

January 30, 2023 RESULT REPORT Q3 FY24 | Sector: Consumer Durables

# Symphony Ltd

# Higher domestic channel inventory leads to below than estimated performance; downgrade to ADD

### **Result Synopsis**

Symphony on consolidated basis reported lower than expected revenue on back of subdued domestic sales. Lower off take was on account of high channel inventory of the cooling products resulting from the poor summer sales. Gross margins have seen expansion on back of tactical pricing, value engineering and softening of commodity prices, higher gross margin has resulted in expansion in EBITDA margin. Subsidiaries on the other hand has seen 12% yoy revenue growth on back of strong summer tailwind in Mexico and Brazil and improving performance of CT Australia and GSK China. The company expects off-take to improve in Q4 as advance collections continues to remain strong and inventory levels have normalized. Management has already started to implement its strategy to turnaround its international subsidiaries especially that of CT Australia, where they have will be moving to outsourced model vs In-house manufacturing, introduction of new product category and increasing offering in existing products. We feel improvement in performance of CT Australia will be more gradual. Considering lower than expected demand in the domestic business and gradual improvement in international subsidiaries, we downgrade the Stock to ADD. We will wait for improvement in domestic demand before we get positive on the stock.

We expect strong Q4 for air-cooling industry and SYML as channel inventory is light and there will be some spillover of revenue from Q3. International business turnaround would be more gradual especially in CT Australia where management focus is on improving revenue and efficiencies. We trimmed our growth expectations in the domestic market as rural economy has still not recovered from the effects of high inflationary environment. We downgrade the stock to ADD rating with PT of Rs1,028 valuing the stock at 40x Sep'25 EPS.

### **Result Highlights**

- Revenue Revenue miss for the quarter was on account of decline in domestic sales resulting from lower channel offtake. International subsidiaries have delivered better performance on back of demand tailwinds in Mexico and Brazil.
- Margin Gross margin on consolidated basis stood at 47.2% expanding by 369bps YoY. Margin expansion was aided by tactical pricing, value engineering and softening of input costs. EBITDA margin expanded by 193bps on back of improvement in gross margins.
- Other highlights Large scale venti cooling (LSV) business continues to deliver robust performance, however LSV business contribution to the overall revenue is still miniscule.

### **Exhibit 1: Actual vs estimates**

		Es	timate	% V	ariation		
Rs mn	Actual	YES Sec	Consensus	YES Sec	Consensus	Remarks	
Sales	2,470	3,144	2,930	-21.4	-15.6	Lower	
EBITDA	440	530	490	-17.0	-10.2	domestic demand has	
EBITDA Margin (%)	17.8	16.9	16.6	+95 bps	+120 bps	led to	
Adjusted PAT	410	444	390	-7.7	5.1	miss	

Source: Company, YES Sec

Reco	:	ADD
СМР	:	Rs 932
Target Price	:	Rs 1,028
Potential Return	:	+10.5%

#### Stock data (as on Jan 30, 2023)

Nifty	21,522
52 Week h/l (Rs)	1219 / 825
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	63775 / 768
Outstanding Shares (mn)	69
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	54
Div yield (%):	0.5
Bloomberg code:	SYML IN
NSE code:	SYMPHONY

#### Stock performance



### Shareholding pattern (As of Sep'23 end)

Promoter	73.4%
FII+DII	14.4%
Others	12.2%

#### $\Delta$ in stance

(1-Yr)	New	Old
Rating	ADD	BUY
Target Price	1,028	1,065

### $\Delta$ in earnings estimates

	FY25e	FY26e
EPS (New)	24.2	27.2
EPS (Old)	24.9	28.3
% change	-2.8%	-3.9%

### **Financial Summary**

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(Rs mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	12,036	13,310	14,694
YoY Growth	1.3%	10.6%	10.4%
EBIDTA	1,829	2,103	2,410
YoY Growth	32.2	15.0	14.6
PAT	1,564	1,694	1,903
YoY Growth	35.0%	8.3%	12.4%
ROE	17.1	17.3	18.2
EPS	22.4	24.2	27.2
P/E	37.6	34.7	30.9
BV	134.8	144.4	155.2
EV/EBITDA	32.5	28.0	24.2

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### Exhibit 2: Quarterly snapshot (Consolidated)

