n; Recomn	n: Neutra
Profit & Loss (Rsm)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E	Valuation ratios	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
Sales revenue	2,658,110	3,585,010	3,348,505	2,990,782	2,818,820	PE (x)	12.1	11.8	11.2	10.8	10.5
Cost of sales	-2,185,450	-3,105,920	-3,020,056	-2,643,758	-2,444,345	PB (x)	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
Gross profit	472,660	479,090	328,449	347,024	374,475	EV/EBITDA (x)	7.3	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.0
Gross Margin (%)	17.8	13.4	9.8	11.6	13.3	FCF yield (%)	-0.8	-0.8	-3.6	-6.2	2.5
EBITDA (Adj)	380,440	345,080	340,797	359,501	391,551	Dividend yield (%)	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
EBITDA Margin (Adj) (%)	14.3	9.6	10.2	12.0		Payout ratio (%)	12	13	13	13	13
Depreciation	-141,210	-124,010	-118,782	-120,862		ROE (%)	13.2	12.2	11.7	11.0	10.4
Amortisation	0	0	0	0	,	Cashflow (Rsm)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
EBIT (Adj)	239,230	221,070	222,015	238,640		EBITDA	380,440	345,080	340,797	359,501	391,551
EBIT Margin (Adj) (%)	9.0	6.2	6.6	8.0	-	Working capital	-84,179	-186.300	-53,189	-92,334	-20,433
Net interest	-24,110	-28,930	-36,381	-29,761	-40,377		-46,510	-23,900	-15,565	-25,448	-42,732
Associates	0	0	0	0		Operating cashflow	249,751	134,880	272,043	241,720	328,387
Non-op/Except	25,430	61,940	72,722	66,159		Capex	-268,758	-153,710	-354,747	-384,141	-270,505
Pre-tax profit	240,550	254,080	258,356	275,039		Net acq/disposals	90,040	230,000	0	- <del>30</del> -,1+1 0	0,505
Tax	-47,830	-56,910	-51,907	-61,846	-65,220		30,040 0	230,000	0	0	0
Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.	-47,830	-50,910	-51,907								
				0		Investing cashflow	-178,718	76,290	-354,747	-384,141	-270,505
Reported net profit	192,940	197,240	206,450	213,192		Dividends paid	-27,720	-29,410	-33,189	-35,032	-36,876
Net Margin (%)	7.3	5.5	6.2	7.1		Financing cashflow	86,412	13,320	237,181	6,529	-42,068
Core NPAT	192,940	197,240	206,450	213,192		Net change in cash	157,445	224,490	154,477	-135,891	15,814
Per share data	2011	2012	2013E	2014E		Free cashflow to s/holder	s -19,007	-18,830	-82,704	-142,420	57,882
Reported EPS (Rs)	64.53	66.21	70.16	72.45	74.90						
Core EPS (Rs)	64.53	66.21	70.16	72.45	74.90						
DPS (Rs)	8.00	8.50	9.00	9.50	10.00						
CFPS (Rs)	83.53	45.28	92.45	82.14	111.60						
FCFPS (Rs)	-6.36	-6.32	-28.11	-48.40	19.67						
BVPS (Rs)	515.39	568.80	625.87	686.42	748.79						
Wtd avg ord shares (m)	2,990	2,979	2,943	2,943	2,943						
Wtd avg diluted shares (m)	2,990	2,979	2,943	2,943	2,943						
Growth rates	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E						
Sales revenue (%)	38.1	34.9	-6.6	-10.7	-5.7						
EBIT (Adj) (%)	19.1	-7.6	0.4	7.5	10.3						
Core NPAT (%)	18.8	2.2	4.7	3.3	3.4						
Core EPS (%)	30.0	2.6	6.0	3.3	3.4						
Balance Sheet (Rsm)	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E						
Cash & cash equiv.	448,240	679,040	795,638	659,747	675,561						
Accounts receivables	156,960	169,390	216,164	250,157	233,486						
Inventory	385,200	466,920	506,822	539,898	582,142						
Net fixed & other tangibles			1,877,735	2,141,014	2,283,112						
Goodwill & intangibles	0	0	0	0	0						
Financial & other assets	222,050	314,790	321,516	418,625	424,738						
Total assets				4,009,441							
Accounts payable	361,070	403,680			428,388						
Short-term debt	179,120	270,850		208,097	210,141						
Long-term debt	662,360			1,031,928							
Provisions & other liab	323,600	241,420	243,708	321,549	335,697						
Total liabilities				1,981,563							
Shareholders' equity				2,019,888							
Minority interests	8,020	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990						
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Total equity				2,027,878							
Net debt	393,240	245,330	417,057	580,279	547,978						
Net debt to equity (%)	25.4	14.4	22.5	28.6	24.8						

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# Whither Growth?

RIL is currently pricing in most of the recent good news on the E&P and refining fronts – the recent strength in refining margins could be short-lived and the global refining industry remains in balance till the next major round of capacity additions in CY14-15. Further, E&P approvals post the recent gov't nod for KG-D6 budgets could only see output bottoming out rather than meaningfully increasing in the near term. Petchem demand trends continue to remain muted and a pick-up may be unlikely before CY13. RIL's new projects (ROGC and petcoke gasification) in its core businesses of refining and petrochemicals are positive, but unlikely to deliver meaningful returns before FY16E, and are therefore relatively premature to be priced in. Given the circumstances and the recent strength in the stock, valuations seem full at ~11x FY13 P/E and ~1.3x P/B.

