RESULT REPORT SEPT'23 QUARTER | Sector: Consumer Staples

Gillette India Ltd.

Adjusted operating performance largely in-line

Gillette India Ltd. (GILL's) Sept'23 quarters revenue was in-line with our estimate. Grooming business (79% of Sep'23 revenues) crossed the Rs5bn quarter revenue mark for the first time ever, growing by 7.8% YoY (~9% on a 5-year CAGR). Reported margins for the quarter was supported by premiumization and deliberate productivity interventions. This was partially offset by a one-time expense. Excluding one-time impact, profit for the quarter was ahead of our estimate. There was also a sharp increase in Advertising & sales promotion expenses (A&SP) for the quarter (140bps higher than our estimate), which suppressed the overall operating performance. In its recent analyst meet, management mentioned that Gillette's market share gain was faster in last 18 months and now stands at highest ever level of >60%. With aggressive spending, we believe Gillette's market share should further improve or atleast be maintained in a competitive macro-economic environment. While the volatility in quarterly margin delivery continues, management in its recent analyst has clearly called out its aim to grow bottom-line faster than topline even while near-term cost pressure stays. We continue to maintain our ADD rating with a revised target price (TP) of Rs6,850, as we roll-forward to Sept'25.

Sept'23 Quarter Result Highlights

- Sep'23 Qtr headline performance: Revenue grew by 7.7% YoY to Rs6.7bn (vs est. Rs6.7bn). Reported EBITDA was up just 0.7% YoY to Rs1.37bn (vs est. Rs1.43bn). Reported PAT was up 6.8% YoY to Rs927mn (vs est. Rs907mn).
- Excluding one-time impact, operational PAT is up 14% YoY (~9% above our estimate). While the nature of one-time cost is not clear, looking at the inflated YoY number, we believe it is in employee cost. Adjusted EBITDA should be 1-2% above our estimate.
- Sep'23 segmental performance: Grooming business (up 10bps YoY to ~79% of revenues in Sep'23 Qtr) revenue up by 7.8% YoY to Rs5.3bn (vs est. Rs5.3bn). Grooming segment EBIT margin was down ~270bps YoY to 17.7%. Oral care revenues grew by 7.3% to Rs1.4bn (vs est. Rs1.4bn) with segment EBIT margin up 350bps YoY to 18.3%.
- Overall gross margin came in at 54.6% (vs. est. 53%), up 30bps YoY and +580bps QoQ. Higher A&SP (up 80bps YoY) and increase in employee cost (up 130bps YoY) was only partially offset by lower other overheads (down 30bps YoY), which meant that EBITDA margin was down 140bps YoY to 20.5% (vs est. 21.4%).

Key points in press release

- (1) Growth driven by superior retail execution, strong brand fundamentals and integrated growth strategy.
- (2) Profitability led by premiumization, deliberate productivity interventions, partially offset by a one-time expense.

View & Valuation

Looking at Sep'23 quarters performance, we continue to expect revenue to grow in 8-10% range in coming quarters led by 1) Continued momentum in grooming segment with an added support from rural if recovery picks up pace aiding value portfolio, 2) Recovery in oral care on lower base. Over FY23-26E, we estimate 8% revenue CAGR. Our current growth estimates do not consider any strong reversal in trend towards shaving from 'sporting beard' or 'trimming'. We expect strong gross margin expansion in FY24 vs FY23 but increase in A&SP will restrict EBITDA margin expansion. Over FY23-26E, we build ~100bps improvement in EBITDA margin largely led by lower COGS leading to EBITDA growth of ~10% over FY23-26E. The company boasts strong return ratios. It has also shown healthy growth in dividends over the years. Last fiscal, the management thought it was prudent to not continue to keep growing the dividend and took a pause but even then, the payout remains healthy. While this is a softer aspect, we consider management recently addressing investors & analysts as a positive. GILL is currently trading at ~47x/43x June'25/June'26 EPS. We assign a target multiple of ~50x and roll forward to Sept'25 EPS (3yr/5yr avg fwd. multiple ~52x/64x), arriving at a revised TP of Rs6,850 (Rs6,650 earlier). Maintain ADD.