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	y/y %	q/q %	9MFY24	9MFY23	y/y %
Sales	2,770	3,080	3,020	2,750	2,470	(10.8)	(10.2)	8,240	8,800	(6.4)
EBITDA	440	230	260	410	440	-	7.3	1,110	1,150	(3.5)
EBITDA Margin %	15.9	7.5	8.6	14.9	17.8			13.5	13.1	
Depreciation	70	70	70	70	60	(14.3)	(14.3)	200	190	5.3
EBIT	370	160	190	340	380	27.1	11.8	910	960	(5.2)
EBIT Margin %	13.4	5.2	6.3	12.4	15.4			11.0	10.9	
Interest charges	30	30	30	20	30	-	50.0	80	70	14.3
Other Income	140	100	160	110	150	71.6	36.4	420	400	5.0
PBT	480	230	320	430	500	41.8	16.3	1,250	1,290	(3.1)
Тах	90	70	60	80	90	-	12.5	230	290	(20.7)
Effective Tax Rate (%)	18.8	30.4	20.0	18.6	18.0			18.7	22.5	
PAT	390	160	240	350	410	51.4	17.1	1,000	1,000	-
PAT Margin %	14.1	5.2	7.9	12.7	16.6			12.1	11.4	
EPS (Rs)	5.6	2.3	3.4	5.0	5.9	51.4	17.1	14	14	-

Source: Company, YES Sec

### **Exhibit 3: Segmental Performance**

Rs mn	Q3FY23	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	y/y %	q/q %	9MFY24	9MFY23	y/y %
Air cooling and other appliances	2,800	3,080	3,040	2,760	2,530	(9.6)	(8.3)	8,330	8,940	(6.8)
Corporate funds	110	100	140	100	90	(18.2)	(10.0)	330	260	26.9
Total Sales	2,910	3,180	3,180	2,860	2,620	(10.0)	(8.4)	8,660	9,200	(5.9)
PBIT										
Air cooling and other appliances	400	170	190	350	450	12.5	28.6	990	1,100	(10.0)
PBIT %	14.3	5.5	6.3	12.7	17.8			11.4	12.0	
Corporate funds	110	90	140	100	80	(27.3)	(20.0)	320	260	23.1
PBIT %	100.0	90.0	100.0	100.0	88.9			3.7	2.8	
Total PBIT	510	260	330	450	530	3.9	17.8	1,310	1,360	(3.7)
Finance Costs	30.0	30.0	30.0	20.0	30.0	-	50.0	80	70	14.3
Less: Taxes	90	70	60	80	90	-	12.5	230	290	(20.7)
PAT	390	160	240	350	410	5.1	17.1	1,000	1,000	-



### Exhibit 4: Performance has been impacted on account of higher channel inventory in domestic market



Source: Company, YES Sec

## Exhibit 6: Lower channel offtake in domestic market has resulted in revenue decline



Source: Company, YES Sec

# Exhibit 8: Higher than normal inventory of certain brands has resulted in lower offtake



Source: Company, YES Sec

# Exhibit 5: Tactical pricing, softening of commodity prices and value engineering has led to gross margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec

# Exhibit 7: Tactical pricing and value engineering leads to margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec

# Exhibit 9: Negative operating leverage has resulted in margin contraction on sequential basis





## Exhibit 10: Improved performance of subsidiaries has resulted in growth in international business



# Exhibit 11: Operational efficiencies has resulted in margin expansion



Source: Company, YES Sec



### **KEY CON-CALL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Margins margins are higher on account of better performance of subsidiaries with better gross margins led by tactical pricing, Value engineering and softening of commodity costs. Further logistics costs have normalized which is likely to benefit going forward.
- Domestic business Part of the channels has heavy stocks of air-coolers of other brand that has resulted into lower off-take from the channel. Despite decent advance collections trade has not picked up, supply should be start from Q4.
- Channel inventory Channel inventory currently at the normalized which should bode well going forward.
- Climate technologies US sales have been lower as compared to previous year. Australia
  going forward it should do better as company has introduced new product category,
  Increased offering in the existing and demand is expected to be bottomed out. Impco Mexico
  should continue to be outperforming on back of tailwinds
- Air-cooling industry Air-cooling industry is expected to growth at 10% CAGR, with organized players to grow at the faster pace. SYML continues to maintain ~50% share of the organized air-cooling industry.
- Air-cooling margin Air-cooling margins are expected to have higher margins as compared to RAC on account of uniqueness of the product and higher trade presence and channel development.
- Market share Company has retained its market share in past few years with market share of 50%. Air-cooling growth to be complementary to the RAC. The company has higher share in the premium category
- The company has road map and internal target to achieve the ~25% EBITDA margins on the consolidated basis that company used to do earlier.
- Subsidiaries financial Climate technologies revenue stood at Rs1420mn vs Rs1730mn in 9MFY23 with EBITDA margin of 11% similar to past 9M. As far as Impco Mexico is concerned Its revenue for 9M stood at Rs1260mn vs Rs800mn with EBITDA of Rs190mn vs Rs40mn in 9MFY23, while GSK China revenue stood at Rs330mn in 9M vs Rs270mn in 9MFY23 EBITDA for GSK Chinal stood at Rs40mn vs negative in 9MFY23. Symphony Brazil revenue for 9M stood at Rs220mn vs Rs70mn in 9MFY23 with EBITDA of Rs30mn vs 0 in 9MFY23