# **Downgrade to Neutral**

We downgrade RIL to Neutral (from Buy) for the following reasons:

# 1. Range-bound refining view; near-term strength may not sustain

Refining margins have shown strength in recent months, with Singapore benchmark GRMs averaging US\$10.5/bbl in Aug and US\$9.2/bbl QTD (US\$7.2 in 1HCY12). RIL's strong refining performance in 1QFY13 (US\$1 premium to Singapore) was, as per mgmt, due to improvements in — (1) operational efficiencies, (2) optimization of secondary processing capacities (flex in improving high value product yields), (3) crude procurement capabilities (>110 crudes processed; heavy crude diet up from ~30% to ~40% in 2 qtrs), and (4) product placement strategies — which have all started bearing fruit.

With RIL reverting to a premium to regional benchmark margins, expectations in recent times have been building of RIL's GRMs going forward being even stronger, which have reflected in the recent stock performance. While this is almost certain to happen in 2QFY13 given QTD margin trends, this strength may be short-lived, since the near-term factors that have driven margins up include unplanned refinery outages in Asia (~2.7% of Asia-ex China capacity – likely to remain shut for ~2 mths) and peak gasoline demand season, suggesting that a reversal is possible.

Citi's Global Commodities team believes that recent hurricanes in the US (Isaac being the more prominent one) make an SPR draw more likely, either alone or coordinated, and with the summer gasoline season ending, any price spikes or further rises should ease by end-Sep. We, however, do note that while a likely fall in gasoline spreads could drag down margins, this could be partly mitigated by stronger mid-distillates in winter, which should be supportive of realized margins of Asian refiners.

We expect Asian refining margin to remain range-bound (at mid-cycle levels) in CY13 and the next round of major supply additions would arrive in CY14-15, dragging down margins. We think the start-up of some Indian projects (IOC, NOCL) is likely to get delayed until end-CY13. In CY13, expected global net capacity additions of 1.3m-b/d look to outpace our global demand growth forecast of 0.9m-b/d for the year, suggesting more closures will be needed for a balanced market to be achieved (see Figure 1).

Recent margin strength has been driven by seasonality and unexpected supply outages

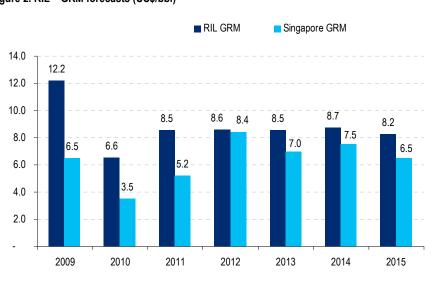
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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Asia + Middle East												
Oil refining capacity	30,102	30,666	31,955	33,127	33,721	35,503	36,416	37,304	38,126	38,911	40,427	42,366
Oil demand	30,153	30,794	31,490	32,678	32,990	33,557	35,453	36,377	37,230	38,160	39,114	40,092
Change in capacity	1,061	563	1,289	1,173	593	1,783	913	888	823	785	1,516	1,939
Change in demand	1,561	641	696	1,188	312	567	1,897	923	853	931	954	978
Demand-supply delta	500	78	(593)	15	(282)	(1,216)	984	36	30	146	(562)	(961)
World												
Oil refining capacity	85,198	86,027	87,347	88,495	89,324	90,946	91,716	93,104	93,768	95,116	96,809	99,319
Oil demand	82,746	83,925	84,873	86,321	85,768	84,631	87,439	88,034	88,734	89,634	90,834	92,034
New capacity	1,416	830	1,320	1,147	830	2,247	1,582	1,827	1,794	1,483	2,014	2,509
Closures						(625)	(811)	(439)	(1,130)*	(135)	(320)	
Net supply change	1,416	830	1,320	1,147	830	1,621	771	1,387	664	1,348	1,694	2,509
Change in demand	2,725	1,179	949	1,448	(554)	(1,136)	2,808	595	700	900	1,200	1,200
Demand-supply delta	1,309	349	(371)	301	(1,383)	(2,758)	2,037	(792)	36	(448)	(494)	(1,309)
Refinery utilisation	85.6%	86.0%	85.3%	85.1%	83.9%	80.4%	82.0%	81.2%	81.3%	81.1%	80.9%	80.1%

## Figure 1. Asian / Global Refining Demand-Supply Balance ('000 b/d)

Our FY13E GRM forecast for RIL stands at US\$8.5/bbl (US\$7.6 in 1Q), and while GRMs could be slightly higher in FY14E (we assume US\$8.7), we expect these to fall again in FY15E (to US\$8.2) as large refining capacities come online regionally and globally.





Source: Citi Research, Company Reports. Note: Year to 31-Mar.

## 2. Still no signs of petrochemical demand revival

Petrochemical demand trends continue to be weak, especially in China, though there has been some near-term pick-up in recent months which has been driven by a fall in oil prices. Asian margins have risen on lower naphtha input costs. However, this trend could be difficult to sustain given weak underlying demand. Current producers' PE/PP inventories are on the higher side. Margin upsides could also be

Petchem underlying demand remains weak and the recent pickup was more driven by a fall in oil. We see stronger restocking and margin recovery only in CY13.

There has been some recent respite on the E&P front – KG-D6 partners are on the same page on reserves (~5-7 tcf) and gov't approvals have started to come in. However, the good news is probably in the price. capped by the low utilization levels of Asian crackers. Favourable gov't policy in China may, however, support demand in 2HCY12, but we see stronger re-stocking and margin recovery only in CY13. In the long term, a slightly lower oil price is more positive for demand. Overall, on the ethylene cycle, we still see an upturn from CY13, but peak cycle PE margin in CY14-15 is unlikely to return to the CY04-07 levels on further ramp-ups of competitive Middle East capacity and increased recycling.

RIL continues to be plagued by weak conditions in the industry. 1QFY13 performance was particularly discouraging, led by weaker polyester chain deltas, though 2Q should be better. We assume petchem EBITDA for RIL declining from ~Rs104bn in FY12 to ~Rs92bn in FY13 before recovering to ~Rs110bn in FY14E. RIL's polyester expansion is likely to be completed by FY14-15E, and our FY15E segmental EBITDA of ~Rs118bn is largely a function of the resultant volume growth. The ROGC will begin contributing to earnings only subsequently.

