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## **Institutional Equities**

## **Arvind Fashions**

04 November 2023

Exit from non-core Sephora business makes Arvind Fashion a pure-play branded apparel play

Arvind Fashions (ARVINDFA) announced its exit from the Sephora India business. The company signed a definitive agreement with Reliance Beauty & Personal Care Limited (RBPCL) to sell its wholly owned subsidiary Arvind Beauty Brand Retail Limited (ABBRL) which runs its Sephora India business, in an all-cash transaction. Sephora operated in 26 COCO stores across the country offering prestige beauty products across categories such as makeup, skincare, fragrance, haircare. The total cash consideration received by the company post this transaction is Rs 2.16bn. The purchase consideration towards sale of entire equity stake was Rs 990.2 mn out of total Enterprise Value of Rs 2.16bn. The business had generated a revenue of Rs 3.37bn with a post-INDAS EBITDA margin of 9% with a PBT loss of Rs 199mn in FY23. It was just about breaking-even at pre-INDAS EBITDA level.

ARVINDFA intends to utilise the proceeds to invest in growth of its apparel brands and repayment of debt. With this sale, AFL will emerge as a pure-play branded fashion company and will further sharpen its focus on profitably growing its 5 marquee fashion brands - U.S. Polo Assn., Tommy Hilfiger, Arrow, Flying Machine and Calvin Klein.

We would view this as a positive development given the company was not able to move forward in its talks with the brand owner LVMH (agreement was up for renewal in 2026) to secure the online rights for the business, and hence was not able to realize the full potential of the business. The business has been growing at a 11% CAGR since its launch in India but has been loss-making given the high operational costs and volatile margins. This exit will reduce FY25 revenue/EBITDA by 6%/5% for ARVINDFA, but will see a 5% boost to PBT given the savings on interest and depreciation, as the proceeds should help in bringing down debt. Return ratios would also look better given the better cash flows post release of working capital. While this could lead to some re-rating, we retain our target FY25 EV/EBITDA multiple of 10x for now and revise our TP to Rs 505 from Rs 515 and would review this post the 2Q earnings scheduled on 7 November.

## COMPANY UPDATE

Sector: Ketali	Rating: BUY
CMP: Rs 344	Target Price: Rs 505

### Stock Info

Sensex/Nifty	64,363/ 19,230
Bloomberg	ARVINDFA
Equity shares (mn)	132.83
52-wk High/Low	Rs 377/261
Face value	Rs 4
M-Cap	Rs 46bn/US\$ 0.56bn
3-m Avg value	US\$ 1.2mn

#### Financial Snapshot (Rs mn)

Y/E Mar	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Sales	44,211	47,160	52,085
PAT	377	988	1,559
EPS (Rs)	2.8	7.4	11.7
PE (x)	121.3	46.2	29.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.9	8.6	6.8
P/BV (x)	5.0	4.3	3.6
EV/Sales	1.1	1.0	0.9
RoE (%)	4.4	10.0	13.3
RoCE (%)	16.2	19.8	21.2
NWC (days)	43	35	34
Net gearing (x)	0.4	0.0	(0.1)

#### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

	Sept 23	Jun 23	Mar 23
Promoter	36.8	36.8	36.8
-Pledged	-	-	-
FII	16.6	15.8	16.3
DII	8.0	9.9	10.5
Others	38.6	37.5	36.3

#### Stock Performance (1-year)



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Exhibit 1: Change in estimates post selling of Sephora India business

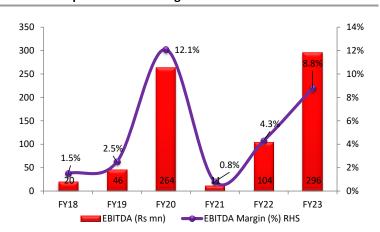
Rs mn	Old Est	Old Estimates		Revised Estimates		Change in estimates (%)	
	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	
Revenue	48,491	55,680	47,160	52,085	-3%	-6%	
EBITDA	5,510	6,919	5,393	6,603	-2%	-5%	
Depreciation	2,618	2,960	2,504	2,617	-4%	-12%	
Interest	1,495	1,674	1,273	1,500	-15%	-10%	
Other income	461	479	439	426	-5%	-11%	
PBT	1,858	2,764	2,056	2,912	11%	5%	
ROCE	17.8	21.6	19.8	21.2			
ROE	8.6	12.6	10.0	13.3			
FCF	3,263	4,539	5,132	4,525	57%	0%	
EV	48,289	46,824	46,198	44,574	-4%	-5%	
EV/EBITDA	8.8	6.8	8.6	6.8	-2%	0%	
TP @10x EV/EBITDA		515		505		-2%	

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 2: Sephora revenue growth trend

71.7% 4,000 80% 3,500 60% 3,000 38.8%40% 2,500 20% 19.3% 2,000 0% 1,500 -20% 1,000 -40% 500 0 -60% FY18 FY19 FY20 FY21 FY22 FY23 Revenue (Rs mn) YoY growth (%) RHS