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### **Exhibit 12: Balance Sheet**

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Equity capital	140	140	140	140	140
Reserves	8,255	8,669	9,289	9,960	10,714
Net worth	8,448	8,809	9,429	10,100	10,854
Debt	2,215	1,968	1,903	2,017	1,940
Deferred tax liab (net)	144	93	93	93	93
Other non current liabilities	311	301	303	314	326
Total liabilities	11,117	11,172	11,728	12,524	13,214
Fixed Asset	3,551	3,509	3,524	3,502	3,441
Investments	5,000	5,269	5,269	5,269	5,269
Other Non-current Assets	80	211	211	212	214
Net Working Capital	1,847	1,647	1,529	1,705	1,895
Inventories	1,732	2,497	1,814	2,006	2,214
Sundry debtors	2,077	1,152	1,715	1,896	2,093
Loans and Advances	485	761	771	853	942
Sundry creditors	1,494	1,655	1,649	1,823	2,013
Other current liabilities	912	1,002	1,013	1,103	1,202
Cash & equivalents	639	537	1,195	1,837	2,395
Total Assets	11,117	11,172	11,728	12,524	13,214

Source: Company, YES Sec

### **Exhibit 13: Income statement**

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	10,391	11,876	12,036	13,310	14,694
Operating profit	1,607	1,384	1,829	2,103	2,410
Depreciation	242	265	274	312	350
Interest expense	89	102	114	121	116
Other income	399	502	564	593	600
Profit before tax	1,676	1,519	2,005	2,263	2,543
Taxes	467	361	441	570	640
Minorities and other	-	-	-	-	-
Adj. profit	1,209	1,159	1,564	1,694	1,903
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	1,209	1,159	1,564	1,694	1,903



### **Exhibit 14: Cashflow Statement**

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Profit before tax	1,765	1,622	2,119	2,384	2,660
Depreciation	242	265	274	312	350
Tax paid	(467)	(361)	(441)	(570)	(640)
Working capital $\Delta$	(915)	1,343	118	(175)	(190)
Other operating items					
Operating cashflow	625	2,868	2,070	1,951	2,179
Capital expenditure	(252)	(222)	(289)	(289)	(289)
Free cash flow	373	2,646	1,780	1,662	1,890
Equity raised	83	(45)	(0)	0	-
Investments	(95)	(1,411)	-	-	-
Debt financing/disposal	381	(300)	(65)	114	(76)
Interest paid	(89)	(102)	(114)	(121)	(116)
Dividends paid	(490)	(700)	(944)	(1,022)	(1,149)
Net $\Delta$ in cash	252	(103)	658	642	559

Source: Company, YES Sec

### **Exhibit 15: Du-pont analysis**

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Tax burden (x)	0.72	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.75
Interest burden (x)	0.95	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.96
EBIT margin (x)	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.18	0.18
Asset turnover (x)	0.80	0.86	0.84	0.88	0.91
Financial leverage (x)	1.62	1.61	1.57	1.55	1.54
RoE (%)	15.1	13.5	17.1	17.3	18.2

### Exhibit 16: Ratio analysis

Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Growth matrix (%)					
Revenue growth	15.5	14.3	1.3	10.6	10.4
Op profit growth	15.6	(13.9)	32.2	15.0	14.6
EBIT growth	18.4	(8.1)	30.7	12.5	11.6
Net profit growth	5.5	(4.1)	35.0	8.3	12.4
Profitability ratios (%)					
OPM	15.5	11.7	15.2	15.8	16.4
EBIT margin	17.0	13.7	17.6	17.9	18.1
Net profit margin	11.6	9.8	13.0	12.7	13.0
RoCE	17.5	15.1	19.2	20.3	21.4
RoNW	15.1	13.5	17.1	17.3	18.2



Y/e 31 Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E		
RoA	9.3	8.4	10.9	11.2	11.8		
Per share ratios							
EPS	17.3	16.6	22.4	24.2	27.2		
Dividend per share	7.0	10.0	13.5	14.6	16.4		
Cash EPS	20.7	20.3	26.3	28.7	32.2		
Book value per share	120.8	125.9	134.8	144.4	155.2		
Valuation ratios							
P/E	48.6	50.7	37.6	34.7	30.9		
P/CEPS	44.9	45.8	35.4	32.5	28.9		
P/B	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.8		
EV/EBIDTA	37.4	43.5	32.5	28.0	24.2		
Payout (%)							
Dividend payout	40.5	60.4	60.4	60.4	60.4		
Tax payout	27.8	23.7	22.0	25.2	25.2		
Liquidity ratios							
Debtor days	73.0	35.4	52.0	52.0	52.0		
Inventory days	60.8	76.7	55.0	55.0	55.0		
Creditor days	52.5	50.9	50.0	50.0	50.0		



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