## 3. E&P value 'mispricing' now largely corrected

After a spate of negative news on falling production, lack of budgetary and other approvals, as well as disputes on cost recovery, RIL has finally seen some positive news flow on the E&P front in recent times, including approvals for the FY11-13 budgets as well as approvals for DoC (declaration of commerciality) for three discoveries in the KG-D6 block (D-29, 30, 31). Further, clarity from BP on reserves has helped align estimates of the three block partners to the ~5-7 tcf range.

Prior to the recent rally in RIL's stock, it was arguably pricing in only ~2-3 tcf of remaining reserves and no output recovery (equating to ~Rs40/sh of value – see our report titled, '<u>*E&P Takeaways from BP's 2Q Release'*</u> dated Aug 1) vs. our new base case of Rs115/sh (based on reserves of ~7.3 tcf). The recent stock move has bridged this gap to a large extent, and a further pick-up in approvals (post the recently approved FY13 budget) would be more a sentiment +ve (could see production bottoming out, rather than improving) than materially impacting either earnings or E&P value.

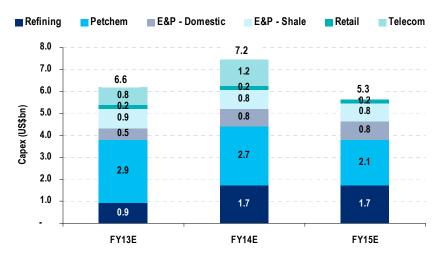
as price w.e.f. FY15 (US\$/mmbtu) $ ightarrow$	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	FY13-18E prodn	Comments
Remaining reserves (tcf) $\downarrow$						profile (mmscmd)	
1.9	32	37	41	45	50	28/21/18/17/14/13	Reserves based on Niko's 2P reserves for KG-D6
4.0	57	66	75	84	93	28/21/18/23/35/35	
6.0	72	84	95	107	113	28/21/18/23/35/41	Reserves in line with RIL's 1P reserves of ~5-5.5 tcf
7.3 (base case)	88	104	115	124	133	30/25/30/35/40/45	Reserves in line with Niko's 1P + 2C (=1.3+6.0 tcf) reserves
10.0	103	115	121	129	142		Reserves in line with Niko's claim that approvals for their development plans could lead to an increase in companywide reserves by 260% (from 0.37 tcf net)

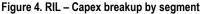
#### Figure 3. RIL – Sensitivity of E&P NAV (Rs/sh) to reserves and gas prices

RIL's cUS\$12bn capex plan for new projects in refining/petchem constitutes a bulk of its ~US\$19bn capex over the next three years and compares with ~US\$16bn of operating cash flow during the period

# 4. Meaningful contribution from new projects only in FY16E; muted earnings outlook till then

Notwithstanding many an unrelated diversification, RIL is also showing much needed signs of core business focus with a plan to invest cUS\$12bn in its breadand-butter refining and petrochemicals businesses, which constitutes a bulk of its ~US\$19bn capex over the next three years (see Figure 4). This compares with ~US\$16bn of operating cash flow that we expect the company to generate over the same time period.





Source: Citi Research estimates, Company Reports. Note: Refining includes capex on the petcoke gasifier, petchem includes capex on the ROGC and the polyester expansions.

Among its ambitious plans include: 1) a cUS\$4bn petcoke gasification project that can add ~US\$2.5-3.0/bbl to RIL's GRMs and 2) a cUS\$8bn petrochemical expansion plan, split between a cUS\$4bn ROGC (refinery off-gas cracker) and another cUS\$4bn to be invested in polyester capacity expansions. The petcoke gasification and ROGC projects could potentially enhance RIL's annual EBITDA by ~US\$2.2-2.6bn over the next 3-5 years, driving a bulk of the ~50-60% EBITDA increase over this period. However, notwithstanding RIL's excellent project execution track record, we believe it could be a trifle early to begin valuing these cash flows in the absence of material progress and details. Contribution from these investments will only begin to kick in from FY16E (save for the polyester expansions, which will be completed earlier), which would mean that RIL's earnings outlook over FY13-15E is likely to remain muted, barring any (refining/petchem) margin surprises. Do note that we only include EBITDA from core businesses for the purpose of these forecasts; earnings from retail/telecom are not included given the lack of clarity on the telecom plans, and as retail has yet to break even.

RIL's new initiatives in its core businesses should lead to a meaningful EBITDA increase, but not before FY16E, making it premature to price in

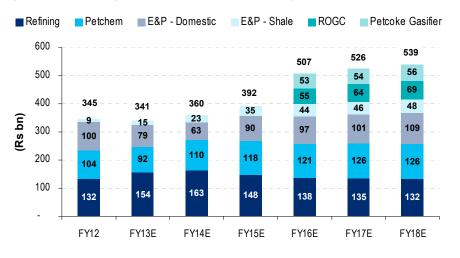


Figure 5. RIL - EBITDA growth and contribution from new projects

Source: Citi Research. Note: Core refining and petchem EBITDA do no include contribution from the petcoke gasifier and ROGC respectively, which are shown separately.

#### Refinery Off-Gas Cracker (ROGC)

RIL is investing cUS\$4bn in a refinery off-gas cracker project that will produce petrochemicals like PE and MEG from refinery off-gases which contain ethane and propane through a cracking process which produces ethylene and propylene as intermediates. The capacities that will be added for petrochemicals/intermediates will be able to produce an additional 950 KTPA of PE (HDPE/LDPE) and 733 KTPA of MEG. The company has already roped in Technip as technology supplier and engineering contractor and aims to complete the project within c3 years.