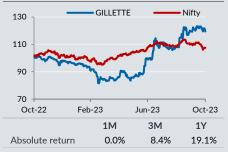


Reco	: ADD	
СМР	: Rs 6,124	
Target Price	: Rs 6,850	
Potential Return	: +11.8%	

Stock data (as on Oct 31, 2023)

Nifty	19,080
52 Week h/I (Rs)	6415 / 4135
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	202424 / 2431
Outstanding Shares (mn)	33
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	107
Div yield (%):	1.4
Bloomberg code:	GILL IN
NSE code:	GILLETTE

Stock performance



Shareholding pattern (As of Sep'23 end)

Promoter	75.0%
FII+DII	11.7%
Others	13.3%

Δ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	ADD
Target Price	6,850	6,650

Δ in earnings estimates

	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e
EPS (New)	115.2	131.2	143.8
EPS (Old)	118.9	130.5	NA
% change	-3.1%	+0.5%	NA

Financial Summary (June-ending)

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(Rs mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E				
Revenue	26,905	29,002	31,177				
YoY Growth (%)	8.6	7.8	7.5				
EBIDTA	5,773	6,521	7,104				
Margins (%)	21.5	22.5	22.8				
PAT	3,755	4,276	4,686				
EPS	115.2	131.2	143.8				
YoY Growth (%)	5.6	13.9	9.6				
ROCE (%)	51.4	55.7	57.3				
ROE (%)	37.8	41.2	42.5				
P/E (x)	53.2	46.7	42.6				
EV/EBITDA (x)	34.3	30.4	27.9				

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Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimate

Rsmn Actual		Esti	mate	% Variation		
Rsmn	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	
Revenue	6,676	6,671	6,826	0.1	(2.2)	
EBITDA	1,367	1,428	1,392	(4.2)	(1.8)	
EBITDA Margin (%)	20.5	21.4	20.4	(0.9)	0.1	
Adjusted PAT	927	907	884	2.2	4.9	

Source: Bloomberg, YES Sec

Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot

Particulars (Rsmn)	Sep'22	June'23	Sep'23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Revenue	6,199	6,194	6,676	7.7%	7.8%
COGS	2,836	3,175	3,034	7.0%	-4.4%
Gross margin %	54.3%	48.8%	54.6%	0.3%	5.8%
Employee costs	416	370	534	28.3%	44.2%
% of sales	6.7%	6.0%	8.0%	1.3%	2.0%
A&SP costs	909	442	1,029	13.2%	132.9%
% of sales	14.7%	7.1%	15.4%	0.8%	8.3%
Other expenses	680	771	712	4.6%	-7.7%
% of sales	11.0%	12.4%	10.7%	-0.3%	-1.8%
EBITDA	1,358	1,437	1,367	0.7%	-4.8%
EBITDA margin %	21.9%	23.2%	20.5%	-1.4%	-2.7%
Depreciation	180	216	201	11.5%	-7.2%
EBIT	1,178	1,220	1,167	-0.9%	-4.4%
EBIT margin %	19.0%	19.7%	17.5%	-1.5%	-2.2%
Interest expense	5	32	1	-73.5%	-95.9%
Other income	27	48	86	220.0%	80.8%
PBT	1,200	1,236	1,252	4.3%	1.2%
Tax	332	319	325	-2.1%	1.8%
Effective tax rate %	28%	26%	26%	-1.7%	0.2%
Adj PAT	868	917	927	6.8%	1.0%
PAT margin %	14.0%	14.8%	13.9%	-0.1%	-0.9%
EPS	26.6	28.2	28.4	6.8%	1.0%

Source: Company, YES Sec

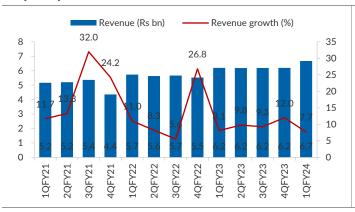
Exhibit 3: Quarterly Segmental Snapshot

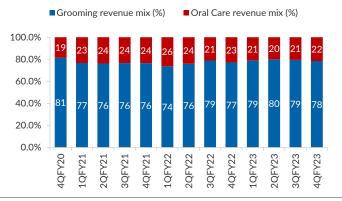
Segmental Performance (Rs. Mn)	Sep'22	June'23	Sep'23	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Segmental Revenue	6,199	6,194	6,676	7.7%	7.8%
Grooming	4,894	4,854	5,275	7.8%	8.7%
Oral Care	1,305	1,341	1,401	7.3%	4.5%
Revenue proportion (%)					
Grooming	78.9%	78.4%	79.0%	0.1%	0.7%
Oral Care	21.1%	21.6%	21.0%	-0.1%	-0.7%
Segmental Results	1,189	1,215	1,189	0.0%	-2.1%
Grooming	997	899	933	-6.4%	3.7%
Oral Care	193	316	256	33.1%	-18.9%
EBIT margins (%)					
Grooming	20.4%	18.5%	17.7%	-2.7%	-0.8%
Oral Care	14.7%	23.6%	18.3%	3.5%	-5.3%
EBIT composition (%)					
Grooming	83.8%	74.0%	78.5%	-5.4%	4.5%
Oral Care	16.2%	26.0%	21.5%	5.4%	-4.5%
Source: Company VEC Coc					