Exhibit 3: Sephora EBITDA margin trend



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

**Exhibit 4: Sephora financials snapshot** 

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Rs mn	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Revenue	932	1,330	1,826	2,179	1,412	2,425	3,367
Gross Margin (%)	42%	43%	42%	42%	39%	38%	38%
EBITDA	4	20	46	264	11	104	296
EBITDA Margin (%)	0.4%	1.5%	2.5%	12.1%	0.8%	4.3%	8.8%
Reported PAT	14	(37)	(48)	(155)	(312)	(265)	(199)
PAT Margin (%)	1.5%	-2.8%	-2.6%	-7.1%	-22.1%	-10.9%	-5.9%
Cash Profit	73	46	43	169	-14	67	144

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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### **FINANCIALS**

#### **Profit & Loss Statement**

YE: Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	
Revenue	19,119	30,560	44,211	47,160	52,085	
Gross profit	7,855	13,386	21,294	22,872	25,522	
GP margin (%)	41%	44%	48%	49%	49%	
Operating profit	36	1,908	4,526	5,393	6,603	
OP margin (%)	0%	6%	10.2%	11.4%	12.7%	
Depreciation	2,378	2,330	2,387	2,504	2,617	
EBIT	(2,343)	(422)	2,139	2,890	3,985	
Interest expense	1,854	1,345	1,384	1,273	1,500	
Other income	1,087	669	525	439	426	
Profit before tax	(3,110)	(1,099)	1,280	2,056	2,912	
Taxes	419	(58)	401	522	740	
Tax rate (%)	-13.5%	5.3%	31.3%	25.4%	25.4%	
Minority/Associates	-162	307	503	545	613	
Adj. PAT	(3,366)	(1,348)	377	988	1,559	
Exceptional loss & Discontinued						
operations	(2,432)	(1,326)	(10)	-	-	
Net profit	(5,798)	(2,674)	367	988	1,559	
Adj EPS	(31.7)	(10.2)	2.8	7.4	11.7	

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

#### **Cash Flow**

YE: Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
PBIT	(3,110)	(1,099)	1,280	2,056	2,912
Depreciation	3,341	2,609	2,387	2,504	2,617
Tax paid	112	(118)	(433)	(522)	(740)
Working capital $\Delta$	1,078	2,782	(955)	629	(765)
Other operating items	(2,117)	(1,173)	893	1,273	1,500
Operating cashflow	(697)	3,001	3,173	5,939	5,525
Capital expenditure	(464)	-	(632)	(807)	(1,000)
Free cash flow	(1,160)	3,001	2,540	5,132	4,525
Equity raised	4,993	4,948	54	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Debt financing/disposal	7	856	411	-	-
Interest Paid	(2,492)	(876)	(861)	(1,273)	(1,500)
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	(1,404)	(7,105)	(1,234)	(2,029)	460
Net Δ in cash	(57)	824	911	1,830	3,485

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

#### **Balance Sheet**

YE: Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Equity capital	424	530	531	531	531
Reserves	4,796	6,973	8,565	10,099	12,271
Debt	9,034	4,613	5,569	4,340	6,200
Deferred tax liab (net)	(3,919)	(4,110)	(4,120)	(4,120)	(4,120)
Other non current liabilities	9,514	6,885	8,291	8,578	9,238
Total liabilities	19,849	14,890	18,836	19,428	24,120
Fixed Asset	3,898	2,734	2,590	2,520	2,504
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other Non-current Assets	12,756	9,717	9,721	8,941	9,305
Inventories	8,796	8,308	9,819	9,432	10,274
Sundry debtors	6,553	5,717	5,595	5,814	6,136
Cash & equivalents	189	1,050	2,003	3,833	7,318
Loans and Advances	902	980	2,872	3,217	3,603
Sundry creditors	9,598	10,479	10,195	10,724	11,559
Other current liabilities	3,647	3,137	3,569	3,719	3,919
Total Assets	19,849	14,890	18,836	19,313	23,663

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

#### **Ratios**

YE: Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue growth (%)	-47	60	45	6.7	10.4
Op profit growth (%)	-99	5274	137	19.2	22.4
Adj Net profit growth (%)	12	-60	-128	162.4	57.7
OPM (%)	0	6	10.2	11.4	12.7
Net profit margin (%)	-17.6	-4.4	0.9	2.1	3.0
RoCE (%)	-8.4	1.9	16.2	19.8	21.2
RoNW (%)	-103.6	-42.0	4.4	10.0	13.3
EPS Adj (Rs)	-31.7	-10.2	2.8	7.4	11.7
DPS (Rs)	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
BVPS (Rs)	49.2	56.7	68.5	80.0	96.4
Debtor days	125	68	46	45	43
Inventory days	168	99	81	73	72
Creditor days	183	125	84	83	81
P/E (x)	-10.8	-33.8	121.3	46.2	29.3
P/B (x)	7.0	6.1	5.0	4.3	3.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	1277	26	10.9	8.6	6.8

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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