The ROGC project could contribute ~Rs65-70bn (US\$1.4-1.5bn) in incremental EBITDA for RIL by FY17-18E. With cash cost of cUS\$250-300/T on the ethylene cost curve, this project would rank extremely competitively, likely placed between cheap Middle Eastern crackers (<US\$200/T) and gas-based North American crackers (~US\$400-500/T).

Figure 6. Downstre	am expansions to be integra	ted with the ROGC	
(KT)	Current Capacity	Proposed Expansion	Total Capacity
Ethylene	1,883	1,365	3,248
Propylene	759	154	913
MEG	733	733	1,466
PE	1,118	950	2,068

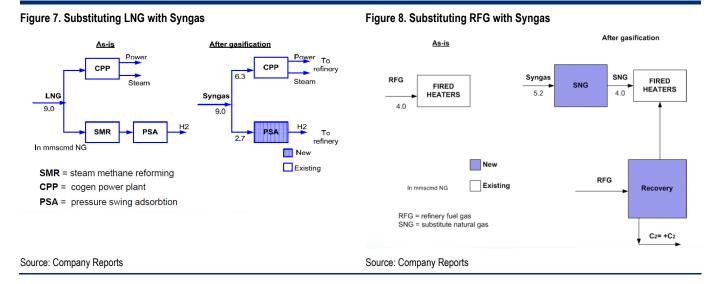
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Source: Citi Research, Company

#### **Petcoke Gasification**

With a focus on increasing refining margins, RIL is investing cUS\$4bn on a petcoke gasification project in its Jamnagar refining complex. This gasifier will be used to convert low-value petcoke from the refinery into 'syngas' (synthetic gas), which will then be used internally as a fuel to generate power, thus substituting more expensive LNG and valuable RFG (refinery fuel gases; which could instead be used in the ROGC unit to produce petrochemicals). This new unit could have the potential to add ~US\$2.5-3.0/bbl to RIL's GRMs on initial estimates, generating an incremental EBITDA of ~Rs53-55bn (~US\$1.1-1.2bn). The company has already tied up with Phillips 66 for providing its 'E-Gas technology' to this gasification project

The petcoke gasification and ROGC projects could potentially enhance RIL's annual EBITDA by ~US\$2.2-2.6bn over the next 3-5 years, driving a bulk of the ~50-60% EBITDA increase over this period (Phillips 66 will license this technology and provide process engineering design and technical support) and aims to complete the project within three years.



#### **Polyester expansions**

RIL will also be spending another cUS\$4bn to expand its polyester capacities, predicated on the rise in domestic demand for these chemicals/fabric materials. These capacities will be gradually commissioned over the next three years, starting with the PFY expansion (end-CY12) followed by the PET (end-CY13), PTA (2HCY13 and 2HCY14), and PX (2014-15) expansions.

#### Figure 9. RIL's Polyester & Intermediates capacity expansions

(KT)	Current Capacity	Proposed Expansion	Total Capacity
PFY/PTY	823	535	1358
PTA	2050	2296	4346
PX	1856	1800	3656
PET	290	648	938
PBR	74	40	114
SBR	0	150	150
Source: Citi Research, Com	vanv		

### Key risks

The key risks to our downgrade are:

- Refining surprises led by unexpected supply outages (such as the recent fire in PDVSA's Amuay refinery in Venezuela, impact of hurricane season in the US) and/or RIL's ability to continue delivering superior margins vis-à-vis benchmarks (similar to the 1Q surprise).
- Sharper-than-expected petrochemical demand recovery in China.
- Gas prices being revised earlier (we expect a revision w.e.f. Apr-14) as well as higher (we expect an increase from US\$4.2 to US\$7.0) than expected.

## Key earnings revisions

We change our earnings estimates for RIL by 4-7% to reflect our new assumptions on refining (US\$8.5/8.7 over FY13/14E vs. US\$7.8/8.1 earlier). We also make minor changes to our E&P and petchem estimates. Our key assumptions are highlighted in Figure 11. Please note that the EPS changes indicated below are distorted given the move from standalone EPS (based on total share count including treasury shares) to consolidated EPS (share count excludes treasury shares).

#### Figure 10. RIL – Earnings Changes

Year to	N	et Profit (Rs	Mils.)		Diluted EPS	Divi Per Share (Rs)			
31-Mar	Old	New	% Chg	Old	New	% Chg*	Old	New	
2013E	192,367	206,450	7.3%	59.38	70.16	18.2%	10.0	9.0	
2014E	201,580	213,192	5.8%	62.22	72.45	16.4%	11.0	9.5	
2015E	211,860	220,413	4.0%	65.40	74.90	14.5%	11.0	10.0	

Source: Citi Research estimates. \*EPS changes are distorted given the move from standalone EPS (based on total share count including treasury shares) to consolidated EPS (share count excludes treasury shares).

#### Figure 11. RIL – Key Assumptions

Year to 31-Mar	Units	FY12	FY13E	FY14E	FY15E
KG gas production	mmscmd	43	30	25	30
MA oil production	kbpd	15	13	11	11
Blended GRM	US\$/bbl	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.2
PE less naphtha	US\$/MT	403	420	550	610
PP less naphtha	US\$/MT	564	440	540	595
PFY less MEG/PTA	US\$/MT	628	590	570	580
PSF less MEG/PTA	US\$/MT	287	185	190	200
PTA less PX	US\$/MT	206	125	120	130
PX less naphtha	US\$/MT	591	590	550	350
Petchem EBITDA	US\$/MT	229	183	222	242
Exchange rate	Rs/US\$	48.0	54.0	53.0	51.0
Source: Citi Research estimat	tes				

## Target price of Rs847

We raise our TP by 4% to Rs847 as we: 1) raise our refining GRM assumptions for FY13/14E to US\$8.5/8.7 (vs. US\$7.8/8.1 earlier); 2) marginally change our assumptions on the E&P/petchem businesses to reflect recent events. We continue to value RIL on an SOTP basis, using an EV/EBITDA of 6.5x Sep-13E for the core refining and petrochemical businesses and adding to this the value of its investments in E&P (KG, NEC-25, CBM, PMT, shale) and others (retail, telecom, etc). We also add separately the value of its: 1) net cash and 2) treasury shares.