Exhibit 4: Revenues up by 7.7% YoY to Rs6.7bn in Sep'23 quarter

Exhibit 5: Grooming revenue mix improves 10bps YoY to 79%



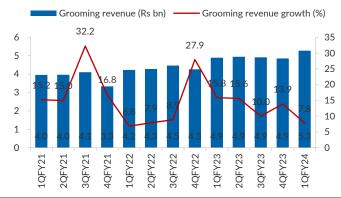


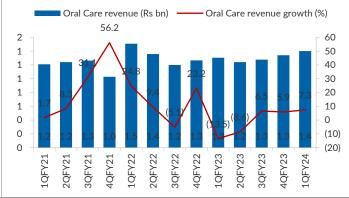
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Exhibit 6: Grooming segment revenues grew by 7.8% YoY to Rs5.3bn

Exhibit 7: Ora Care segment revenues grew by 7.3% YoY to Rs1.4bn





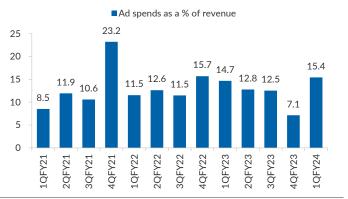
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Exhibit 8: Gross margin for the quarter stood at 54.6% (+30bps YoY: +580bps QoQ)

Exhibit 9: Advertisement & sales promotion expense (A&SP) as a % of revenue is up 80bps YoY to 15.4%



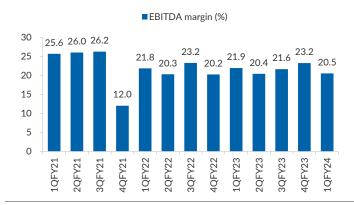


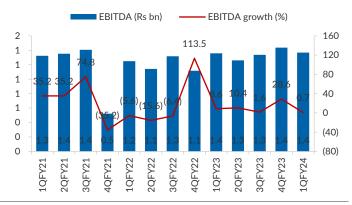
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Exhibit 10: Reported EBITDA margin for the quarter stood at 20.5% (-140bps YoY)

Exhibit 11: Reported EBITDA thus grew by just 0.7% YoY to Rs1.4bn





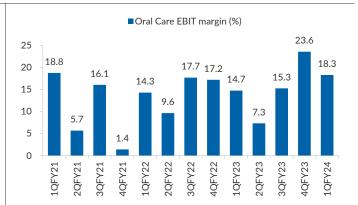
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Exhibit 12: Grooming segment EBIT margin down 270bps YoY to 17.7%

Exhibit 13: Oral Care segment EBIT margin up 350bps YoY to 18.3%



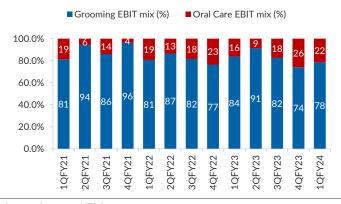


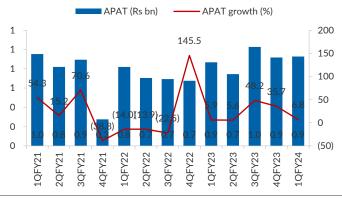
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Exhibit 14: Oral care EBIT mix moves up 540bps YoY to 21.5%

Exhibit 15: Reported PAT grew by 6.8% YoY while excluding one-time impact, operational PAT was up 14% YoY

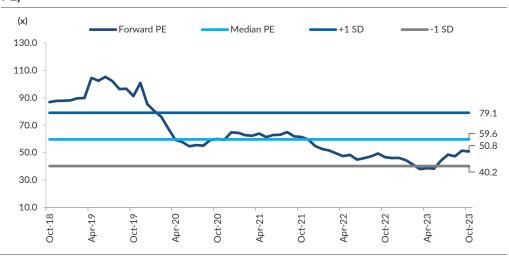




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Exhibit 16: Currently trading at ~51x 1-yr forward earnings (lower than the Median PE)



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Exhibit 17: Balance Sheet

Y/E June (Rsmn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	326	326	326	326	326
Reserves	8,286	9,563	9,646	10,474	10,942
Net worth	8,612	9,889	9,972	10,800	11,268
Total debt	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability and others	-331	-458	-458	-458	-458
Total liabilities	9,115	10,545	10,629	11,456	11,925
Gross block	6,958	8,029	9,029	9,779	10,379
Depreciation	3,327	4,134	5,047	6,053	7,131
Net block	3,630	3,895	3,982	3,726	3,247
Capital work-in-progress	650	324	500	500	500
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other LTA	1950	1986	2233	2043	2293
Inventories	3,734	4,124	3,967	4,377	4,287
Debtors	2,564	3,202	2,253	3,468	2,511
Cash	2,911	4,556	3,596	5,453	5,786
Other current assets	280	591	591	591	591
Total current assets	9,523	12,499	10,434	13,915	13,202
Creditors	5,446	6,801	4,998	7,023	5,407
Other current liabilities & provisions	1,191	1,357	1,523	1,705	1,910
Total current liabilities	6,638	8,158	6,521	8,728	7,317
Net current assets	2,885	4,341	3,914	5,187	5,885
Total assets	9,115	10,545	10,629	11,456	11,925