### Figure 12. RIL – SOTP Valuation

EV of Petrochem & Refining (Rs m)	<b>Rs m</b> 1,688,572	Rs/sh 522	Comments Based on EV/EBITDA of 6.5x Sep-13E
Net Debt/(Cash) (Rs m)	(144,750)	(45)	Estimated as on Sep-12E net of estimated capex on future expansions
Key investments:	-50%	-58%	
- E&P Assets: KG, NEC-25, and CBM	372,190	115	Based on NAV (7.3 tcf of remaining reserves; US\$7.0 gas price post-FY14)
- Other domestic E&P assets	129,751	40	
- Organised retail & other investments	127,964	40	Based on 25% discount to BV of investments so far into organised retail, telecom, etc.
Total value of investments	629,905	195	-
Value of treasury stock Shale gas NPV	178,876	55 30	292m treasury shares at 25% discount to TP
No. of shares (m.)	3,235		Post shares bought back and cancelled so far but including treasury shares
Target Price		847	
Source: Citi Research estimates	i		

## Figure 13. Valuation Comparables – Global Refiners

Comp Code	Name	Ric		larketcap mm USD)	Price (LC) 29-Aug-12	FY11E	EPS (LC) FY12E	FY13E	FY11E	P/E (x) FY12F	EY13E	F FY11E	P/BV (x) FY12F	FY13F		EBITDA		ROE (%)D FY12E	ebt/Eq (%) FY12E	
	European Refiners		,	iiiii 00D)	20-Aug-12		11126	TTIVE		11126	TTIGE		11126	TTICE		11126	1110	11126	11126	1 1 1 2
DMVV.AT	OMV	DMVV.VI	3	10,846	26.5	3.33	4.75	4.26	7.9	5.6	6.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	3.3	2.9	2.6	12.7	34.9	4.2
NES1V.FI	Neste Oil	ES1V.HE	1	2,793	8.7	0.35	0.65	1.13	24.7	13.4	7.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	8.0	6.1	4.7	5.5	97.1	4.
RG.IT	ERG	ERG.MI	2	981	5.2	(0.33)	0.03	0.33	-	160.1	15.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	6.4	4.6	4.2	(2.1)	94.9	7.
IEPr.GR	Hellenic Petroleum	HEPr.AT	2H	2,156	5.6	0.45	0.78	0.87	12.5	7.2	6.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	9.9	6.9	6.4	6.4	116.4	8.
RS.IT	Saras	SRS.MI	3	1,022	0.9	(0.02)	(0.05)	0.02	-	-	56.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	5.5	7.0	4.6	0.5	39.8	-
10Rr.GR	Motor Oil	√IORr.AT	1H	666	4.8	1.16	1.32 <sup>´</sup>	1.50	4.1	3.6	3.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	4.7	4.6	3.9	19.6	223.9	11.
		Mkt wtd	average						21.2	18.4	13.6	1.8	1.1	1.1	8.9	7.0	5.7	9.4	61.1	3.
		Simple a	verage						17.7	35.7	16.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	7.5	6.2	5.1	7.4	94.7	5.
	US Refiners		-																	
LO.US	Valero	VLO.N	1H	16,973	30.8	4.5	3.9	4.6	6.8	7.8	6.7	1.1	1.0	0.9	4.4	4.9	3.7	9.1	43.2	1.9
UN.US	Sunoco	SUN.N	1H	4,932	47.1	(14.6)	1.2	3.2	-	38.3	14.8	6.1	36.9	40.5	(3.2)	9.4	8.7	21.8	354.4	1.
SO.US	Tesoro	TSO.N	2H	5,491	39.3	3.8	5.9	6.7	10.3	6.6	5.9	1.4	1.2	1.0	4.4	3.2	3.2	19.3	36.3	0.6
FC.US	HollyFrontier	HFC.N	2H	8,116	39.9	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.6	6.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	4.6	3.5	3.6	23.3	22.3	7.
		Mkt wtd	average						6.3	11.6	7.7	1.8	6.1	6.5	3.4	4.9	4.3	15.7	80.6	3.
		Simple a	verage						7.8	14.8	8.5	2.4	10.1	10.9	2.5	5.3	4.8	18.4	114.1	3.
	CEEMEA Refiners																			
OLB.HU	MOL Magyar Olaj	10LB.BU	2	7,534	16,300	2,715	2,673	3,377	6.0	6.1	4.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	5.1	4.4	3.7	14.2	36.0	6.
KNA.PL	PKN ORLEN	KNA.WA	3	5,003	39.0	3.6	4.5	3.9	10.8	8.6	10.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.6	29.5	-
JPRS.TR	Tupras	UPRS.IS	1	5,608	40.8	5.0	4.3	4.5	8.2	9.5	9.0	2.3	2.4	2.3	4.2	6.9	6.6	24.9	59.6	9.
		Mkt wtd	average						7.4	7.2	7.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	4.7	5.2	4.8	14.5	38.4	5.
		Simple a	verage						8.3	8.1	8.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	5.1	5.7	5.4	15.6	41.7	5.
	Asia-Pac Refiners																			
505.TW	Formosa Petro	3505.TW	3	27,808	87.4	2.4	1.6	4.4	36.4	54.1	19.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	18.6	22.8	12.6	6.8	77.3	1.0
386.CN	Sinopec	0386.HK		83,511	7.5	0.8	0.6	0.9	7.4	10.0	6.7	1.1	1.0	0.9	4.4	5.3	4.2	10.8	50.8	2.5
96770.KR	SK Innovation	6770.KS		14,090	173,000.0	34,233.8	16,020.5	22,525.7	4.8	10.3	7.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	5.3	6.2	4.9	9.8	57.7	1.5
10950.KR	S Oil	0950.KS		10,660	107,500.0	10,448.3	8,094.6	12,049.8	9.9	12.8	8.6	2.2	2.0	1.8	7.2	9.3	6.6	16.7	64.4	3.9
78930.KR	GS HId	'8930.KS	2H	5,450	66,600.0	8,299.8	6,500.6	9,511.8	7.8	10.0	6.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	2.2	2.0	1.1	9.6	44.1	2.1
007.JP	Cosmo Oil	5007.T	3	1,679	156	34.1	(10.7)	(67.2)	4.5	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.6	5.7	16.7	(2.8)	213.5	5.2
019.JP	Idemitsu	5019.T	2	3,227	6,350	1,517	1,610	600	4.1	3.9	10.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	3.8	3.8	5.5	11.7	146.6	3.
)20.JP	JX HId	5020.T	1	13,052	413	125.4	68.6	47.0	3.3	6.0	8.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.3	3.5	5.0	10.1	89.7	3.
002.JP	Showa Shell	5002.T	3	2,048	428	61.4	(34.5)	(71.7)	6.9			0.6	0.7	0.8	3.4	8.6	4.7	(5.3)	88.5	4.3
012.JP	TonenGeneral	5012.T	1	3,122	674	240.1	31.9	27.5	2.8	21.1	24.5	1.0	1.7	1.7	1.1	5.8	5.4	6.0	152.1	5.6
OP.TH	Thai Oil	TOP.BK		4,362	67.0	7.3	5.7	6.7	9.0	11.6	9.7	1.7	1.6	1.4	6.1	7.4	6.3	14.0	44.3	3.9
TTGC.TH	PTT Global Chem	TGC.BK		8,955	62.3	6.7	5.9	7.8	9.2	10.3	7.8	1.4	1.3	1.2	7.4	7.3	6.0	12.9	48.5	3.9
ELI.IN	Reliance Ind	RELI.BO		45,462	782	62.0	61.3	59.4	12.5	12.6	13.0	1.7	1.5	1.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	12.6	41.2	1.1
PCL.IN	BPCL	3PCL.BO		4,603	354.6	21.4	18.1	18.2	16.6	19.5	19.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	10.6	9.8	10.2	9.1	154.2	1.0
TX.AU	Caltex Australia	CTX.AX		4,430	15.9	149.0	135.8	134.0	10.4	11.4	11.5	1.9	2.0	1.7	5.7	7.1	6.7	3.0	40.6	2.
		Mkt wtd							11.8	15.9	10.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	6.8	7.9	6.2	10.5	61.0	2.
		Simple a	iverage						9.5	14.6	11.7	1.3	1.3	1.2	6.0	7.5	6.9	8.3	96.3	3.
		Overall I	Mkt wtd a	verage					11.8	15.1	10.1	1.6	2.0	1.9	6.5	7.3	5.9	11.2	61.8	2.
			simple av	-					10.7	18.6	12.0	1.4	2.4	2.4	5.8	6.7	6.1	10.1	92.8	3.8

Source: Citi Research estimates

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### Figure 14. Valuation Comparables – Asian Chemicals

Comp Cod	e Name	Ric Ra	ating*	Marketcap (mm USD)	Price (LC)	FY11E	EPS (LC) FY12E	FY13E	FY11E	P/E (x) FY12E	FY13E	P/ FY11E	BV (x)	EV42E	EV/E FY11E	BITDA (			Debt/Eq (%) FY12E	Div Yel FY12
	Chemicals			(mm 05D)	29-Aug-12	FTILE	FT12E	FTISE	FTITE	FTIZE	FTISE	FTITE	FT12E	FTISE	FTITE	FT12E	FTISE	FT12E	FT12E	FT12
0338.CN	SPC	0338.HK	1	1,875	2.0	0.13	(0.14)	0.14	12.3	-	12.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.2	39.0	5.5	(5.8)	53.3	-
3983.CN	China BlueChem	3983.HK	1	2,604	4.4	0.13	0.43	0.48	8.5	8.4	7.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	4.1	4.0	3.7	16.2	2.8	4.7
505.TW	Formosa Petro	6505.TW	3	27,808	87.4	2.4	1.6	4.4	36.4	54.1	19.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	18.6	22.8	12.6	6.8	77.3	1.6
303.TW	Nan Ya Plastics	1303.TW	3	14,923	56.9	2.4	1.6	4.2	19.1	35.2	13.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	9.5	15.2	9.9	4.8	40.6	2.1
303.1W 301.TW	Formosa Plastics	1303.1W	2	16,560	81.0	2.9 5.8	3.9	4.2 5.9	13.8	20.8	13.4	2.0	2.0		9.5	16.3	9.9 11.8	4.8 9.8	32.9	3.2
326.TW	Formosa Chem Fib	1326.TW	2	16,560	77.8	5.8	3.9 2.7	5.9 5.2	13.0	20.8 29.0	13.7	2.0	2.0 1.8	1.9 1.7	9.0 9.1	18.1	11.0	9.0 6.2	32.9 40.9	3.2 2.3
710.TW		1710.TW	3	,	33.9	5.8 3.0	2.7													
	Oriental Union		1	1,001				3.1	11.3	15.2	10.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	6.4	7.4	5.1	11.8	-	5.4
	LG Chem	051910.KS	1	17,891	306,500	31,794	24,544	34,309	9.4	12.2	8.7	2.1	1.8	1.5	5.7	6.7	5.0	15.9	23.4	1.3
)11170.KR		011170.KS	2H	6,847	244,000	30,701	17,469	31,367	7.6	13.4	7.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	3.7	5.8	3.7	9.7	11.9	0.6
SCC.TH	Siam Cement	SCC.BK	1	12,484	326	21	19.5	25.8	15.4	16.6	12.6	2.8	2.6	2.3	11.0	10.9	8.7	16.1	92.3	3.1
PTTGC.TH	PTT Global Chem	PTTGC.BK	2	8,955	62	6.7	5.9	7.8	9.2	10.3	7.8	1.4	1.3	1.2	7.4	7.3	6.0	12.9	48.5	3.9
RELI.IN	Reliance Ind	RELI.BO	1	45,462	782	62.0	61.3	59.4	12.5	12.6	13.0	1.7	1.5	1.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	12.6	41.2	1.1
PCGB.MY	PETRONAS CG	PCGB.KL	2	16,659	7	0.5	0.4	0.4	14.4	14.8	14.4	2.9	2.6	2.4	-	7.8	7.6	18.4	9.1	3.4
		Mkt wtd aver	rage						16.4	22.7	13.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	8.6	12.1	8.5	11.2	43.3	2.1
		Simple avera	age						14.1	20.2	12.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	8.1	12.9	7.5	10.4	36.5	2.5
	Others		-																	
)297.HK	Sinofert	0297.HK	1	1,331	1.5	0.10	0.13	0.15	12.4	9.2	7.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.0	1.1	0.9	6.8	46.2	2.1
0606.HK	China Agr Ind	0606.HK	1	1.973	3.8	0.56	0.51	0.49	7.0	7.8	8.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	10.1	11.2	10.7	9.3	124.8	3.1
		Overall Mkt v	wtd av						16.3	22.5	13.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	8.6	12.0	8.5	11.2	44.1	2.1
		Overall simp		•					13.5	18.5	11.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	7.9	12.0	7.3	10.1	43.0	2.5