 ${\it Source: Company, YES Sec; Note: Through this note we introduce FY26 estimates.}$

Exhibit 18: Income statement

Y/E June (Rsmn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	22,562	24,771	26,905	29,002	31,177
% Growth	12.3%	9.8%	8.6%	7.8%	7.5%
COGS	10,495	11,881	12,305	12,905	13,749
Staff costs	1,501	1,698	1,950	2,059	2,214
Advertising costs	2,887	2,916	3,631	3,929	4,239
Other expenses	2,854	2,884	3,245	3,587	3,872
Total expenses	17,737	19,379	21,132	22,480	24,073
EBITDA	4,825	5,392	5,773	6,521	7,104
% growth	4.8%	11.8%	7.1%	12.9%	8.9%
EBITDA margin (%)	21.4%	21.8%	21.5%	22.5%	22.8%
Other income	77	222	245	269	302
Interest costs	105	78	75	70	65
Depreciation	684	807	913	1,006	1,078
Profit before tax (before exceptional items)	4,113	4,729	5,031	5,714	6,262
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
Tax	1,220	1,172	1,276	1,438	1,576
PAT (before exceptional items)	2,893	3,557	3,755	4,276	4,686
PAT	2,893	3,557	3,755	4,276	4,686
PAT margin (%)	12.8%	14.4%	14.0%	14.7%	15.0%
% Growth	-1.6%	22.9%	5.6%	13.9%	9.6%



Exhibit 19: Cash flow statement

Y/E June (Rsmn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PAT	2,893	3,557	3,755	4,276	4,686
Depreciation	684	807	913	1,006	1,078
Net other income	-77	-222	-245	-269	-302
(Inc.)/dec. in working capital	784	190	-533	583	-365
Cash flow from operations	4,388	4,409	3,965	5,666	5,163
Capital expenditure (-)	-1145	-746	-1176	-750	-600
Net cash after capex	3,243	3,663	2,789	4,916	4,563
Inc./(dec.) in investments	368	219	-479	456	59
Cash from investing activities	-777	-527	-1,655	-294	-541
Dividends paid (-)	-2,248	-2,314	-3,192	-3,848	-4,217
Inc./(dec.) in total borrowings	-116	76	-75	-70	-65
Cash from financial activities	-2,364	-2,238	-3,266	-3,918	-4,282
Opening cash balance	1,663	2,911	4,556	3,596	5,453
Closing cash balance	2,911	4,556	3,596	5,453	5,786
Change in cash balance	1,248	1,645	-960	1,857	333

Source: Company, YES Sec

Exhibit 20: Growth and Ratio matrix

Y/E June	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Per share (Rs)					
EPS	88.8	109.1	115.2	131.2	143.8
Book value	264.3	303.4	306.0	331.4	345.8
DPS	69.0	85.0	97.9	118.1	129.4
Valuation (x)					
P/Sales	8.8	8.1	7.4	6.9	6.4
EV/sales	8.8	8.0	7.4	6.8	6.3
EV/EBITDA	41.0	36.7	34.3	30.4	27.9
P/E	69.0	56.1	53.2	46.7	42.6
P/BV	23.2	20.2	20.0	18.5	17.7
Return ratios (%)					
RoCE (pre-tax)	51.1	52.0	51.4	55.7	57.3
RoE	35.1	38.5	37.8	41.2	42.5
RoIC (pre-tax)	71.6	81.7	79.7	91.6	108.1
Profitability ratios (%)					
Gross margin	53.5	52.0	54.3	55.5	55.9
EBITDA margin	21.4	21.8	21.5	22.5	22.8
EBIT margin	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5
PAT margin	12.8	14.4	14.0	14.7	15.0
Liquidity ratios (%)					
Current ratio	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.8
Quick ratio	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2
Turnover ratios					
Total asset turnover ratio (x)	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.6
Fixed asset turnover ratio (x)	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.8	9.6
Debtor days	37	42	37	36	35
Inventory days	129	121	120	118	115
Creditor days	166	188	175	170	165
Source: Company VES Sec	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				



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