Source: Citi Research estimates

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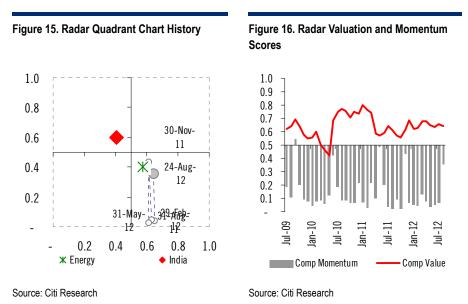
#### **Radar Screen Quadrant Definitions**

Glamour	Attractive
Poor relative value but	Superior relative value
superior relative	and superior relative
momentum	momentum
Unattractive	Contrarian
Poor relative value	Superior relative value
and poor relative	but poor relative
momentum	momentum

# **Quants View - Contrarian**

Reliance Industries lies in the Contrarian quadrant of our Value-Momentum map with relatively weak momentum but strong value scores, having been a resident there for the past twelve months. Compared with its peers in the Energy sector, Reliance Industries fares better on the valuation metric but worse on the momentum metric. Similarly, compared with its peers in its home market of India, Reliance Industries fares better on the valuation metric but worse on the momentum metric.

From a macro perspective, Reliance Industries is likely to benefit from tightening Asian interest rates, and a weaker US dollar.



#### Figure 17. Radar Model Inputs

#### IBES EPS (Actual and Estimates)

FY(-2)	53.40	Implied Trend Growth (%)	3.51
FY(-1)	67.80	Trailing PE (x)	11.82
FY0	66.20	Implied Cost of Debt (%)	4.84
FY1	62.36	Standardised MCap	3.00
FY2	67.26		
Note: Standardised MCap calculated as a Z	score – (mkt	cap - mean)/std dev – capped at 3	
Source: Citi Research, Worldscope, I/B/E/S			

#### Figure 18. Stock Performance Sensitivity to Key Macro Factors

Region	1.10	Commodity ex Oil	0.15
Widening APACxJ CDS	(0.10)	Rising Oil Prices	(0.01)
Growth	(0.23)	Rising Asian IR's	(0.29)
Value	(0.52)	Rising EM Yields	(0.02)
Small Caps Outperform Large Caps	(0.33)	Weaker US\$ (vs Asia)	1.13
Widening US Credit Spreads	0.03	Weaker ¥ (vs US\$)	(0.04)
Source: Citi Research			

## **Reliance Industries**

## **Company description**

Reliance Industries (RIL) is a conglomerate with interests in upstream oil & gas (E&P), refining, and petrochemicals. It has commissioned a super-size refinery project through RPL (now merged with itself) and has commenced gas production at its large gas find in the D6 block in KG basin. RIL is foraying into organized retailing and has plans to enter the broadband telecom space in a meaningful way.

## Investment strategy

We rate RIL as Neutral (2) with a Rs847 target price. We believe that RIL lacks earnings growth over the next three years. It faces challenges in all three core businesses. We expect refining margins for RIL to improve moderately in the near term but this could come under pressure in the medium-long term as global refining capacity additions outstrip demand growth. Petchem demand remains muted and margins are not likely to recover before CY13. E&P weakness is likely to continue with falling KG-D6 production. With further approvals post the recent budget nod from the gov't, vols are likely to bottom out at best. Additionally, the uncertainty for revision of KG-D6 gas prices would remain an overhang, even though we believe gas prices are set to structurally rise in India. Any willingness on the part of the gov't to increase KG gas prices (which, along with APM gas, is now the cheapest in the country) would be a positive surprise.

## Valuation

Our Rs847 target price is based on a sum-of-the-parts methodology (Rs817/sh), to which we explicitly add the NPV of the shale gas JVs of Rs30/sh. Our SOTP is derived by: 1) Valuing RIL's core petchem and downstream oil business on an EV/EBITDA of 6.5x Sep-13E which yields a value of Rs522/sh; 2) Valuing E&P assets KG, NEC-25 and CBM at Rs115/sh (assuming 7.3 tcf of gross remaining KG-D6/NEC-25 reserves) and other E&P assets incl shale at Rs40/sh using 6.5x Sep-13E EV/EBITDA; 3) Valuing investments in the organized retail business, telecom, etc. at Rs40/sh, based on book value of investments so far; 4) Valuing treasury stock at a 25% discount to target price; 5) Subtracting net debt/(cash) estimated as on Sep-12E (net of capex on future expansion projects such as petchem) of (Rs145)bn or (Rs45)/sh.

## Risks

The key downside risks to our investment thesis on RIL are: 1) A further weakening in refining fundamentals; 2) Continued fall in KG-D6 gas production; 3) Further weakness in global petrochemical spreads driven by a weak global macroeconomic environment; 4) Continued lack of clarity and delays in approvals for its producing E&P assets as well as its exploration portfolio; 5) Further announcements on unrelated diversifications. The upside risks to our investment thesis are: 1) Refining surprises led by unexpected outages or RIL's ability to continue delivering superior margins; 2) Sharp petchem demand recovery in China and 3) Gas prices being revised earlier than Apr-14 and higher than our expectations of US\$7/mmbtu.

## **Cairn India**

(CAIL.BO; Rs342.20; 1)

## Valuation

Our Rs377 TP is based on NAVs of under-development and producing assets and incorporates recovery upside. We prefer NAV to value Cairn's assets as it has longterm visible cash flows from its existing resource base, the value of which cannot be captured using traditional near-term earnings multiples. Given Cairn's leverage to crude, our target of Rs377 is based on an average Mar-13E NAV value derived using two different crude scenarios: 1) Citi crude price forecasts yielding NAV of Rs365, and 2) Brent crude forward curve yielding NAV of Rs428. We believe that the stock would partially factor in a combination of longer-term fundamentals and near-term momentum in underlying crude prices, till it can establish a track record of success outside Rajasthan. We use a 5% discount to NAV to arrive at our TP to factor in uncertainty on Cairn's use of cash following the change in ownership, though clarity has improved recently on Cairn's medium-term capex plans, which are, however, contingent on gov't approvals. Assumptions for our NAV are: crude realization at a 12% discount to Brent; royalty at ~15% of revenue; cess at Rs4,500/MT; plateau production at 230kbpd in 1H14; and total life-of-field development capex (including pipeline) of US\$6.6bn. We use a WACC of 11% derived from a 10% cost of debt and 13.9% cost of equity using equity beta of 0.9. risk free rate of 8.5%, risk premium of 6%, and target D/V of 40%. The traditional valuation multiples (P/E, EV/DACF) will become relevant depending on the extent of future exploration success.

## Risks

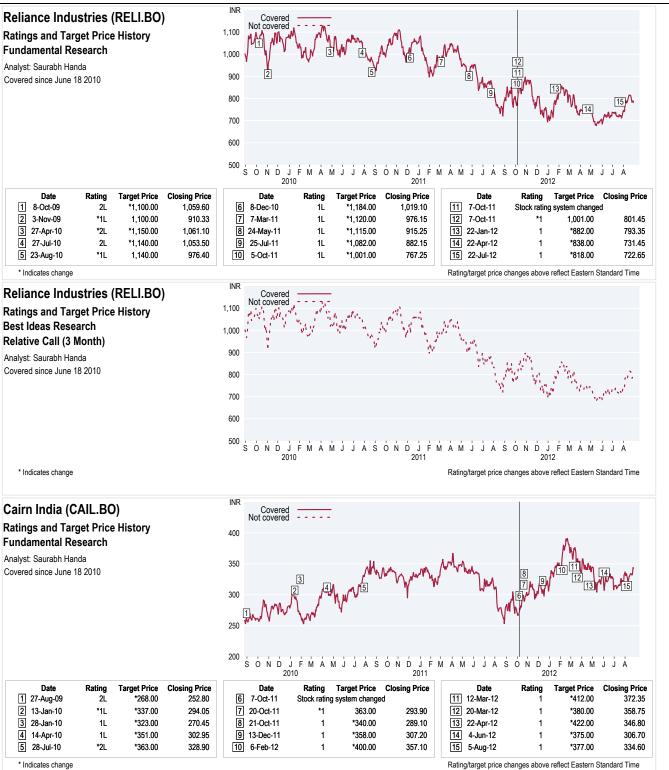
Despite Cairn being in the project stage due to tangible oil reserves, which can be monetized, we have faith in its strong track record displayed so far in project execution and getting required approvals. In addition, Cairn has been able to negotiate the pricing terms for its crude at more or less expected levels. Key downside risks that could prevent the shares from reaching our target price include: 1) Delay in regulatory approvals for production ramp up, revisions to development plans, further exploration, etc; 2) Project execution risks resulting in slow ramp up and/or cost overruns; 3) Infrastructure constraints in downstream capacity (pipelines, processing terminals, etc) which could cap production levels and push back ramp-up timelines; 4) Difficulty in absorbing the crude quantities due to its viscosity and various refinery's readiness; 5) Concerns on strategy and use of cash post the change in ownership; 6) Sharp correction in crude prices; 7) Sharp appreciation of the currency.

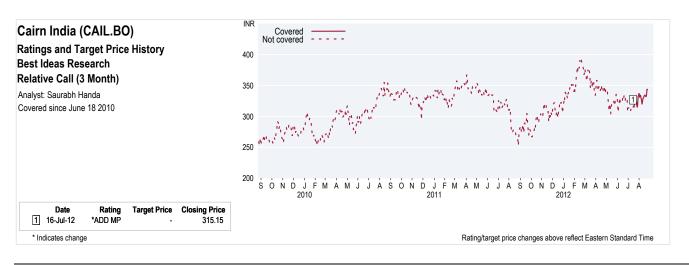
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